



St. George

Roseburg, Oregon

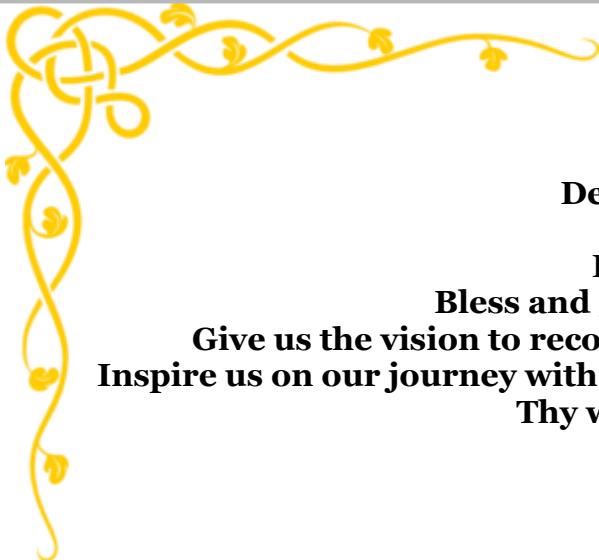
Mission Statement:
“Loving God, Loving Our
Neighbors”

Parish Profile

2019



Transition Prayer



Dear God Our Father,

Hear our prayers.

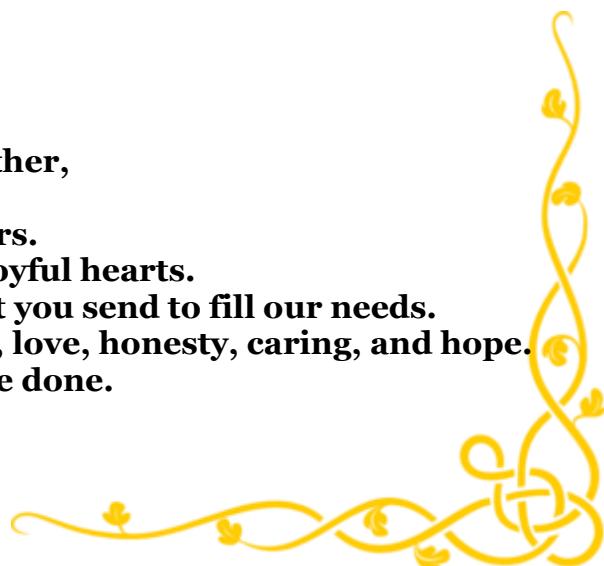
Bless and guide us with joyful hearts.

Give us the vision to recognize the priest you send to fill our needs.

Inspire us on our journey with patience, faith, love, honesty, caring, and hope.

Thy will, not ours, be done.

Amen



*This prayer was composed by the congregation of St. George's
on June 3, 2017 and used ever since at worship services.*



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Worship

“Good morning. Welcome!”

This is how you would be greeted when coming to St. George’s 10:00 service on a Sunday morning. You would notice a darkly paneled library with leather furniture and walls lined with books across from the efficient church office. As you are ushered into the modest sanctuary with hushed voices and beaming smiles, you would see the “regulars” spaced evenly if sparsely.

The majority are women (66%). Some are widowed men and women 80 or more years old. Sixty percent in the congregation are married. No surprise—75% are retired. Predominately middle-class Caucasian, two thirds of the congregation are college educated with an even mix of higher and lower educations.

Find a seat next to the colorful stained-glass windows and see the love, pride, and dedication revealed in uniformly arranged fresh flowers, prayer books, and hymnals.



The candles are lit with dignity by an adult acolyte; there are no children. It is reverently quiet.

The Müller organ opens with a classical prelude. There is a feeling of serenity and peace. Harmony reigns. More than half of these Children of God have been here once or twice a week in these pews, singing and praying these traditional words together, 15 years or more.

Check the printed bulletin now for Rite I or Rite II. The latter is preferred by two out of three parishioners. The tone is set. Worship begins with a robed procession bearing the cross of the King.



The worship tends to the mid-high without incense. On most Sundays, Holy Eucharist is celebrated. Morning Prayer is held each Wednesday and is the Sunday alternate when no priest is available.

The choir sings except in summer, robing and processing only for major Holy Days. Choir director and organist are paid positions. The congregation participates heartily in the music, with or without the choir.

Worship



We do these things well:

- Fellowship
- Worship
- Music
- Observation of Holy Days

Our challenges include

- Growth and attendance
- Stewardship
- Spiritual development
- Building maintenance
- An elderly congregation



Ministries

Acolyte
Altar Guild
Bible study
Building and grounds
Choir
Convention Delegate
Episcopal Church Women
Eucharistic Minister
Fellowship
Intercessor
Lay Reader
Outreach:
 FISH Community Food Pantry
 Christmas Giving Tree
 School supplies
 Program for young mothers
Prayer Chain
Usher
Vestry
Volunteer Office Secretary

Ministries ranked by importance in our survey:

1. Worship
2. Fellowship, Spiritual Development
3. Music
4. Outreach, Christian Education



Altar Guild



Right: Lay Reader



Fellowship

Ministries



Young mothers of Safe Haven



Building maintenance



School supplies for Fir Grove Elementary



*Christmas Giving Tree
presents for local at-risk children*

Survey Results

St. George's parish finds these points to be most important in worshiping God:

- To be spiritually nourished
- To hear Christian music
- To feel connected to others in worship
- To participate in the worship service
- To read, hear, and learn from the Bible

Areas for improvement:

- Community visibility
- Community outreach
- Pastoral care
- Number of Eucharistic Ministers

What we look for in a homily:

- Thought provoking
- Spiritually nourishing and encouraging
- From the heart
- A message one can relate to personally
- Theologically and biblically based
- Intelligent and insightful
- Favorite topics include
 - Personal stories or reflections
 - Messages that apply to daily life
 - Themes that are biblical, evangelistic, or touch on social issues

The New Half-Time St. George Rector

Essential traits:

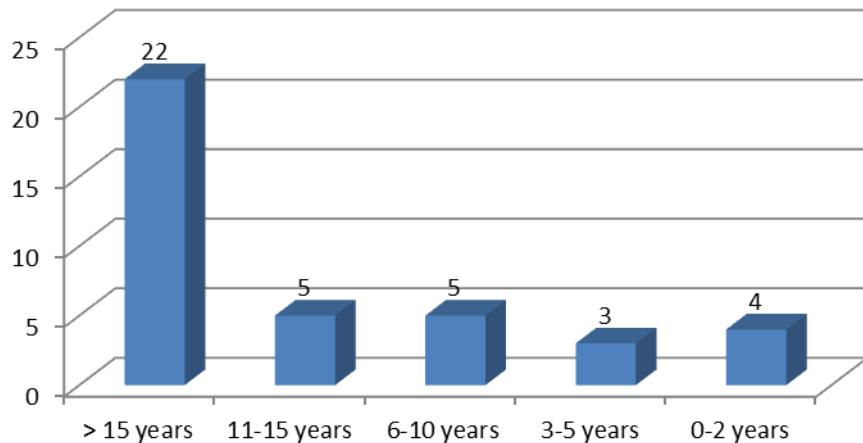
- Approachable and personable
- Good listener with a sense of humor
- Inspirational
- Knowledgeable
- Well read
- Deeply spiritual
- Able to work respectfully with the Vestry

Most important ministries of the new Rector:

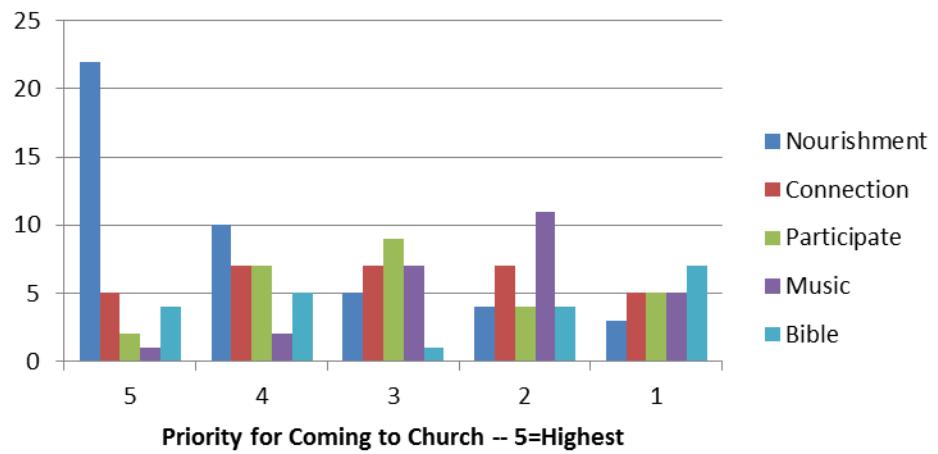
- Pastoral care
- Preaching and worship
- Spiritual growth
- Church growth
- Theology
- Adult education

Survey Results

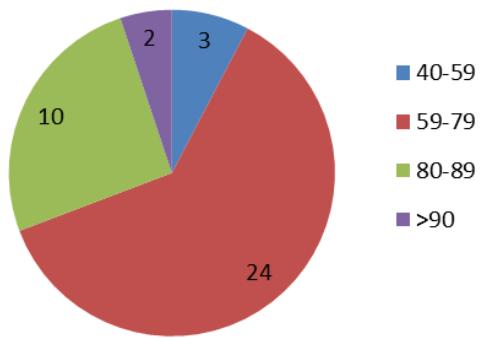
Years We Have Attended St. George



Why Congregation Comes to Church



Congregation's Ages



Parish Life



We had three baptisms in 2017.



Anniversaries and Birthdays

*Fellowship with the
members of Holy Cross
Orthodox Church*



Parish Life



*Praying for Father Jim
on the 40th anniversary
of his ordination*



In memoriam



*April 2017
Beginning our search for a new Rector*



Saying goodbye to old friends

Parish Life



Above: Parish picnic



Right: Blessing of the Animals



Children don't come to church regularly, but we are delighted when they do attend.

Properties

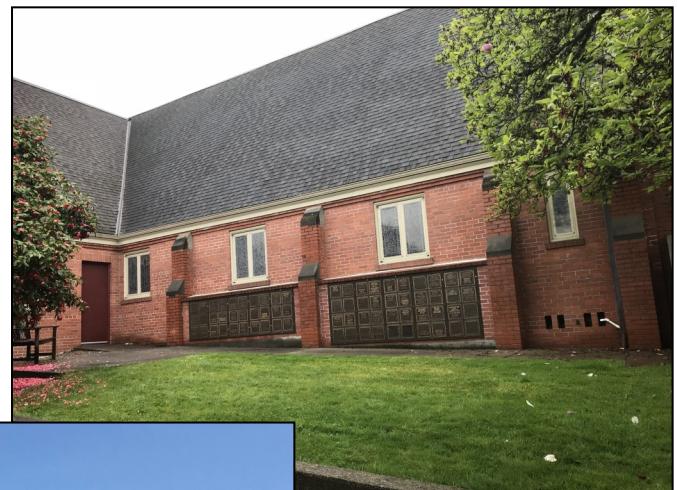
The church was built in 1939 on the site where the original Episcopal Church once stood. Various renovation projects and additions have been completed since then, as enumerated on page 13 under *History*. There is seating for approximately 150 people on the main floor and the balcony, which also serves as the choir loft.

The Parish Hall is a large and spacious open design that allows for all types of activities and seating arrangements. With the Parish Hall are the parish office, the Rector's office, kitchen, a meditation room, and three classrooms, two of which are now used for storage.

Two large meeting rooms on the second level are occupied by the Greek Orthodox Church and several AA and NA groups.

True to earlier tradition, the Rectory is next door to the church. The rectory was built in 1951 and has been updated as recently as 2017. It is a two-story structure with three bedrooms and a bath upstairs. The dining room, living room, study (or bedroom), bathroom, and utility room are on the main level. There is a single-car garage adjacent and an off-street parking area.

In 1991 the parking lot across the street was purchased and 30 spaces are rented during the week. The parking lot is available to church members evenings and on weekends.



*Top: Parking lot
Center: Columbarium
Bottom: Rectory*

Finances

St. George's is in great financial position for a part time Rector. Our building is fully paid for, and for the last two years we have paid our full Diocesan Program Assessment each month.

As of May 31, 2019, we have \$94,256.59 cash on hand. We have rental income from our parking lot and Rectory. We also rent space to user groups and to the Greek Orthodox Church. We received about \$23,000 income letting others use our facilities.

The current value of our Diocesan Investment Fund is \$197,709.40. We use the interest from this fund for the operation of the church.

Five-Year Pledge History

	# of Pledges	Pledge Amounts	Total Pledge & Plate
2018	36	\$56,015	\$79,998
2017	39	\$72,920	\$78,872
2016	39	\$66,928	\$71,808
2015	44	\$65,212	\$74,942
2014	43	\$85,899	\$68,715
2013	43	\$78,312	\$73,780

Five-Year Diocesan Program Assessment History

	DPA Owed	DPA Paid	% Paid
2018	\$18,465	\$18,765	100%
2017 *	\$22,141	\$20,295	92%
2016	\$28,068	\$28,068	100%
2015	\$30,924	\$ 7,731	25%
2014	\$28,692	\$ 9,955	35%
2013	\$30,722	\$20,568	67%

* We are current with our DPA payments for this year (2018). The unpaid DPA for the years 2013, 2014, and 2015 have been forgiven by the Diocese.

Included in the annual report is the 2018 Budget Report, Balance Sheet, and Designated Fund page.

History

June 12, 1860 to January 1, 2018

In 1854, Bishop Scott sent a young clergyman just out of seminary, the Rev. Thomas Hyland, to establish a church in the town of Jacksonville in southern Oregon. As he traveled through the state, Fr. Hyland stopped in Roseburg to hold Sunday services. He was asked to stay for another week and local citizens met and decided to ask him to stay permanently, promising to build a church if he agreed. After receiving permission from Bishop Scott, Fr. Hyland settled in Roseburg.

The founding members of St. George's purchased the present church site from original settler Aaron Rose for the sum of \$50 and construction began. The new church was consecrated on the first Sunday in Advent, December 2, 1860. The bell which rings each Sunday was a gift from a Sunday school in New Jersey. It traveled around Cape Horn, but was not installed until 1910 when the 50-year-old building was completely remodeled.

In 1939, the old wooden-frame church was replaced by the present brick building. Up to that point, St. George's had been a mission church; but it became a parish in 1944 with the arrival of the Rev. William Blaker, our first Rector.



Rectors of St. George's

William Blaker 1944-1949

Alfred Tyson 1949-1979

- New Rectory built, and a new Parish Hall was constructed in 1950.
- 1960—an addition to the Parish Hall doubled its size.

Chester Falby 1979-1992

- 1989—chancel remodeled and altar pulled away from the wall to become free standing. Columbarium added. Office updated adding a computer system.
- 1991—parking lot across from the church purchased.

Sherman Hesselgrave 1993-2002

- Rectory kitchen remodeled.
- 2001—major renovation rotated the church interior 180 degrees and allowed handicapped accessibility.

Laurence Crumb Interim Rector

William Stroop 2004-2006

- Membership grew.
- Wi-Fi was installed.
- A website and electronic newsletter were developed.

Susan Hazen Interim Rector

JoAnne Bennett 2011-2014

Frank (Neff) Powell Priest-in-charge

Jim Boston Interim Rector, 2016-

Roseburg

Roseburg is located in the Umpqua River Valley in southern Oregon. It is 178 miles south of Portland and 84 miles from the Pacific coastline. Eugene, which provides additional shopping, a major airport, and more cultural and medical opportunities, is only an hour and a half away.

This region was long a part of the traditional hunting and fishing grounds for the Cow Creek band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians. Hunters, miners, and explorers moved through and into this area. Beginning in 1850, settlers arrived looking for permanent homes.

Roseburg was originally known as Deer Creek and later renamed in 1857 for Aaron Rose, one of the first settlers. It wasn't much more than a tavern and a stopping-off place for travelers. Today, however, Roseburg's population is just over 22,000 residents.

Our city government has a mayor and city council. Roseburg is the county seat of Douglas County which is governed by an elected, full-time Board of Commissioners. City and county governments, along with several advocacy groups, work hard to maintain a business-friendly environment for private-sector growth and job creation.

The unemployment rate in Roseburg is under 6%. That has been slowly improving since 2009 when the unemployment rate was 16.5%. Approximately 19% of the county's workforce is employed in forestry, logging, and wood products manufacturing industries.

Health care is a fast-growing industry in Roseburg, with two hospitals—Mercy Medical Center and the Veterans Affairs Medical Center—as well as several urgent care and medical clinics, a community cancer center, and physicians of nearly every specialty. Since Roseburg is considered a very desirable retirement community, there are many employment opportunities in the field of health care.

Beyond that, Roseburg's economy is a diverse and expanding one. Many area residents are employed in retail, agriculture, manufacturing, and government service. Today there are more than 25 vineyards in Douglas County. One of the fastest growing employment sectors is that of tourism.

Lying at the crossroads between the Pacific Ocean and the crest of the Cascade Mountain Range, Roseburg and its surrounding area are truly parts of an outdoor paradise. Our lakes, rivers, and streams offer some of the best fishing and boating available anywhere. There are paths for biking and trails for hiking. In Roseburg alone, there are twenty developed parks and two golf courses. Almost anything you can dream of doing outdoors is accessible in or near Roseburg.

Besides an abundance of outdoor activities, Roseburg has much to offer in the area of culture. There are several live theatrical and musical productions presented throughout the year by Umpqua Actors Community Theatre and the Umpqua Community College theater department. Musical entertainment is provided by the Umpqua Symphony Association, the Roseburg Community Concert Association, the Vintage Singers, and the free summer concert series, "Music on the Half Shell."

We are also fortunate to have a fine historical museum, several art galleries, and an active Arts Association. Roseburg has a city library, as do most of the other incorporated towns in the county.

Our community has a strong primary and secondary public school system, as well as a two-year community college. There are also several private and parochial schools in the area and one alternative charter school.

Interim Rector's Report

Dear Friends in Christ,

I have now been your interim rector for two years. They have been good years, full of love and joy, and also with the challenges of life. Now you are moving forward toward finding the rector God is calling to follow me. The Profile Committee is already at work. In three to six months we will all know a lot more about St. George's and one another. And the profile will be ready to send out. Then the search committee will begin its work of recruiting, screening, praying, interviewing, and visiting applicants. We cannot know how long that will take. I plan to be here until a new rector arrives, and then make a happy hand-off.

Since this is part of the Annual Report on the life of St. George's in 2017, here goes:

WORSHIP: Attendance has been in the same range as in 2016, mostly 32 to 42. As some have moved and died, new people have arrived. We need to think on evangelism. Perhaps people are waiting on the next rector. Perhaps we need to be doing more inviting of friends and neighbors. I would love to see more people on Sunday mornings. We have one child showing up from time to time. (Pray for more!)

A fine altar team has grown with new members. The choir has had a magnificent year under the leadership of David Jones. Jeanette Buxton and Hilary Hall have been excellent on the organ. The Altar Guild quietly makes all ready and beautiful week by week. Thanks to each and all.

LEADERSHIP: (1) Our wardens, Pete Benham and Steve Thomas, are wise advisors to me, leaders of the Vestry, and ready helpers wherever needed. The Vestry is one of the best I have experienced in 36 years as a vicar and rector. (2) Treasurer Kathy Glockner is supported by a strong Finance Committee and a skilled bookkeeper. Kathy's conservative approach balances my optimism nicely. (3) Bill Riley and his team are an amazing gift to all of us as they take care of our building and grounds. Special thanks to Charlie Van Sickle who has been taking on the grounds. (4) The Episcopal

Church Women just keeping moving along with a number of strong leaders. (5) Leigh Van Sickle puts out the best newsletter in the Diocese of Oregon, and offers other skills in music and photography. And finally, (6) Thanks to a superb office team, Faye, Margaret, Jean, Nancy, and Betty Jo, who keep the church open and running every weekday, dealing with visitors, mail, worship bulletins, questions and problems, and me.

FINANCES: We are in pretty good shape here, and we have substantial reserves. The diocese has been generous in forgiving our past DPA. We also have substantial reserves, thanks to those who have remembered us in their wills. Please remember the Lord's work in your own estate planning. Also, consider trusting God more. Many can do more in their regular giving. Pray and think about it. I have found tithing to be a blessing all my life.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: So far, this has been mostly the groups I have led. Doing Mark in Lent was a pleasure. Our start on using *The Path* to get the big picture of God's work is off to a good start. Consider finding a study and/or prayer partner or two for a weekly time together. I can offer suggestions. Also, I long for someone(s) to take the lead in caring for our library. It needs renewal, pruning, and marketing.

SERVICE: Our contributions to the local food pantry are varied and abundant. We have given to needy kids at Christmas, the Rescue Mission, Samaritan Inn, the young mothers of Safe Haven, Episcopal Relief and Development, the Good Friday Offering, and the United Thank Offering. Juliana Marez represents all of us in her care for the neediest kids in Roseburg.

As I am known to say when overwhelmed by goodness and beauty, "Not bad!"

The Rev. James Boston
Interim Rector

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**OFFICE HOURS
10:00 am—2:00 pm
Monday through Friday**

**ST. GEORGE WORSHIP
Sunday
10:00 am

Holy Eucharist
or Morning Prayer**

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