



St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church of the Deaf
6701 Wisconsin Avenue
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815

You Are Welcome!

We invite you to visit our church. You will find the services dignified yet warm, meaningful and friendly.

The church schedule and contact information is on the reverse side of this brochure.

Peace Be With You

St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church of the Deaf

Where deaf and hearing people experience God's love Together



Celebration of Holy Eucharist every Sunday 10:00 am

Coffee Hour (Fellowship)

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Gallaudet University Ministry

Eucharist and fellowship
Second Sunday of each month
(during the academic year)
2:00pm - Student Union Building Chapel

Weekly activities for students

Our Mission Statement:

The mission of St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church of the Deaf is to proclaim the good news of God's love revealed in Jesus Christ to the Deaf and Deaf-Blind persons and their families and friends in the Diocese of Washington.

We strive to:

- use sign language, visual aids and tactile communication
- offer a warm welcome to all
- provide regular Sunday worship through celebration of the Holy Eucharist
- build fellowship
- provide Bible study and discussion
- prepare lay persons for ministry
- offer ministry to Gallaudet University students
- guide Deaf and Deaf-blind persons in finding their call to leadership roles including that of Holy Orders/ordained ministry
- honor the proud history of Deaf leaders in the Episcopal Church beginning with the Rev. Henry Winter Syle, the first Deaf person ever ordained in the Church
- fully participate in the **Episcopal Conference of the Deaf**
- advocate for accessibility for all the church

Our history

The history of St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church of the Deaf began with the Rev. Dr. Thomas Gallaudet. On February 27, 1859, the Rev. Dr. Gallaudet visited Washington, D.C. and officiated at a service in historic St. John's Church, near the White House, with six deaf people attending. It was through the ministry of Dr. Gallaudet, a hearing person, that Henry Winter Syle discerned his call to ordained ministry.

St. Barnabas' Today

Since 1977, St. John's Norwood Chevy Chase, Maryland has generously provided us with an office and use of St. Mary's Chapel, where services are conducted independent of the hearing congregation. Occasionally, for special liturgical occasions, we join the hearing congregation through the use of sign language interpreters.

Sign language is the primary means of communication. Hearing people who do not sign are welcome and "voiceover" (voice translation) is provided when those who do not sign are present.

The Vicar of St. Barnabas' also serves as the Episcopal Chaplain of Gallaudet University and works closely with the office of Campus Ministries to provide spiritual care for students.

A look at St. Barnabas'



Holy Eucharist



Sunday Coffee Hour



Educational Session