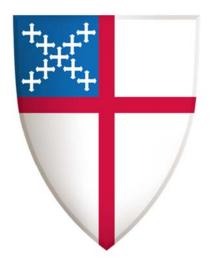
# ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Welcomes You!



#### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 2022

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion, Rite II

The Rev. Trent Moore The Rev. Deacon Emmetri Beane

#### WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

Thank you for joining us!

Please fill out a visitor card located in your pew and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. We'll be in touch with you later in the week.

#### **Receiving Holy Communion**

When you approach the altar rail, the clergy will place a wafer in your open hand with the blessing. You can then dip the wafer into the chalice of wine, or not. Request gluten-free wafer if preferred.

**JOIN US THIS WEEK: DECEMBER 11-16** 

#### WORSHIP | PRAYER | STUDY

#### SUNDAY

8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School

9:00 AM Children's Sunday School & Nursery

9:15 AM Chancel Choir Practice

10:30 AM Holy Communion | Facebook Live

11:45 AM Coffee Hour and Fellowship

12:00 PM Youth Group

12:10 PM Vestry Meeting

#### **TUESDAY**

7:00 AM Brotherhood of St. Andrew9:00 AM Stephen's Friends Bible Study7:00 PM Independent Choir Group

#### **WEDNESDAY**

11:00 AM Bible Study 12:15 PM Healing and Holy Communion

#### **THURSDAY**

7:00 PM St. Dunstan's Bell Choir

#### **FOOD CLOSET OPEN**

Monday - Friday | 9 AM - 12:00 Noon Thursday | 4 - 6 PM

#### **SERVING TODAY**

#### CLERGY:

The Rev. Trent Moore

The Rev. Deacon Emmetri Beane

#### **READERS:**

8:00 AM: Harold Boyd 10:30 AM: Lina Frank

#### **ACOLYTES:**

#### ORGANIST:

Michael Sherlin

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**Prelude** - Meditation on *Conditor A lme* 

Gordon Young

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

arr. Linda Lamb St. Dunstan's Bell Choir

#### **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

#### Reader:

The third candle on the Advent wreath represents the shepherds, who while tending their sheep on a dark and lonely night, saw appear in the sky an angel, while the glory of the Lord shone all around. They were afraid, but the angel brought good news of great joy instead. With this candle we remember that Christ brings light to our darkness, and peace to our fears.

#### Reader and People:

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

#### Reader:

Let us pray: Almighty God, we have been given good news of great joy, and your glory shines all around us. Grant us the peace which comes with the good news of Jesus Christ, your son, who takes away the darkness within us and around us. In Jesus' name we pray. *Amen*.

**ENTRANCE HYMN** - "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

#66, Hymnal 1982

#### **Welcome**

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

#### Celebrant:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

#### THE GLORIA

Celebrant and People:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant:

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

#### FIRST LESSON - Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,

and it shall be called the Holy Way;

the unclean shall not travel on it,

but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there,

nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;

they shall not be found there,

but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

#### **RESPONSE** - Psalm 146:4-9

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*

who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*

and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \*

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

The LORD loves the righteous;

the LORD cares for the stranger; \*

he sustains the orphan and widow,

but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The LORD shall reign for ever, \*

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.

Hallelujah!

#### **SECOND LESSON** - James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

#### AT 10:30 AM:

**GRADUAL HYMN** - "On Jordan's Story Banks the Baptist's Cry"

#76, Hymnal 1982

THE GOSPEL - Matthew 11:2-11

The Rev. Deacon Emmetri Beane

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord People: Praise to you Lord Christ

The Sermon The Rev. Trent Moore

#### THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant and People:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM V

The Rev. Deacon Emmetri Beane

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Mark our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation, especially

Barbara C	Patrick E	Bo C	Xiuie Gao (She-oh-
Benjamin R	Robert D	Arlene U	Jee-Gow)
Buddy C	Sally J	Bettie	Doug S
Carol G	Priscilla C	Sara B	Peter S
Catherine	Wayne G	Morris R	Thomas family
Haley C	Ed & Jane C	Margaret W	Brad H
Jeanette G	Amy K	Ben & Mary A	Jackson L
Kirsten B	Marrietta E	Dick R	Mary M
Martha T	Rick B	Sarah T	Roberta G
Nadine	Wayne S	Bob M	

That we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week:

Dec. 11 Jerry & Christin M
Dec. 13 Bud G
Dec. 16 Mary T
Dec. 17 Emily R

For those in the military and for those serving our country at home and abroad, and for their families, especially:

Caleb B Abigail B Nate C Taylor C Allahvel F Michael S Jessica H David H Samuel M Matthew S Carrington T Brianna T Braeden W John F, Jr. Earl E Matthew G Finis M Taylor G Daniel V Peyton F

We pray to your O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. To you, O Lord our God.

People: To you, O Lord our God.

#### Silence

#### Celebrant:

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Deacon and People:

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

#### **ABSOLUTION**

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.* 

#### THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Offertory**

Celebrant:

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

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#### At 8:00 AM

Celebrant: All things come of Thee, O Lord,

People: and of Thine own have we given Thee.

Ат 10:30 ам:

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** - "Creator of the Stars of Night"

Plainsong, 9th Century Chancel Choir

At 10:30 AM (At the Presentation of the gifts)

THE DOXOLOGY

#380 (v. 3), Hymnal 1982

Celebrant and People sing:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

#### **Eucharistic Prayer B**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

#### Celebrant:

**SANCTUS** 

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

S - 125, Hymnal 1982

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

#### Celebrant:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness

of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Stephen and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Celebrant and People:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died

for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

#### AT 10:30 AM:

**COMMUNION HYMNS** (the congregation is invited to join in singing)

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

#146 LEVAS

"Hark! The Glad Sound! The Savior Comes"

#71, Hymnal 1982

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

#### THE BLESSING

Celebrant:

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his only Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.* 

#### AT 10:30 AM:

**CLOSING HYMN** - "Jesus Came Adored By Angels"

#454, Hymnal 1982

#### THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude - Rigaudon Andre Campra

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Coloring Fun for All**

There is a Christmas coloring poster in the Parish Hall for everyone to add to. Kids and adults are welcome to join in the fun.

#### **Charles Dickens Christmas**

Enjoy dinner with friends on Friday, December 16th at 6:00 PM. The dinner, in the style of the

times of Charles Dickens, will start with wine and hors d'oevres, followed by a dinner of roasted birds, beef and sides of the times. RSVP to the church office at <a href="mailto:see@ststephensculpeper.net">see@ststephensculpeper.net</a>. Donations will be accepted the night of the event.

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18th

8:00 AM - Holy Communion

10:30 AM - Advent Lessons and Carols and join us for coffee afterward. (No Holy Communion) 6:00 PM - Holy Communion and a Blue Christmas Service.

#### Poinsettias

Forms for Memorial Poinsettias need to be turned in to the church office by December 19th. Memorials will be in the Christmas bulletin The cost is \$25 per poinsettia.

#### **Decorating for Christmas**

Everyone is encouraged to come help polish the brass in the church on Thursday, December 15th at 10:00 AM. Your help is also needed at the Greening of the Church on Friday, December 23rd at 10:00 AM. Many hands make light work!

#### **Christmas Eve Services**

Please plan to join us for Christmas Eve services.

5:00 PM: Family Service followed by Children's Birthday Party for Jesus

10:30 PM: Carols to the Holy Family 11:00 PM: Christmas Holy Communion

#### **Christmas Day Service**

There will be one service on Christmas Day at 10:30 AM.

#### Flower Chart

The Flower Chart for 2023 is hanging in the Parish Hall. Please fill in any date(s) you would like to donate flowers for the altar. Wording for dedications may be sent to ssec@ststephensculepeper.net

#### Looking for a Volunteer

The Food Closet is looking for a volunteer who can drive to the Charlottesville Food Bank twice a month to pick up food. Must have a truck or SUV and be able to lift 40 - 50 pounds.

### THE CULPEPER FOOD CLOSET NEED OF THE WEEK

- Canned fruit
- Peaches
- Mixed fruit
- Cereal
- Corn flakes
- Rice cereals

### Drop donations at the Food Closet

Monday - Friday | 9 AM - 12:00 Noon

#### **Send monetary donations to:**

The Culpeper Food Closet P.O. Box 343

Culpeper, VA 22701



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