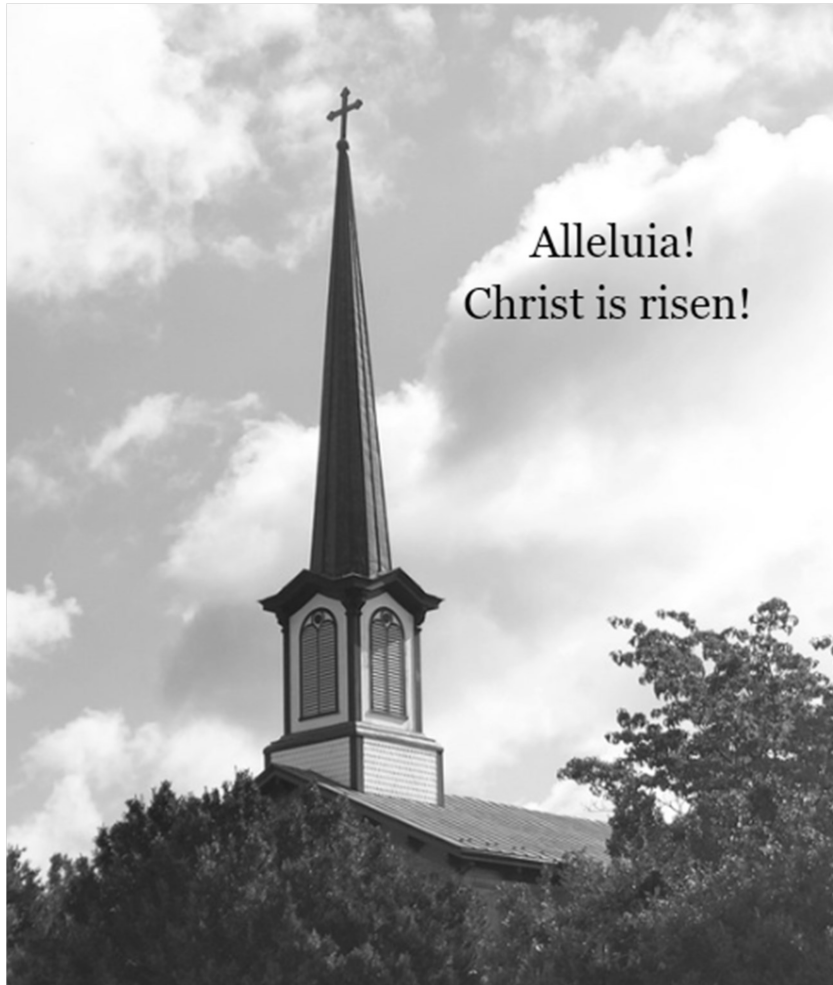




ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcomes You!



Alleluia!
Christ is risen!

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024

8:00 & 10:30 AM Holy Communion, Rite II

The Rev. Trent Moore

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 sip from the chalice or dip (intinct) the wafer, or not. Request gluten-free wafer if preferred.
Or request a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

JOIN US THIS WEEK: APRIL 21-27

WORSHIP | PRAYER | STUDY

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:00 AM Adult Forum
9:00 AM Children's Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Communion | Facebook Live
11:45 AM Coffee Hour Fellowship

TUESDAY

7:00 AM Brotherhood of St. Andrew
5:30 PM Vestry Meeting
7:00 PM Independent Choir Group
7:00 PM Lectio Divina—Zoom

WEDNESDAY

12:15 PM Holy Communion
6:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice
7:00 PM Choir Open House

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

READERS & CHALICE BEARERS

8:00 AM: Troy Elliott
Briarley Rogers
10:30 PM: Amy McCabe
Ann Dufrane

USHERS 10:30 AM

Julie Yowell, Kerri Bonfadini,
Peyton Cramer, Cindy Rickett

ACOLYTES:

ORGANIST:

Craig Ames

Chancel Choir

St. Dunstan's Handbell Choir

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*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Alma Garlick-Jones by Randy Jones and Wayne Williams.*

PRELUDE - "Freu Dich Sehr, O Meine Seele" (Rejoice Greatly, Oh My Soul). *J. S. Bach, BWV 32*

ST. DUNSTAN'S HANDBELLS - "Fairest Lord Jesus" (Crusader's Hymn) *arr. Dan R. Edwards*

ENTRANCE HYMN - "Christ the Lord is Risen Again" *184, Hymnal 1982*

WELCOME

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

(Please stand)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

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

S - 280, Hymnal 1982

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.*

THE COLLECT

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant:

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON - Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

RESPONSE - Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

SECOND LESSON - 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

SEQUENCE HYMN: "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

581, Hymnal 1982

Please stand as you are able.

THE GOSPEL - John 10:11-18

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Trent Moore

Please stand as you are able.

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.*

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader: Jesus Christ is risen. Alleluia! So let us pray to our Lord, saying, "Risen Christ, to you we give undying praise."

Reader: Heavenly King, for us you endured the cross and the grave. You redeemed and saved us.
May we sing your eternal praises everywhere we go.

Silence

Reader: Risen Christ,

***People:* to you we give undying praise.**

Reader: Incarnate Love, where hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, call forth new life by your touch. Bring forth life in the barren places of this world.

Silence

Reader: Risen Christ,

***People:* to you we give undying praise.**

Reader: Author of Life, you are the ruler of creation. All things created on earth sing to your glory. From death of the winter, raise the fair beauty of earth.

Silence

Reader: Risen Christ,

***People:* to you we give undying praise.**

Reader: Resurrected One, bring our neighbors from sadness to joy. Where they live in darkness, brighten their lives with a day of splendor and give to all that peace that passes human knowing.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list. You may add your petitions silently or aloud. Praying especially for:

Barbara C	Wayne S	India B	Jordan H
Carol G	Bo C	Greg & Linda L	Kenny & Terry R
Catherine	Sarah T	Zach & Lauren H	Michelle F
Jeanette G	Bob M	& baby John	Ed C
Kirsten B	Thomas family	Art P	Martin J
Martha T	Brad H	Ernest L	Lavina H
Nadine	Mary M	Aaron F	Jewell D
Robert D	Wills A	Jack R	Kim & Joey
Sally J	Pam A & family	Chip H	Tim & Zara
Wayne G	Sarah A	Carmen & Sue E	Butch D
Amy K	Luke H	Mary F	
Marrietta E	Caroline H	Alex D	
Rick B	Cheryl U	Bonnie M	

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

Caleb B	Abigail B	Nate C	Taylor C	Allahvel F
Jessica H	David H	Samuel M	Taylor G	Matthew S
Carrington T	Daniel V	Braedon W	John F, Jr	Earl E
Matthew G	Peyton F	Christopher J	Ian M	Chris S

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially:

Apr. 23 Blake R	Apr. 26 David P
Apr. 24 Steve W	Apr. 26 Zac P

The congregation may add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Reader: Risen Christ,

***People:* to you we give undying praise.**

Reader: Triumphant Lord, gladden the faces of all who are sad and fearful-hearted. May they rejoice in your victory over sin and pain-even as they share in your glorious triumph.

The congregation may add their petitions, followed by silence.

Reader: Risen Christ,

***People:* to you we give undying praise.**

Reader: Risen Christ, you have opened heaven's gate. You have freed us from power of sin and death. Through your resurrection, you give us promise of resurrection to a holier state. Bless the dying and the dead.

Silence

Reader: Risen Christ,

***People:* to you we give undying praise.**

Silence

Celebrant: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Silence

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

Silence may be kept.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant 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.***

THE 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.

Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Celebrant:

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

At 8:00 AM

Celebrant: All things come of Thee, O Lord,

People: and of Thine own have we given Thee.

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

(Please be seated)

OFFERTORY: "Come, Ye Faithful"

Neale/Thatcher

(Please stand)

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 A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

(The Sanctus is said in unison at 8:00 a.m. and sung at 10:30 a.m.)

SANCTUS

S-125, Hymnal 1982

Celebrant and People

***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.***

(Please stand or kneel as you are able).

Celebrant:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, gave thanks, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 - *Fraction anthem*

S - 155, Hymnal 1982

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

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*)

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

645, Hymnal 1982

“God Is Love, and Where True Love Is”

577, Hymnal 1982

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. 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 today and always. *Amen.*

AT 10:30 AM:

CLOSING HYMN - "I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord"

304, Hymnal 1982

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

People: ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.***

THE POSTLUDE - "Tocatta pour Grand Orgue "

Gaston Béliet, 1912

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chancel Choir Open House

Join the Chancel Choir on Wednesday, April 24th at 7:00 in the Music Room for their Open House. You can experience a choir rehearsal by singing or listening. Whether you are a former choir members, the family of a choir member or in interested congregation member, please come experience some rehearsal time and join us in light refreshments. Feel free to bring a neighbor or friend!

DOK observing St. Mark's Day

Please join the DOK on Thursday, April 25th from 10:00 - 11:00AM in the sanctuary for a read through of the book of Mark. You may take a turn reading one of the chapters or just sit and listen. Please bring your own bible or use the ones in the church. Having different bible translations makes the reading interesting.

Then, on May 4th, the DOK will host a Quiet Hour in the church from 10:00—11:00 AM in honor of St. Monnica Day. St. Monnica is the patron saint of the St. Stephen's chapter of the Daughters of the King. She is known as the mother of St. Augustine and a woman of great faith and prayer. For more information on either event, please contact chapter president, Kitty Whitman.

Do You Need Some New Reading Material?

We will be moving the historical contents from the vault to allow more space and easier access for those wanting to read about our history. That means we need to make some space, so you may go browse in the library and the room next to it and take any books you would like.

Regional Retreat - Save the Date!

The Regional Retreat at Shrinemont will be July 12th - 14th. This is a chance for families and everyone from the church to spend some time together in a beautiful setting. Diocesan rates per person with double occupancy (at least 2 in a room sharing a bathroom) is \$178 for the two nights. The single rate (private room and bath for 1 person) is \$230. The kids (4-13) rate is \$124, kids 0-3 are free. Scholarships are available through the Culpeper Region Fund The itinerary is to come. Contact Karyn to make reservations or for questions.

We Love to Tell the Story

St. Stephen's Music and Art Camp for children will be July 22nd - 26th at the church. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Karyn. More details to come!

Children Youth and Families

Many things are happening in the life of our children, youth, and families!

Today, Sunday, April 21st the children and youth are doing an Earth Day service project during the Sunday School hour, by beautifying our campus.

Sunday, April 28th the children, youth, and families are invited to the Harmon's farm for a cookout and baby goat cuddling. Please bring a side or dessert to share.

Finally, May 12th will be Youth Sunday at our 10:30 AM service. We want all our children and youth to participate to make it a special service.

For more information or questions reach out to Karyn at ksizemore@ststephensculpeper.net.

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