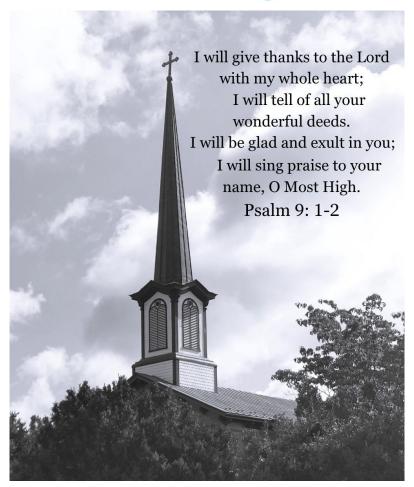
TST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcomes You!



THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 14, 2025 8:00 & 10:30 AM Holy Communion 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: SEPTEMBER 14-20

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:00 AM Sacramental Preparation Class
9:00 AM Children's Sunday School
9:15 AM Chancel Choir Practice
10:30 AM Holy Communion | Facebook Live
11:45 AM Parish Picnic

MONDAY

10:00 AM DOK Quiet Hour

TUESDAY

6:00 PM St. Thomas Circle 7:30 PM Lectio Divina

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM Brotherhood of St. Andrew 11:00 AM Rector's Bible Study 4:30 PM Buildings & Ground Meeting 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice

THURSDAY

1:00 PM Super Seniors 6:45 PM St. Dunstan's Choir 8:30 PM Compline

SATURDAY

10:00 AM Ed Carrigan Funeral

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 Billy Green 10:30 AM Barbara Rosica, Lina Frank

USHERS:

Elizabeth O'Reilly, Rusty Booth, John Hallett, Julie Yowell

ALTAR GUILD:

Bob Brotzman, Andrea Gilbertson, Randy Jones, Glen Carpenter

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Dr. Wonhee Kang

Chancel Choir

THE FOURTEEN SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 14, 2025

8:00 & 10:30 AM Holy Communion

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Vestry and Trustees of St. Stephens.

PRELUDE - "Now"

Carl Flentge Shalk (b. 1929)

(please stand)

ENTRANCE HYMN - "How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise"

532, 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 for ever. 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

S - 280, Hymnal 1982

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:

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON - EXODUS 32:7-14

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever." And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

THE RESPONSE - PSALM 51:1-11

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight. And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment. Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb. For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly. Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed. Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may rejoice. Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.

SECOND LESSON - 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

(please stand)

GRADUAL HYMN - "Praise our great and gracious Lord"

393, Hymnal 1982

The Rev. Trent Moore

THE GOSPEL - LUKE 15:1-10

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you Lord Christ

(please be seated)

The Sermon The Rev. Trent Moore

(please stand)

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 kneel or be seated)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Reader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Reader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Reader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Reader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Reader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Reader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Reader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; **People:** May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Reader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Carol G	Marietta E	John H	Jack S
Catherine	Rick B	Ernest L	Chris T
Jeanette G	Wayne S	Jack R	Harold B
Kirsten B	Bo C	Mary F	Bob B
Martha T	Sarah T	Michelle F	Jerry P
Nadine	Bob M	Butch D	Aaron F
Robert D	Brad H	Norma G	Thomas & Carol
Sally J	Greg & Linda L	Barbara H	Carolyn S

The congregation may add their petitions, followed by silence.

We pray for those in the military, law enforcement and first responders and their families, especially:

Caleb B	Peyton F	John F, Jr	Wes W
Jessica H	Samuel M	Ian M	Walter W
Carrington T	Braedon W	Allahvel F	Steven O
Matthew G	Christopher J	Matthew S	
Abigail B	Taylor Ĉ	Earl E	
Daniel V	Taylor G	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:

Sept 14 Edwin & Gail	Sept 17 Kim & Greg
Sept 14 Dick and Barbara	Sept 17 Abigail P
Sept 15 Nikolas G	Sept 18 Sarah B
Sept 17 Walter & Kelly	Sept 19 Ray W

The congregation may add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

In our Diocese we pray for The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson, The Rt. Rev. Gayle Elizabeth Harris, The Rt. Rev. Mark Bourlakas and all Bishops participating in the House of Bishops meeting.

In the Anglican Communion we pray for The Anglican Church of South America.

Silence

Celebrant:

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *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 hearts;
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)

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.

(Please stand)

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

(Please be seated)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Make Me a Blessing"

Ira B. Wilson (1880-1950), George Schuler (1882-1973)

(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 C

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: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies,

suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with

memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against

you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your

righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to

fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles,

and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to

proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

(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.

Celebrant:

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *Amen.*

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

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

AT 8:00 AM

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

AT 10:30 AM S-155, Hymnal 1982

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, 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.

Communion Hymns (the congregation is invited to join in singing)

"What Wondrous Love is this"

439, Hymnal 1982 684, Hymnal 1982

"O for a closer walk with God"

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:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

(please stand)

CLOSING HYMN - "Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing"

334, Hymnal 1982

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"St. Helena"

Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Strategic Planning Survey

Based on St. Stephen's recently shared Mission, Vision and Values document, focus on congregational engagement, and community outreach through initiatives like the Culpeper Food Closet, this survey is designed to gather valuable feedback for shaping the future direction of the church. You can complete the survey by scanning the QR code to the right or paper copies are available in the Narthex, Parish Hall, at Coffee Hour or the church office.



High Tea

Our annual High Tea has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 4th starting at 2:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Come enjoy some tea, delicious pastries, and wonderful fellowship. Cost is \$40 per person. Please RSVP to the office, space is limited.

Feets and Seats

The Super Seniors have started they annual "Feets and Seats" drive where they are collecting new socks and underwear. This year they have added gently used shoes. There are boxes in the Parish Hall and by the office for donations.

St. Thomas Circle

This Tuesday at 6:00 PM St. Thomas Circle will be meeting at Luigi's for their monthly gathering. Come early and enjoy some drinks at 5:30 PM. Contact Debbie Hoffman to RSVP.

Lectio Divina

All ladies are invited to *Lectio Divina* this Tuesday evening, September 16th at 7:00 PM on Zoom as we reflect on 1 Peter 1:13-25 as his letter guides us to fill our minds with the things of God. Contact Kitty Whitman or the office for the link.

Parish Picnic

The Parish picnic is today immediately following the 10:30 AM service. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. We will also be dedicating and blessing the newly renovated kitchen.

DOK Holy Cross Quiet Hour

Have you ever tried silence and solitude? Can you spare one hour to wait upon the Lord? In today's culture, it is more crucial than ever for people to have times of silence and aloneness with the Lord. Quiet Hours are offered on Holy Days at St. Stephen's so that you may be still in our beautiful sanctuary and experience listening for God's call on your heart. Fr. Trent will open the Holy Cross Quiet Hour Monday, September 15th at 10:00 AM with a short meditation and a blessing of the pocket crosses to be given to you. Come and be blessed.

Super Seniors

This Thursday, September 18th, our Super Seniors will be meeting from 1-3:00 PM in the Gathering Room. All are welcomed to join for food, fun, and fellowship.

Thursday Night Compline

What gives you some respite from the concerns of life when you lay down your head at night? What restores your soul? Consider joining us Thursday evenings at 8:30 pm for the Service of Compline online (BCP, p.127). Each week this short service is led by various area clergy and LEMs, beginning with five minutes of Gregorian chant at 8:25 to allow time to calm and center yourself. Come and be blessed by this precious service at the close of the day. Contact Kitty or the office for the link.

Important Fall Dates

- Parish Picnic September 14
- Ed Carrigan Funeral September 20
- High Tea October 4
- Blessing of the Animals October 5
- Bishop visit October 19

Bishop Visit

Sunday, October 19th, Bishop Gulick will be visiting. On that day, we will have one service at 10:30 AM. If you are interested in confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation please contact the office. Fr. Trent will be offering a class during Adult Forum. The schedule is below:

September 14 - Book of Common Prayer
September 21 - Book of Common Prayer II
September 28 - The Sacraments
October 5 - Eucharist
October 12 - Function & Ministry
October 19 - Bishop Gulik will be here.

Children, Youth, Family

- Hike at Grelen September 28
- Youth Group October 12

Food Closet Needs of the Week

Pasta, pasta sauce, Hamburger helper, dried beans, chili, beef stew, canned vegetables.



ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Located: 115 N. East Street, Culpeper, Virginia 22701 **Parking:** 120 N. Commerce Street, Culpeper, VA 22701

Phone: 540.825.8786

Email: ssec@ststephensculpeper.net
Website: ststephensculpeper.net
Find Us on Facebook & Instagram

HOURS

CHURCH OFFICE: Monday - Friday | 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Reverend Trent Moore, Rector - tmoore@ststephensculpeper.net
Karyn Sizemore, Director of Christian Formation - ksizemore@ststephensculpeper.net
and Administrative Assistant - ssec@ststephensculpeper.net
Dr. Wonhee Kang, Music Director - musicdirector@ststephensculpeper.net
Abbey Newton, Bookkeeper - bookkeeper@ststephensculpeper.net
Don Hatton & Ben Simms, Sexton - sexton@ststephensculpeper.net
Kristen Settle & Luz Estrada, Nursery Attendant

THE CULPEPER FOOD CLOSET

Hours: Monday - Friday | 9:00 AM - 12:00 p.m., Thursdays 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Mail: P.O. Box 343, Culpeper, VA 22701

Located: 120 N. Commerce Street

Phone: 540.825.1177

Email: culpeperfoodcloset1@gmail.com