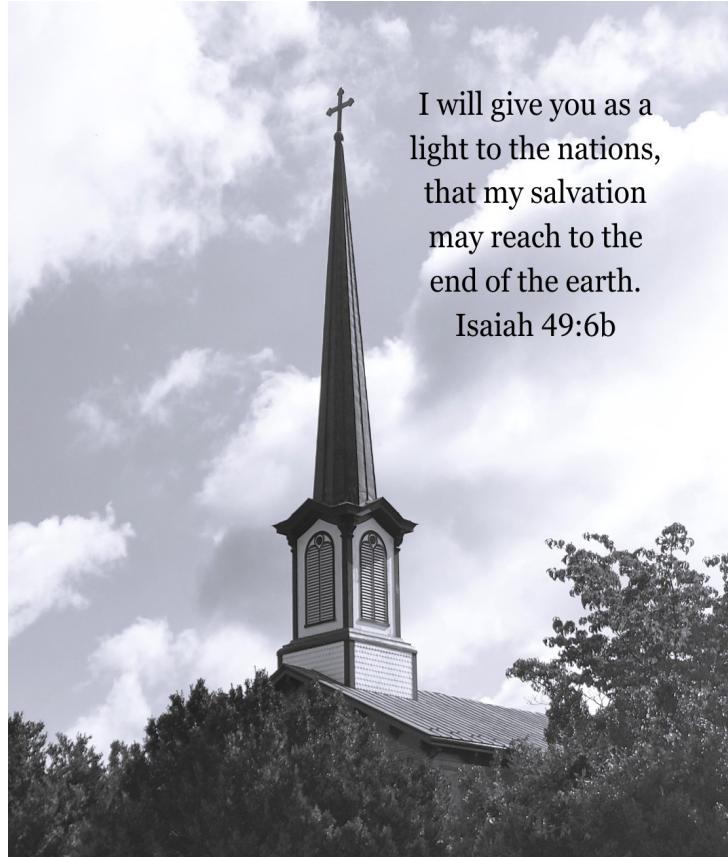




ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcomes You!



I will give you as a
light to the nations,
that my salvation
may reach to the
end of the earth.

Isaiah 49:6b

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 1, 2026

10:30 AM Holy Communion, Rite II

The Very 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; request a gluten-free wafer if preferred; or request a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

JOIN US THIS WEEK: FEBRUARY 1 - 7

WORSHIP | PRAYER | STUDY

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:00 AM Adult Forum
9:00 AM Children's Sunday School
9:15 AM Chancel Choir Practice
10:30 AM Holy Communion | Facebook Live
11:45 AM Coffee Hour

MONDAY

6:00 PM Praying in Color

TUESDAY

7:00 PM Lectio Divina

Wednesday

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

THURSDAY

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

SATURDAY

2:00 PM Mary's Tea

FOOD CLOSET OPEN

MONDAY - FRIDAY | 9 AM - 12:00 NOON
THURSDAY | 4 - 6 PM

SERVING TODAY

CLERGY:
The Very Rev. Trent Moore

CHALICE BEARERS:
Amy McCabe, Lina Frank

USHERS:

Kim Helsel, Peyton Cramer,
Cindy Rickett, Rusty Booth

ACOLYTES

Jack Warner, Abram Harmon

ALTAR GUILD:

Sandra Fulton, Suzanne Delgado,
June Barrett, Joyce Ames

MUSIC DIRECTOR:

Dr. Wonhee Kang

Chancel Choir

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*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in thanksgiving for the 2025 Vestry by Kim Helsel.*

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN - “God the Omnipotent!”

569, Hymnal 1982

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

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:

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON - MICAH 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

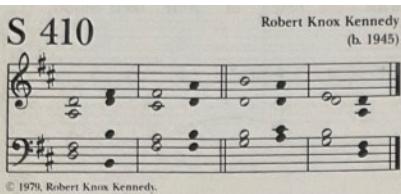
“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

RESPONSE - PSALM 15

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Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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1 Lord, who may dwell in your *tabernacle?* *

who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is *right,* *

who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
 he does no evil to his *friend*; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is *rejected*, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.

5 He has sworn to do no *wrong* *
and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of *gain*, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these *things* *
shall never be overthrown.

SECOND LESSON - 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

GRADUAL HYMN - “The Old Rugged Cross”

38, LEVAS

THE GOSPEL - MATTHEW 5:1-12

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

People: ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: ***Praise to you Lord Christ***

(Please be seated)

THE SERMON

The Very 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: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Reader: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: ***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

Reader: For the community of Culpeper, the nation, and the world;

People: ***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

Reader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: ***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

Reader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: ***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

Reader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: ***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

Reader: For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Mark, Gayle, and Mark our Diocesan Bishops, for Trent our priest, and for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Reader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for:

Carol G	Marietta E	Ernest L	Chris T
Catherine	Rick B	Jack R	Aaron F
Jeanette G	Wayne S	Mary F	Thomas & Carol
Kirsten B	Bo C	Michelle F	Jens T
Martha T	Sarah T	Butch D	Terry S
Nadine	Brad H	Norma G	Charlie H
Robert D	Greg & Linda L	Barbara H	Joseph G
Sally J	John H	Jack S	Joe K

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Reader: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

We pray for those in the military and for those serving our country at home and abroad, 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	Rhys H
Abigail B	Taylor C	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:

Feb 1 Ron W	Feb 7 Lydia B
Feb 5 Marianne R	Feb 7 Marty B
Feb 7 Blake B	

The People may add their own thanksgivings

In our Diocese we pray for Christ Church Spotsylvania, St. Mary's Colonial Beach, and Holy Cross, Korean Fairfax.

In the Anglican Communion we pray for the Church of England.

Silence

Reader: We will exalt you, O God our King;
People: ***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

Reader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Reader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People: ***Who put their trust in you.***

Celebrant: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant and People:

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.***

(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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM - “Come and Follow Me”

Robert S. Cohen

(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.*

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 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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

SANCTUS

S - 125, Hymnal 1982

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

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; 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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

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)

“Lord, make us servants of your peace”
“Taste and see”

*593, Hymnal 1982
154, LEVAS*

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 always. ***Amen.***

CLOSING HYMN - “Rejoice, ye pure in heart”

556, *Hymnal 1982*

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting

The Annual meeting will be February 8th at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall. Come have a light breakfast and hear of the life and direction of this church.

Mary's Tea

This Saturday, February 7th at 2:00 PM, we'll gather to have a peaceful, introspective tea and refreshments in the Gathering Room. All women are invited to come and have a moment to stop and refresh themselves with us as we take a breath after the busyness of the holidays. Please RSVP to the office tomorrow, February 2nd.

Valentine's Dinner

Saturday, February 14th from 5-7:00 PM we will be having a three course Valentine's Dinner in the Parish Hall. Following dinner, at 7:15 PM married couples are welcome to attend a liturgical renewal of vows service in the church. The cost for dinner is \$40/person. Please RSVP to the office by February 10th. Childcare will be provided.

Andrew Stanley Comedy Show

Comedian Andrew Stanley is coming to Culpeper Baptist Church on February 25th at 6:30 PM. Andrew has been touring the country for 10 years and is known for his family friendly show. Group tickets are just \$20/person. Contact the office if you would like to attend.

Super Seniors

This Thursday, February 5th, the Super Seniors will be meeting from 1-3:00 PM in the Gathering Room. All are welcome to join in the fun!

Book Club

We're excited to announce the Book Club will reconvene on Sunday, February 15th, following the 10:30 AM service, in the Gathering Room Classroom. We'll begin our renewed series with *The Stranger in the Lifeboat* by Mitch Albom. Contact Kim Helsel for more details.

Hearing Adaptive Devices

As part of our sound system update in the church, we now have hearing adaptive devices for those that need them. Please see an usher if you would like one.

Shrove Tuesday Dinner

Tuesday, February 17th at 5:00 PM, will be our Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner. Come support our youth that will be attending the summer mission trip while enjoying some delicious pancakes and sausage. We will also have our traditional cake walk starting at 6:00 PM.

Mission Trip Meeting

We are headed to Altoona, PA this summer for our mission Trip. There will be a meeting on February 15th after the 10:30 AM service for those interested in going on our Mission Trip this summer or for those who would like more information.

Snowtubing

Our snowtubing trip has been rescheduled for February 21st (time TBD) at Massanutten. The cost is \$48/person. All are welcome to join, please RSVP to Karyn.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

All men are welcomed to join the Brotherhood of St. Andrew Wednesday mornings at 7:00 AM in the Parish Hall. They are currently doing a study on the book "The Year of Living Biblically." Contact Trice for more details.

DOK News

The DOK is offering three different weekly opportunities to study and worship. Monday evenings at 6:00 PM is a virtual study of "Praying in Color." Lectio Divina continues on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM via Zoom where they are currently studying 2nd Peter. Finally, Thursday night at 8:30 is Compline, also via Zoom. Contact Kitty for more information on any of these opportunities.

Online Giving & Pledge

Scan this QR code to donate to St. Stephen's using your credit card, debit card or PayPal account or to make your 2026 Pledge.

**Food Closet Need of the Week**

Canned chicken, canned tuna, ramen, canned soup, peanut butter, jelly, juice boxes



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