



ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcomes You!



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16, 2026

8:00 & 10:30 AM Holy Communion

The Very Rev. Trent Moore
The Rev. Deacon John Hager

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: AUGUST 16-22

SERVING TODAY

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:00 AM Children's Sunday School
9:00 AM Adult Forum
9:15 AM Chancel Choir Practice
10:30 AM Holy Communion | Facebook Live
12:00 PM Mission Trip Reunion

MONDAY

11:00 AM Aging Faithfully Reading

TUESDAY

6:00 PM St. Thomas Circle

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM Brotherhood of St. Andrew

THURSDAY

1:00 PM Super Seniors
8:30 PM Compline

FRIDAY

6:00 PM New Comers Gathering

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Flo Taylor,
Terry Stein's mother*

CLERGY:

The Very Rev. Trent Moore

READERS & CHALICE BEARERS:

8:00 AM Briarly Rogers, Troy Elliott
10:30 AM Lina Frank, Elizabeth O'Reilly

HEAD USHER:

Cindy Rickett

USHERS:

Kim Helsel, Peyton Cramer, Rusty Booth

ACOLYTES

Grace Warner, Winter St. John

ALTAR GUILD:

Margaret Gossweiler, Mary Tholand,
Marysa Mullens

LIVESTREAM

Mary St. John

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Dr. Wonhee Kang

CHANCEL CHOIR

Mission

Sharing what God has given with glad and generous hearts.

Vision

We will be a welcoming and inclusive family of faith rooted in the good news of Jesus Christ, informed by our history and tradition, hopeful for the future, and committed to living out our mission through connection to community.

PRELUDE - "God, our Father, Hear Us Pray"

Louis M. Gottschalk

ENTRANCE HYMN - "We the Lord's people, hear t and voice uniting"

51, 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 - 278, 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 God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

(Please be seated)

FIRST LESSON - ISAIAH 56: 1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant--these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

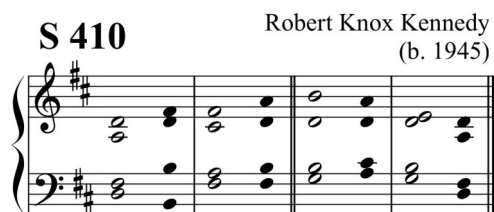
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

THE RESPONSE - PSALM 67

At 8:00 AM: *spoken antiphonally, breaking at the asterisk*

At 10:30 AM: *sung in unison*



May God be merciful to us and bless ☞ us, *

show us the light of his countenance and come to ☞ us.

Let your ways be known upon ☼ earth, *

your saving health among all ☼ nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O ♫ God; *
let all the peoples praise ♫ you.
 Let the nations be glad and sing for ♫ joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon ♫ earth.
 Let the peoples praise you, O ♫ God; *
let all the peoples praise ♫ you.
 The earth has brought forth her ♫ increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his ♫ blessing.
 May God give us his ♫ blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of ♫ him.

SECOND LESSON - ROMANS 11:1-2A, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

(Please stand)

GRADUAL HYMN - “God of mercy, God of grace”

538, *Hymnal 1982*

THE GOSPEL - MATTHEW 15: 10-28

The Very Rev. Trent Moore

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

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

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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 as able)

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 Culpeper and the surrounding community, 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 our Presiding Bishop Sean, our Diocesan Bishops Mark, Gayle, and Mark, and our Priest Trent and our transitional Deacon John, and for all bishops and other ministers.

***People:* For all who serve God in his Church.**

Reader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list.

Carol G	Rick B	Michelle F	Isabella S
Catherine	Wayne S	Butch D	Billy D
Jeanette G	Bo C	Norma G	Tom H
Kirsten B	Sarah T	Barbara H	Vernon D
Martha T	Brad H	Jack S	Kevin H
Nadine	Greg & Linda L	Aaron F	Rosie S
Robert D	John H	Thomas & Carol	Christjiana & kids
Sally J	Ernest L	Jens T	Edwin C
Marietta E	Jack R	Jim M	Leslie F

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	Braedon W	Wes W	Collin L
Carrington T	John F, Jr	Walter W	Benjamin K
Matthew G	Ian M	Steven O	Claire A
Daniel V	Matthew S	Rhys H	
Peyton F	Earl E	Ian A	
Samuel M	Chris S	Julian M	

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

Aug 17 Ashley M

Aug 21 Lexi S

The congregation may add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

In our Diocese, we pray for Altar and Flower Guilds, Choirs, Ushers, Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers and Lay Readers. In the Anglican Communion we pray for The Church in Wales.

Heavenly Father, our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Therefore, we thank you for our visitors. Fill them with faith, inspire them with hope, and lead them in love. Guide them to the paths that they should take.

Reader: Hear us, Lord;

***People:* For your mercy is great.**

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.

Silence

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

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

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.

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

“Sing praise to God, our strength of old”

Frank Joseph Hayden

(Please Stand)

THE DOXOLOGY

*11, Hymnal 1982
(4th Verse)*

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.

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.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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 - 129, Hymnal 1982

***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:

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.

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;***

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 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 say,

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

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)*

“My God, thy table now is spread”

321, Hymnal 1982

“Pass me not, o gentle Savior”

139, LEVAS

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 grace of God uphold you, the peace of God surround you, the love of God flow from you and the strength of God protect and bring you safely through this day. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

(Please stand)

CLOSING HYMN - “There’s a wilderness in God’s mercy”

470, Hymnal 1982

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE - “Lead, Kindly Light”

John B. Dykes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Trip Reunion

Today, at 12:00 PM in the Gathering Room, the Mission Trip team will meet to talk about their trip and experience. We will also start discussing our 2027 trip!

Teachers and Leaders Needed!

The children's Sunday School year has started and we need teachers. If you are interested in teaching, please contact Karyn. We are also looking for additional leaders to help with our growing youth program.

High Tea Party

Our annual High Tea Party is Saturday, September 5th at 2:00 PM. Come out for an afternoon of tea, savories, and fellowship. The cost is \$25/person. Please contact the office if you plan on attending.

Youth Group

Next Sunday, August 23rd, at 12:00 PM the Youth Group will meet in the Youth Area for a "Welcome Back" gathering. Any youth 6th grade and older are welcomed to join!

St. Thomas Circle

This Tuesday St. Thomas Circle will be having their monthly gathering at Luigi's restaurant at 6:00 PM. Come early at 5:30 PM for a social time. Contact Debbie Hoffman for more details or to RSVP.

Super Seniors

Thursday our Super Seniors will be meeting at 1:00 PM in the Gathering Room. All are welcomed to join.

Fantasy Football

There are still spots available for the St. Stephen's Fantasy Football League. The cost is \$25 a team and the winning team decides where the winnings will be donated. Contact Karyn if you are interested in signing up.

Five Mondays in August

Please join our Lay readers from 11-12:00 PM every Monday in August in the Gathering Room and listen as they read a chapter each week from the thought-provoking and soul-stirring book *Aging Faithfully* by Alice Fryling. Simply come, listen and receive her wisdom. Sip on some ice tea and allow this Christian spiritual director to nurture your soul as we close out summer together! This Monday, Troy Elliott will be reading.

Newcomers Social

Please join us on Friday, August 21st at 6:00 PM in the Gathering Room. This will be a fun meet and greet for all who feel "new" to this congregation! We'll have light h'or d'oevres and libation as we get to know each other a little better and more about what St. Stephen's is all about. Please let the office know if you plan on attending by August 19th.

Online Giving & Pledge

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

**Food Closet Monthly Hot List items**

canned chicken, boxed cereal, rice 1 pound bags, black beans 1 pound bags, canned pineapple large can 15 oz, toothpaste, fruit cups

STAY
CONNECTED

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 Very Reverend Trent Moore, Rector - tmoore@ststephensculpeper.net
The Reverend Deacon John Hager - jhager@ststephensculpeper.net
Karyn Sizemore, Director of Christian Formation - ksizemore@ststephensculpeper.net
and Administrative Assistant - ssec@ststephensculpeper.net
Wonhee Kang, Music Director - musicdirector@ststephensculpeper.net
Tara Donnelly, Bookkeeper - bookkeeper@ststephensculpeper.net
Ben Simms Sexton - sexton@ststephensculpeper.net

VESTRY & OFFICERS*

Troy Elliott (Sr. Warden)	Jerry St. John
Billy Myers (Jr. Warden)	Ray Walker
Kerri Bonfadini	Becky Walser (Treasurer)*
Cindy Rickett	Jamie Adams (Asst. Treasurer)*
Ron Snellings	Debbie Hoffman (Registrar)*

THE CULPEPER FOOD CLOSET

Hours: Monday - Friday | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.,
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