St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Welcomes You!



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 8, 2026

8:00 & 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Very Rev. Trent Moore
The Rev. 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 late 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 and 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: November 8 -14

Sunday
8:00 AM Holy Communion
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
12:00 PM Boys Small Group
12:10 PM Worship Committee Meeting

Monday
10:30 PM Five Mondays in November
5:30 PM Girls Small Group

Tuesday
1:30 PM Communion at The Culpeper
7:00 PM Lectio Divina

Wednesday
Church Office & Food Closet Closed
7:00 AM Brotherhood of St. Andrew
6:00 PM Supper Club
6:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday
7:00 PM St. Dunstan's Handbells
8:30 PM Compline

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthdays of son Michael (Nov. 4) and sister Jody (Nov. 11), by Ray Walker.

Serving Today

Clergy:
The Very Rev. Trent Moore

Readers & Chalice Bearers:
8:00 AM Marty Moon
10:30 AM Donna Nuzam, David Hill

Head Usher:
Kerri Bonfadini

Ushers:
Elizabeth O'Reilly, Kathy Buschow, Peyton Cramer

Acolytes
David Hill, Jackson Moore

Altar Guild:
Andrea Gilbertson, Randy Jones, Glen Carpenter, Michael Drew

Livestream
Ashley Moore

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 – "Anytime, Anywhere" *Angie Killian*

Entrance Hymn – "Guide me, o thou great Jehovah" *690, 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.***

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, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

(Please be seated)

First Lesson – Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

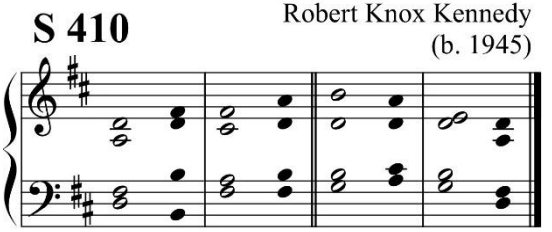
Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

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

The Response – Psalm 70

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

At 10:30 am: *sung in unison*



1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver ⇗ me; *
O Lord, make haste to help ⇗ me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether ↘ dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be ↘ disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn ⇗ back, *
because they are ⇗ ashamed.
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in ↘ you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the ↘ Lord!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and ⇗ needy; *
come to me speedily, O ⇗ God.
6 You are my helper and my ↘ deliverer; *
O Lord, do not ↘ tarry.

Second Lesson – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

(Please stand)

Gradual Hymn – "Sleepers wake!" *61, Hymnal 1982*

The Gospel - Matthew 25:1-13 *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 said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with

him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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: 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: We pray for all caregivers, who daily offer their hands and hearts to tend the sick, the vulnerable, and those they love. Grant them your grace in moments of weariness; crown their patience with your peace; and remind them that in serving others, they serve you.

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

Martha T	Jack R	Aaron F	Edwin C
Robert D	Michelle F	Jens T	Richard P
Sally J	Butch D	Jim M	Lailah Y
Brad H	Norma G	Isabella S	Dick R
John H	Barbara H	Billy D	

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:

Carrington T	John F, Jr	Walter W	Benjamin K
Matthew G	Ian M	Steven O	Claire A
Peyton F	Chris S	Rhys H	Brenden C
Samuel M	Wes W	Collin L	Aiden J

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all who have served in our Armed Forces along with those on active duty around the world. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

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

Nov 8 Margaret G	Nov 10 Jack W
Nov 8 Samuel M	Nov 14 Elliott D

The congregation may add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

In our Diocese, we pray for Clergy and Lay Delegates and Alternates to Annual Convention and members of all Diocesan Committees. In the Anglican Communion we pray for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

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.

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.***

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)

<u>At 10:30 AM</u> (At the Presentation of the gifts)

(Please be seated)

<u>Offertory Anthem</u> – "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" *Johann Sebastian Bach*

Verse 1:
Zion hears the watchman singing; her heart with joyful hope is springing, she wakes and hurries through the night. Forth he comes, her bridegroom glorious in strength of grace, in truth victorious: her star is risen, her light grows bright. Now come, most worthy Lord, God's Son, Incarnate Word, Alleluia! We follow all and heed your call to come into the banquet hall.

Verse 2:
Lamb of God, the heavens adore you; let saints and angels sing before you, as harps and cymbals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the city's portals: through them we stream to join the immortals as we with joy your throne surround. No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such delight: Alleluia! Therefore we sing to greet our King; for ever let our praises ring.

(Please Stand)

<u>Doxology</u> *#380 (v.3), Hymnal 1982*

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.

<u>THE HOLY COMMUNION</u>

<u>The Great Thanksgiving</u> - 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.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

(Please stand or kneel as you as able).

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 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)*
"Bread of the world" *301, Hymnal 1982*
"Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands" *312, Hymnal 1982*

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his 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.***

(Please stand)

Closing Hymn
"All praise the, for thou, O King divine" *477, Hymnal 1982*

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude – "When the Savior Comes Again" *Lane Johnson*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Office and Food Closet Closed
Wednesday November 11th, both the church office and Food Closet will be closed for the Veteran's Day holiday. There will be no Rector's Bible Study that day but are encouraged to attend the Veteran's Day ceremony at the American Legion at 11:00 AM. Both the office and Food Closet will reopen Thursday, November 12th at 9:00 AM.

Five Mondays in November
We continue listening to our Lay Readers reading "Tuesdays with Morrie" by Mitch Albom. Tomorrow, Terry Stein will be reading pages 39-72, in the Gathering Room at 10:30 AM

Supper Club
This Wednesday, the Supper Club will meet at It's About Thyme at 6:00 PM. Please let Debbie know if you plan on attending and if you want prime rib as it needs to be ordered ahead of time.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner
Our annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be Thursday November 19th at 5:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Come be part of this wonderful event by either serving, greeting, or eating. We will provide the turkey, ham, and sides, please bring a dessert to share.

Stewardship
This fall our Stewardship Program will be *Overflowing: From the Altar to the World,* connecting our life around the Holy Eucharist directly to our daily lives and service to our neighborhood and community. Pledge cards have been mailed and there are some available by the office and in the Narthex. Next Sunday is Stewardship Sunday with a Baptism and a community brunch between the services.

Wreaths Across America
St. Stephen's Youth Group once again a Sponsorship Group for Wreaths Across America here in Culpeper. The cost to sponsor a wreath is $17 each. Please consider sponsoring a wreath using our special link in hopes of getting full coverage at Culpeper National Cemetery. Scan the QR code to order online or stop by the office to order.

Youth Thanksgiving Dinner
All youth (grades 6-12) are invited to a Lasagna Thanksgiving Dinner on Tuesday, November 24th from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. Please RSVP to Karyn by November 20th.

Adult Forum
Adult Forum is on a short hiatus until November 29th where they will begin "Living Well Through Advent." Copies will be available that day or you can pick one up in the office ahead of time.

Coat Drive
We are collecting coats, new or gently used, for our annual coat drive now through December 2nd. They can be dropped off at the office during regular office hours. The coats will be blessed on December 6th.

2027 Flower Chart
The Flower Chart for 2027 is hanging up in the Parish Hall across from the kitchen. If you would like to sign up for altar flowers next year, please write your name on an available date.

Dickens Dinner – Save the Date
The Dickens Dinner will be on December 4th, and spaces are already filling up. RSVP now to save your spot as this event fills up every year.

Lectio Divina
Lectio Divina continues their study of the Philippians this Tuesday at 7:00 PM via Zoom with Chapter 2, verses 19-30. Contact Kitty for more information or for the Zoom link.

Proposed Bylaw Changes
It is that time of year to consider changes to the Bylaws. To propose a change, you must be a member in good standing and put forth a written change request signed by at least 9 other members (10 total) in good standing. The office will begin to accept signed changes now through November 20th for Vestry review. We will then vote for the proposed change(s) at the Annual Meeting which will be on Sunday, January 24, 2027.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew
All men are welcome to join the Brotherhood of St. Andrew Wednesday morning at 7:00 AM for breakfast and study. They continue their study on the book "Galatians and Thessalonians for Everyone" by N.T.Wright. Contact Gerard for more information.

Online Giving & Pledge
Scan this QR code to donate to St. Stephen's using your credit card, debit card or PayPal account or to submit your 2027 pledge.

Upcoming Church Events
- November 15 – Stewardship Sunday and Baptism
- November 19 – Community Thanksgiving Dinner
- December 4 – Dickens Dinner

Upcoming Family/Youth Events
- November 8 – Boys Small Group
- November 9 – Girls Small Group
- November 15 – Youth Group
- November 24 – Youth Thanksgiving Dinner

Food Closet Fall Hot List items
Chunky soup, canned pasta, toothpaste, canned chicken, canned pineapple, bagged rice – 1 pound

STAY CONNECTED

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Ron Snellings	Debbie Hoffman (Registrar)*

THE CULPEPER FOOD CLOSET

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