

This Week at St. Stephen's

Saturday Dec 24

5p Children's Christmas Production
w/ Eucharist, Church
11p Christmas Eve Midnight Service,
Church

Sunday Dec 25 (Christmas)

9a Christmas Day Eucharist, Church
6p New Be Clean, Ed. Center

Wednesday Dec 21

9:30a Contemplative Eucharist, Church
10a Bible Study, Ed Center
6p Brotherhood of St Andrew Fellowship,
Schlotzsky's

Welcome to

St. Stephen's

Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.

Happy 4th week of Advent!



Looking forward

- New Years Eve Dec 31
- New Years Day Jan 1

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Activities calendar. >>

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 17TH & 18TH 2016
HOLY EUCHARIST

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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Sunday's sermon: Fr. Victor Sarrazin

Sunday's Hymns (10:30 am)

Processional Hymn: <i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	#56(vs. 7-8)
Trisagion:	#S100
Sequence Hymn: <i>While Shepherds Watch Their Flock by Night</i>	#94
Offertory Hymn: <i>Creator of the Stars of Night</i>	#60
Doxology:	#380 Vs 3
The Lord's Prayer:	G7
Sanctus Hymn:	#S124
Fraction Anthem:	#S156
Communion Hymns: <i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	#325
Recessional: <i>When the King Shall Come Again</i>	G327
Organist: Wes Moulton	

Today's Readings & Readers

Lesson 1: Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Lesson 2: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

	5pm Sat	7:30am Sun	10:30am Sun
Eucharistic Minister:	Jeff Speer	Kim Brieske	Dottie Gutwein & Peggy Brown

Lector(s):	Tim Holsonback	Joan Strom	Adrienne Hickey
Acolyte:			Charlotte Hickey

Announcements

- For your calendars:
 - December 24: Christmas Eve:
 - **5p** Children's Christmas Service
 - **11p**, Christmas Eve service with choir
 - December 25: **9a** Christmas Day service

Announcements

- Next month new Vestry members will be elected at the annual meeting. Please think about your nominations for new Vestry board members and turn them into the Vestry before mid January.

Thank You To..

- all who contributed blankets, hats, scarfs for San Carlos Blanket Christmas drive. We received a lot of donations from St. John's, Bisbee and St. Stephen's, Douglas as well as from the Universal Unitarian church; expressions of gratitude were mailed to them this week.
- Wes Moulton and all the lesson readers who participated in the special service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist last Sunday. There was a lot of hard work and planning behind the scenes to provide us with such a wonderful Mid-Advent event.
- Gretchen and Greg Lamberth for hanging our decorative wreaths.

Thanks To You All

Advent Candle Hymn

(week 1)

*Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night,
our hearts long to greet you, as roses, the light.
Salvation, draw near us, our vision engage.
One candle is lit for the hope of the age.*

(week 2)

*Come quickly, shalom, teach us how to prepare
for a gift that compels us with justice to care.
Our spirits are restless till sin and war cease.
One candle is lit for the reign of God's peace.*

(week 3)

*Come, festively sing while awaiting the birth,
join angels in dancing from heaven to earth.
Wave banners of good news, lift high thankful praise.
One candle is lit for the joy of these days.*

(week 4)

*Come, wander where lion and lamb gently play,
where evil is banished and faith takes the day,
a babe in a manger to fool the world's eyes.
One candle is lit for God's loving surprise.*

Please help us save paper by returning the inside of the bulletin to the basket in the back as you leave. You can keep the cover sheet as a weekly news letter.

Thank you!!!

The Word of God

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:
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. All people are welcome at Christ's table.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words
The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

Communion Hymn

After Communion, the Celebrant says: *Let us pray.*

Celebrant and People:.....BCP p. 366

**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.**

Sung blessing at the 10:30 service.

Recessional Hymn (See inside of front cover for Hymn number)

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Processional Hymn 10:30 only: see inside of front cover

Lighting of the advent wreath

Celebrant Says the Advent prayer...

People: **Amen**

Advent Hymn (See Back inside page of bulletin)

The people standing, the Celebrant says:

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Confession of Sin.....BCP p. 360

The Deacon or Celebrant says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People :

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest, says:

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.

People: **Amen.**

Trisagion

People: 10:30 only:S100



**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.
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Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**



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Celebrant: *Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one,*

People: **Have mercy upon us.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant : *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: *Let us pray.*

After the Celebrant says the Collect.

The People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

The people sit.

After each Reading, the Reader says:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Lesson 1: *(see Insert)*

Psalm Reading: *(See Insert)*

Lesson 2: *(See Insert)*

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 or, sing

The Lord's Prayer

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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.



Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil;

for the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen



(Music found in Gather Hymnal #7)

The Breaking of the Bread

(10:30 only: S156

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The people say or sing:



Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast.



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;***

The Celebrant continues:

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 [_____ and] 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.

Sequence Hymn: *(See inside of front cover for Hymn number)*

Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.

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

After the Gospel

Priest says: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed..... BCP p. 358

**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.**

The Prayers of the People

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 People **And also with you.**

The offertory Hymn: 10:30 only: see inside of front cover

Doxology..... #380 v3

**♪ 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.....BCP p. 367

The priest, faces them and sings or says : 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 every where to
 give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.*

*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:*

People sing or say the Sanctus: 10:30 only:.....S124
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**♪ 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. ♪**

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues:

*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.*