

Welcome to



ST. STEPHEN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 17TH 2017 (10:30AM)
HOLY EUCHARIST**



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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Rev. Julie Williams

Sunday's Hymns (10:30 am)



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| Processional Hymn: <i>O Come O Come, Emmanuel</i> | #56(vs 7-8) |
| Advent Candle Lighting Hymn | (see inside back cover) |
| Offertory Hymn: | Organ Voluntary |
| Doxology: | #380 Vs 3 |
| The Lord's Prayer: | #S119 |
| Sanctus Hymn | #S130 |
| Fraction Anthem: | #S154 |
| Communion Hymn: <i>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</i> | #324 |
| Recessional: <i>Go Tell It On The Mountain</i> | #99 |
| Organist: Wes Moulton | |

Today's Readings & Readers

Lesson 1: Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Lesson 2: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

10:30am Sun

Eucharistic Minister: Dottie Gutwein & Nancy Rea

Lector(s): Fred Orman, Nelson Hall, Judy Petika, Rosemary Snapp,
Nancy Rea, Eden Kulp, Maryjane Mahland

Acolyte: Rina Stacy

Announcements .

- Vestry Meeting Sunday after the 10:30 service.
- **Your Church is calling**.... Please, answer the call. We need 3 people who would be willing to be nominated for Vestry positions in January. If you are interested, please contact Dottie Gutwein, Senior Warden or any current member of the vestry.
- **New Tellers**, are in Training, a few more would fill out our roster. It only takes 30—45 min after service on Sundays. With enough volunteers you only have to do it once every two months. Call Nancy Rea 520/227-3817 for more info.

Lessons & Carols

Lsns & Crls 2017

Organ Prelude: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Processional Hymn: "Once in Royal David's City"#102

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.**

The Collect

The Celebrant says:

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

Advent Candle Lighting.....

Bidding Prayer

The Celebrant says:

Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God, brought to fruition in the birth of this Holy Child, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within this city of Sierra Vista.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus.

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, asking the Almighty God to bless us with his grace; the Lord Jesus Christ to give us the

joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

Amen.

Carol: “In Bleak Midwinter”

#112

I: Genesis 3:8-15 (read by: Fred Orman)

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, ‘Where are you?’ He said, ‘I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.’ He said, ‘Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?’ The man said, ‘The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.’ Then the Lord God said to the woman, ‘What is this that you have done?’ The woman said, ‘The serpent tricked me, and I ate.’ The Lord God said to the serpent, ‘Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.’

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

#67

II: Genesis 22:15-18 (read by: Rosemary Snapp)

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, ‘By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.’

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

#66

III: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (read by: Nancy Rea)

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—

on them light has shined.
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Hark! The Glad Sound!

#71

IV: Micah 5:2-4 (read by: Fred Orman)

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return

to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the
strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his
God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be
great
to the ends of the earth;

O Little Town of Bethlehem

#79

V: St. Luke 1:26-33, 38 (read by: Eden Kulp)

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

The Snow Lay on the Ground

#110

Gloria Patri

VI: St. Matthew 1:18-25 (read by: Nelson Hall)

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

#94

VII: St. Luke 2:8-16 (read by: Judy Petika)

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around

them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!’ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

#93

VIII: St. Matthew 2:1-2 (read by: Maryjane Mahland)

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’

The First Noel

#109

IX: John 1:1-15 (read by: Nelson Hall)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

O Come All Ye Faithfull

#83

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says: *The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

The Offertory Hymn:.....Organ Voluntary

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**

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

*It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere
to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.*

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

*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 pro-
claim the glory of your Name:*

Celebrant and People

People sing or say the Sanctus::.....**S130**

♪ **{Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,}R
heaven and earth are {full }R of your glory.
{Hosanna in the highest.}R
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
{Hosanna in the highest. }R** ♪

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

The Celebrant continues

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 say, (or sing)

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364



**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.**



(Music found in Hymnal S119)



**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 S154

The people say or sing:

**♪ [Alleluia.]r3] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]r3] ♪**

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 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

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

#324

After Communion, the Celebrant says: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

**Almighty and everliving God, BCP p. 366
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.**

Recessional Hymn:

Go Tell It On The Mountain

#99

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia)

Announcements (cont.)

- Christmas Poinsettias have been ordered. If you wish to contribute towards them with a message of Thanksgiving or Memorial, Please fill out a flower card designated on the counter in the Entry Porch and put it in the plate. Any amount you wish to donate towards the beautification of the Sanctuary for Christmas will be greatly appreciated.
- The Salvation Army is asking for help/donations this coming holiday season to provide food, help and assistance to those in need.
- Mark your calendars **Contemplative Eucharist**, Wednesday December 20, 2017 12pm (Noon) --- A chance for those who wish to attend a quiet short meditation time and intercessory prayer, followed by Holy Eucharist. We offer this time each month on third Wednesdays. Come try it, you'll like it.
- The Christmas Tree is waiting to go up in Sanctuary. On Saturday , Dec. 23, 9AM , please come help decorate it and hang the green wreaths outside porch window. The Theme of the 5PM Saturday Service and 10:30AM Sunday, 12/24 will be ADVENT IV. The 5PM on Sunday begins the Christmas Eve Eucharist with Family service. At 9:30PM Christmas Eve, there will be a carol sing followed by 10PM Candlelight Eucharist . No services on Christmas Day.



Advent Candle Lighting 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.*

Thanks

- To all who have responded so magnificently to the Angle Tree. Looks like they will be having a wonderful Christmas.

This Week at St. Stephen's

Wednesday Dec 30

12p Contemplative Eucharist , Church

Saturday Dec 23

9:30a Christmas Tree Decorating, Church
5p Advent IV Eucharist, Church

Sunday Dec 24

10:30a Advent IV Eucharist, Church
10:30a Holy Eucharist W/ Choir, Church
5p Christmas Eve Service, Church
6p New Be Clean, Ed. Center
9:30p Christmas Carol Sing Along, Church
10p Candle Light Christmas Eve service,
Church

Looking forward

- New Year's Eve Dec 31
- New Year's Day Jan 1

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