

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 16TH (5PM) & 17TH (7:30AM) 2017
HOLY EUCHARIST



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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Rev. Julie Williams



Today's Readings & Readers

Lesson 1: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

Psalm 126

Lesson 2: I Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

	5pm Sat	7:30am Sun
Eucharistic Minister:	Jeff Speer	Peggy Brown
Lector(s):	Jeff Speer	Peggy Brown

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.
- 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.

The Word of God

Advent Rev. 2

Processional Hymn: (10:30 am see inside of front cover)

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.**

Collect for Purity

The Celebrant says:

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Advent Candle Lighting.....

Advent Hymn

(People: 10:30 only:Hymnal #58

At the other services: **BCP p. 356)**

Gloria

**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**

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 : *(See Insert)*

Lesson 2: *(See Insert)*

Sequence Hymn: *(See inside of front cover for Hymn number) 10:30 only*

Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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**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

(see the back of the lectionary insert)

Confession of Sin

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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.**

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

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 proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

People sing or say the Sanctus: (10:30 only:.....**S130**

Other services**BCP p. 367**)

♪ **{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

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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.**



(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)

or

The Breaking of the Bread

(10:30 only: S154

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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 (See inside of front cover for Hymn number)

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 (See inside of front cover for Hymn number)

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

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



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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