

December 15 & 16, 2018Rev. Allison Cornell Presiding
Sat 5pm & Sun 10:30am

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT HOLY EUCHARIST



ST. STEPHEN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



15 & 16 December 2018

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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Today's Celebrant: Rev. Allison Cornell

Deacon: Ben Wetherill

Organist: Wes Moulton

Sunday's Hymns (10:30 am)

Processional Hymn: *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

#544

Advent Candle Lighting Song: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

#56 Vs. 5&6

Sequence Hymn: *O Thou Who Camest From Above*

#704

Offertory Hymn: *Solo: "Come Unto Him, All Ye That Labour"* *Comp: F. Handel*

Soloist: Cheryl Stone

Doxology:

#380 Vs 3

Communion Hymn: *Creator of the Stars of Night*

#60

Recessional: *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding*

#59

Organist: Wes Moulton

Today's Readings & Readers

Lesson 1: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Canticle 9

Lesson 2: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

5pm Sat

Eucharistic Minister: Maryjane Mahland

Lector: Doris Millard

Acolyte:

10:30am Sun

Eucharistic Minister: Dottie Gutwein

Lector: Rosemary Snapp

Announcements

- **Ron McCreery has died** – Long-time member of St. Stephen's, Ron passed away peacefully Tuesday 11 December 2018 surrounded by family, having received last rites. Ron's funeral will be 12 January 2019 at 1pm at St. Stephen's Church. He will be laid to rest in our columbarium. May his soul rest in peace.
- **Advent Appeal for Assistance at the Border** – Bishop Kirk and Bishop-elect Jennifer have sent an appeal out to the diocese asking for financial support for our diocesan ministry "Cruzandas Fronteras" which is helping those seeking asylum at the Nogales border crossing with getting their documents processed and with providing basic needs. We, St. Stephen's will be making a contribution from our mission rebate funds that the diocese gives back to us for outreach and evangelism. If you would also like to contribute to help those seeking asylum, please add to the gratitude basket during worship. This Sunday's collection will be added to St. Stephen's donation.

- **January 20th is the 2019 annual meeting.** This meeting is both business and social. So, all committee chairs please submit your reports to Mark the week of January 6th. He will prepare them to be printed and posted. Also, we can plan on a potluck that day. Sign up sheets shall be up soon. Remember, the more the merrier so your presence will be most welcomed.
- Also note, **Saturday February, 9th at 3:00 p.m** is the installation of Rev. Allison as our rector. It is expected that our newly elected Bishop will be here and perhaps other diocesan dignitaries. A reception will be held following the ceremony replete with Champaign.
- Thank you, Mary, for your show of support of Saint Stephen's during the coming year.
- **Pray-ground** created for families with small children (Thank you to Junior Warden and the Helping Hands Men's group)— We have created a kid-friendly space for families with small children to allow them to have a bit more freedom to be themselves. Front-left part of the pews were removed to create the space and a rug, toys, drawing, books have been added to provide for their needs.
- Thanks go to Jill, Joan, Mindy, Priscilla and Carol for hosting the last ECW meeting. The next meeting will be on Sunday, January 13th, at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Nancy Rea.
- The Vestry is meeting Sunday after the 10:30 service @ 12 noon. Discussion will cover the Ministry Support Plan, the budget for 2019 (including paying off our mortgage), along with planning for the annual meeting and the installation of Rev. Allison. Also we will be looking for nominations for Vestry members. If you have any business or recommendations for the last meeting of the year, please contact one of the members.
- **Employee Purse:** Every year we like to give our hard working employees a little something for their "Christmas Stocking". This little something is in the form of an appreciation bonus. So, let us show them how much we need and appreciate them by contributing to the "employee purse" that will be shared among our 4 employees. Please annotate on your checks that you are giving to the "employee purse". Thank you
- **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:** There are flower request cards on which you can make memorial or thanks giving dedications. Please include your name and the amount of your donation and remember to mark the checks with "Flowers". They need to be received by December 16th to give time to make and print a dedication list of donors for that weekend bulletins.
- Next Sunday, please plan to stay for a **special coffee hour** after the 10:30 Service. We will be celebrating **Rosemary Snapp's 90th** birthday with a light lunch, cake and drinks
- **O Holy Night Christmas Eve Service** – Monday **Dec 24th** with Carols at 5pm and Holy Eucharist service starting at 5:30pm. Champagne/sparkling cider and hors d'oeuvres to follow.
- **Evensong** – Wednesday December 26th at 7:00 p.m. Join us for a prayerful service to end the day. We will be enjoying soup and salad at 6:15 p.m. followed by Evensong at 7:00 p.m. Take this opportunity to feed your body and soul! Evensong is offered on the last Wednesday of each month.
- Thank you, Thank you, Thank you so very much for your generous and continued support of the **Groceries 4 U program**. New Food Cards were purchased last week and this week we can start handing them out to the 12 families that have signed up and see St. Stephen's as a source of comfort and support. Thank you.

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

Thank you!!!

This Week at St. Stephen's

Wednesday Dec 19
9:30a Prayer Group, Church
10a Bible Study, Ed. Center

Saturday Dec 22
12:30p Woman's NA meeting, Ed. Center
5p Holy Eucharist, Church

Sunday Dec 23
9a Adult Forum, Library
10:30a Holy Eucharist /w Choir, Church
6p New Be Clean, Ed. Center

Looking forward

- Christmas Eve Service Dec 24
 - Evensong Dec 26
- New Years Day Service Jan 1

Use your Smart phone's QR app (to the right) to visit St. Stephen's Activities calendar.



Next Year's Giving envelopes are on the porch entry; please pick your copy up today. If you would like a set see me in the office.

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Welcome Visitor!!!

Please leave your name and contact info below. If you'd like to speak with someone, please check here

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