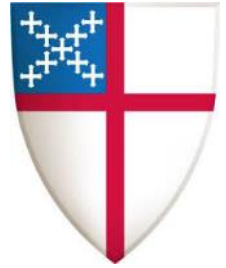




Saturday, January 20, 2019



ST. STEPHEN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER EVENING PRAYER SERVICE



19 January 2019

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

2750 E. Cardinal Dr., Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

Our Website: <http://ststephensAZ.org> Phn: 520-458-4432

Today's Celebrant: Rev. Allison Cornell



Today's Readings & Readers

Lesson 1: Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm 36:5-10

Lesson 2: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

5pm Sat

Eucharistic Minister:

Bruce Dockter

Lector:

Sherry Simon

Acolyte:

Announcements

- **Evensong Rideshare:** St. Stephen's will be offering a rideshare service to anyone who would like assistance in getting to Evensong on January 30th. If you would like to request a ride, or would like to volunteer to offer rides to other parishioners, please e-mail or call Wes Moulton, Cate Hesser, or the church office (((((please include phone numbers and e-mail addresses— see the back for contact info))))))
- The shed fund is a restricted fund with a balance of \$73. All expenses associated with building the shed have been incurred, and this amount is surplus. I would like to transfer this money to be used for operating expenses. If you were a donor to the restricted shed fund, and have an objection to transferring the remaining balance to the operating account, please contact Sandra Calhoun via email at treasurer@ststephensaz.org Thank you.
- **Today (Sunday) is the 2019 annual meeting.** Immediately after service we will have the Annual meeting followed by a potluck down in the Education Center. Remember we are also collecting for our supported school today. You can still bring in donations, if you forgot, we will be delivering them on Tuesday.
- You all are invited to our **Souper Bowl Party!** Join us in Education Center to watch the Super Bowl on **Feb 3rd 4:30pm** and bring one or more cans of soup to donate to Peaches Pantry (please no expired cans). Wear your favorite team jersey or t-shirt (even if they aren't playing) and bring a camp chair to sit in. Bring an appetizer or beverage to share. We will provide the chili (meat and vegetarian). RSVP 520-458-4432 or office@ststephensaz.org
- 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 catered reception will be held following the ceremony replete with Champagne.

Evening Prayer Service

Leader opens the service with one or more of the following:

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. *Psalms 141:2*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him. *Psalms 96:9*

Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter. *Psalms 74:15,16*

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalms 16:7,8*

Seek him who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night; who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the surface of the earth: The Lord is his name. *Amos 5:8*

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. *Psalms 139:10,11*

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." *John 8:12*

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People together, all kneeling

**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 Leader stands and says:

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter *All stand*

Leader *O God, make speed to save us.*

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Leader: *Let us say together:*

**O gracious light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!**

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

Then follows

The Psalm Appointed *(Please see insert)*

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

The Lessons: *(Please see insert)*

First Lesson

Second Lesson

Canticle *(the Leader chooses one of the following for the congregation to say aloud)*

9 The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce, Deus Isaiah 12:2-6*

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

10 The Second Song of Isaiah *Quaerite Dominum Isaiah 55:6-11*

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

16 The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus Luke 1: 68-79*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most
High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death, *

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

17 The Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimittis* *Luke 2:29-32*

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Gospel Lesson

Short reflection on the lessons (optional)

The Apostles Creed

Leader: Let us stand and say the Apostles Creed together

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Let us pray.

**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 leader leads the people in the prayers:

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us by your Holy Spirit.

The leader says one or more of the following collects:

A Collect for Saturdays

O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth your unending day upon us who watch for you, that our lips may praise you, our lives may bless you, and our worship on the morrow give you glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Aid against Perils

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Collect for Protection

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Presence of Christ

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

Prayer during the night

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your
service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all
our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the
Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Leader Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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The Leader may then conclude with one of the following:

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** 2 Corinthians 13:14*

*May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** Romans 15:13*

*Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.***

Ephesians 3:20,21

- The Men of St. Stephen's have started a helping Hands Ministry to do small repairs and other odd jobs for members of the Parish needing help. Information and a signup sheet are on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.
- All the recipients from the **Groceries 4 U program** say Thank you! And Happy New Year.



EPIPHANY

This Week at St. Stephen's

Tuesday Jan 22

1p SA Survivors Group
5p Vestry Single Topic Mtg, Ed Center

Saturday Jan 26

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

Wednesday Jan 23

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

Sunday Jan 27

10:30a Holy Eucharist /w Choir, Church
6p New Be Clean, Ed. Center

Looking forward

- Evensong Jan 30
- Souper Bowl Party Feb 3
- Rev. Allison Installation Feb 9

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 to-day. If you would like a set see me in the office.

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