

March 30th & 31st 2019

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.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT HOLY EUCHARIST



ST. STEPHEN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Why is there a rose on the altar? The fourth Sunday of Lent (March 31, 2019) is called "Laetare" or Rose Sunday. It reminds us to rejoice and provides us with encouragement as we progress toward the end of this Penitential Season. The other Sundays in Lent no flowers are present in the Sanctuary. It makes the statement of simplicity and the starkness of the Penitential time of Lent.

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St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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Today's Celebrant: Rev. Allison Cornell, Rector

Deacon: Ben Wetherill

Organist: Wes Moulton

Sunday's Hymns (10:30 am)

Processional Hymn: *The Church's One Foundation* #525

Sequence Hymn: *The King Of Love My Shepherd Is* #645

Offertory Hymn: *Near the Cross.* (See Yellow Insert) LEVSII #29

Doxology: #380 Vs 3

Communion Hymn: *Softly And Tenderly* (See Yellow Insert) LEVS II #101

Recessional: *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High* #448

Today's Readings & Readers

Psalm 32

Reading 1: Joshua 5:9-12

Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

5pm Sat

Eucharistic Minister: Dottie Gutwein

Lector: Sherry Simon

Acolyte:

10:30am Sun

Ed Stone & Nancy Rea

Eden Kulp

Announcements

- **Lenten Study Practicing Forgiveness Tuesday nights 6pm** continues with snacks in the Parish Hall. Discussion of the reflections in the booklet "Practicing Forgiveness With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind (available on counter in our church entryway, or download online: <https://www.livingcompass.org/lent>). Come and discuss the challenges we sometimes face in offering or accepting forgiveness in our messy lives.
- **Friday evenings Discussion of our Baptismal Covenant** – the Apostles' Creed and the promises we make at our baptism – continues at **6pm** in the Parish Hall with light dinner. The **April 5** discussion will be on the first two promises made in our Baptismal Covenant. The Sessions are each Friday **6 - 7:30pm** until **April 12th**.
- Come a little early to church on Sundays and join in the Discussion: **Where's the Good News in the news today? Sundays 9am** – Coffee and discussion of the headlines and what our response is/should be based on our faith as followers of Jesus. How does Scripture inform our response?

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- Rev. Allison will be out of town April 1-5. Prayers for traveling blessings appreciated.
- **Stations of the Cross:** – Join us Friday nights at 5:30pm for prayer and reflection on Jesus’ steps to his crucifixion and death upon the cross. Stay for dinner afterward. Join the Friday night discussion group.
- **Easter Flowers,** Please get your flower dedication in as soon as possible the cut off is April 7th, that’s next Sunday.
- The **Informal Men’s Gathering** decided it would be nice to get the men and women together for a *joint meeting* three or four times a year. Our next scheduled meeting is **Saturday, April 13 at 8:30** in the Parish Hall. Our Format is a Potluck Breakfast and a discussion topic, all lasting about 90 minutes. We are inviting the Ladies of ECW and we are looking forward to seeing all of them on the 13th.
- **St. Stephen’s Spring Cleaning Day – Saturday April 13th noon to 3pm.** Come help get the church ready for Holy Week and Easter. Outside yard work, inside cleaning, polish the pews, polish the brass, mop a floor. Spend a few hours getting ready for our Easter Celebration. Everyone encouraged to help in whatever way they can!
- **Easter Sunday Brunch Potluck Sign-up** is in the Parish Hall. Please sign up to bring something to share.
- **“Can you not pray one hour with me”** – Jesus asked his disciples. All night prayer vigil signup sheet in Parish Hall. Come spend an hour in prayer in the church throughout the night that Jesus spent in the Garden of Gethsemane.
- **Easter Day Worship with Baptism!** Mason Egbert, great-grandson of Alvarita Egbert, will be baptized on Easter Sunday! Come celebrate with us our new life in Christ! Easter brunch and Easter Egg Hunt to follow.
- **Saturday May 11th Community Craft and Yard Sale with St. Stephen’s Rummage Sale. 8:30am to 2pm.** We are renting some of our parking spaces to those who would like to sell their crafts or personal items. \$10 per space. Talk to Ed Stone or Rev. Allison for more details.
- **Thanks to *Sherry Simon and Renee Olejnicak*** for clearing the old office, painting and helping to get new flooring to create a fresh space for the library.
- **Thanks to *Eddie Masga*** for his help in fixing the flower bed irrigation system that had been leaking.
- And **Thanks to** all who support the **Groceries 4 U program;** your continued support really does make a difference in our local community.

Looking forward

- Getting to Know us Sundays Apr 14
- Holy Week Apr 14–21 (see back pg.)
 - Easter Sunday Apr 21
 - Mother’s Day May 21

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Thank you!!!

This Week at St. Stephen's

Tuesday Apr 2

12p SA Survivors Group, Dining Room
6p Practicing Forgiveness, Parish Hall

Friday Apr 5

5:30p Stations of the Cross, Church
6p Baptismal Covenant Classes, Ed. Center

Wednesday Apr 3

9:30a Prayer Group, Church

Saturday Apr 6

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

Thursday Apr 4

6:30p Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Parish Hall

Sunday Apr 7

9a Good News in the News today?, Ed. Center
10:30a Holy Eucharist /w Choir, Church
6p New Be Clean, Ed. Center

Holy Week and Easter Services:

- **Apr 14 Palm Sunday** – Procession with palms, reading of Jesus' Passion according to Luke.
- **Apr 17 Wednesday** – Evening service 6pm, Taizé type of music with readings and easily sung chants as we remember Jesus' willingness to give himself for us.
- **Apr 18 Maundy Thursday** – Agape Supper at 6pm, Evening service at 7pm recalling Jesus' washing of his followers' feet and last supper. Stripping of the Altar. Reserved Sacrament moved to Garden Chapel. All night prayer vigil 9pm to 6am.
- **Apr 19 Good Friday** – Noon service of short meditations and readings based on the Last Seven phrases/words of Jesus from the Cross. 7 pm Good Friday traditional service.
- **Apr 20 Easter Vigil** – Saturday 5pm Service with procession of pascal candle, renewal of Baptismal Vows.
- **Apr 21 Easter Sunday** – 10:30am Easter Day Service with Baptism. Champagne Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt to follow.
- **MONDAY APR 22 – DO NOT DISTURB YOUR RECTOR UNLESS IT IS A LIFE OR DEATH EMERGENCY!**

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