

December 14th & 15th

Sat 5pm & Sun 10:30am

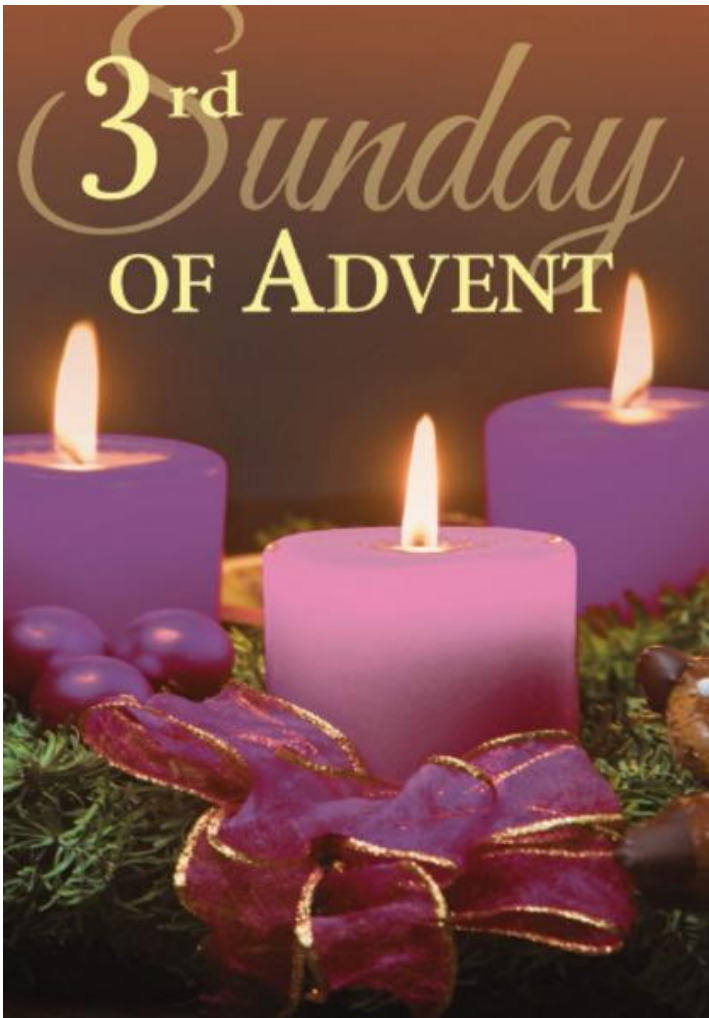
Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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



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Today's Celebrant:	Rev. Allison Cornell	
Organist:	Luke Diamond	
Sunday's Hymns (10:30 am)	Those marked with a Red 'G' are from the Gather Hymnal	
Processional Hymn:	<i>On the Jordan's Bank</i>	#76
	Advent Wreath Lighting "O, Come O, Come Emmanuel"	#56 vs. 5&6
Sequence Hymn:	"Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers"	#68
Offertory Hymn	"I Sought the Lord"	#689
Sanctus:	"Holy, holy, holy Lord"	S130
Fraction Anthem:	"Lamb of God"	S163
Communion Hymn:	"For the Bread Which You have Broken"	#341
Recessional:	"Lead us to your light"	G326

Today's Readings & Readers

Reading 1: Isaiah 35:1-10

Canticle 15 The Song of Mary

Reading 2: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

5pm Sat

10:30am Sun

Eucharistic Minister: Jeff Speer

Peggy Brown & Dottie Gutwein

Lector: Liz York

Priscilla Burrows

Acolyte:

Tabatha Brown

Announcements

- **Christmas Poinsettias** Please pick up a donation/dedication card from the porch and drop it in the alms baskets. Your check for same should specify for Christmas flowers on the memo line. Your Christmas flower dedications and donations need to be in by this (today) week.
- **St. Stephen's Grief Group:** The holidays can be the hardest time when we miss a loved one. Join us as we work through a broken heart, anger, or sadness. Our group is a safe confidential place to help you through. We will meet **every** Thursday, starting **December 12th at 10:00 a.m. until 11:30**. For more information contact Cheryl Stone at cheryl.l.stone1@gmail.com

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- **Blue Christmas this Sunday December 15th** at 3pm here at St. Stephen's – Especially for those who are missing loved ones who have died and whose absence makes the holidays more difficult to appreciate and more difficult to get into the joyful spirit of the season. A safe place to allow your blue feelings to be tenderly expressed to God.
- **Christmas Week Schedule:** **Sunday December 22**, Advent 4, we will celebrate Lessons & Carols. Then **Tuesday & Wednesday Christmas Eve & Day** will be like a weekend. Tuesday we will have a **Christmas Eve Service** with Holy Eucharist at **5pm** and Wednesday, **Christmas Day** we will have a **10:30 am** service with Holy Eucharist .
- **St. Vincent de Paul Food bank** is asking for turkeys for the Holidays. See your email for the "We need TURKEYS!!" Post or Call Stan Garner (520)-458-9725 for details .
- **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
- Doesn't our flower beds look neat and tidy for winter? **Thanks to all** who came this past weekend and shared donuts, muffins, hot coco and some weed pulling, trimming and branch cutting to get them ready.
- **Thank you** to all who donated items for the migrants at the Agua Prieta border. Rev. Allison and Dottie Gutwein delivered them to Fronteras de Crista House in Douglas on Friday Nov. 8. The list of needs is posted on the empty grey bin on the entry porch. Please continue to help us to bring some comfort to our neighbors.
- **Thanks to all** who donated warm winter wear to the drive sponsored by REAL Wishes Foundation of Southeast Arizona Association of REALTORS .
- There is an extra insert in today's bulletin. It is information for our Giving Tree this year.

It took a bit of research, but we now have two families that we can help this year for Xmas that are in need. The first is a single-mom coworker of our St. Stephen's treasurer Sandra Calhoun. She has two small children. The other family is an older teenager and her mom and dad in Douglas, known to Donna and Shannon Savill, our members, who teach in Douglas. The teen is soon graduating high school and is very intelligent. This family struggles financially and the teen could use some nicer clothes to dress for interviews.

The insert is a flyer with types of clothes and sizes.

We ask that you wrap and bring to the church the items to be given with tags that indicate who the gift is for. Names are on the flyer and on the giving tree tags. Place wrapped gifts on the dining room table on the porch.

It will be nice to have families that we have a personal connection to through our members in the church. Please help us to help them have a Merry Christmas.

Peace, Allison

This Week at St. Stephen's

Monday Dec 16

5:30p EFM Seminar Group, Parish Hall

Tuesday Dec 17

12p SA Survivors Group, Library

Wednesday Dec 18

9:30a Contemplative Eucharist, Church

Thursday Dec 19

10a Grief Support Group, Parish Hall

Saturday Dec 21

12:30p Woman's NA meeting, Library
5p Holy Eucharist, Church

Sunday Dec 22

9a Good News in the News today?, Parish Hall
10:30a Eucharist (Lessons & Carols), Church
12p Advent Meditations, Parish Hall
6p New Be Clean, Ed. Center

Looking forward

- Christmas Dec 24-25
- New Years Eve Dec 31

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