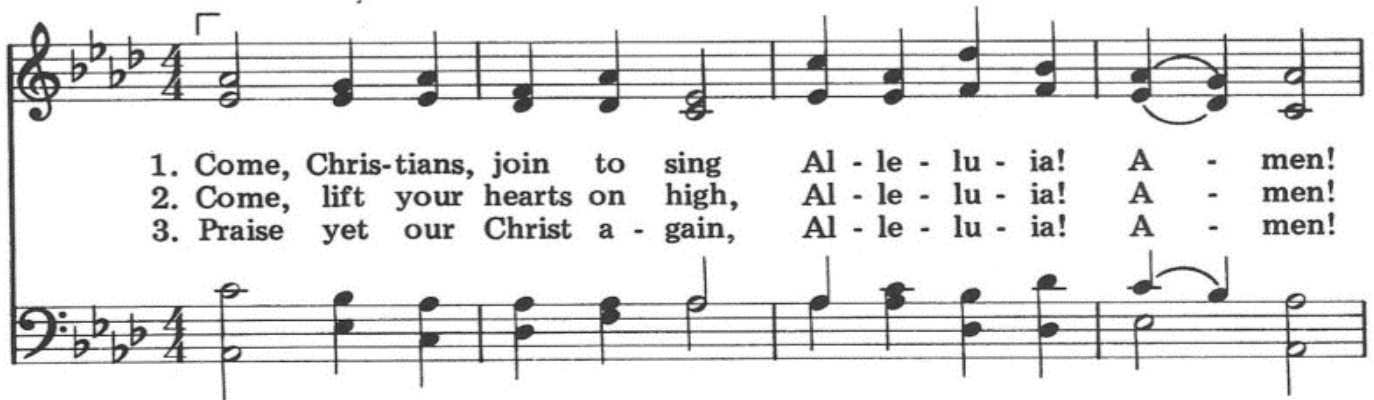


St Stephen's Announcements Oct 26 - Nov 1 2023

- **Wednesday worship service for All Saints & All Souls** – Nov 1st at 9:30am in Church. We invite you to remember your loved ones who have passed away with a special service of candle-lighting and remembrance on Wed Nov 1st. Bring a photo or item to remember them by.
- **Monster Mash – Church Potluck Sunday October 29th after worship in the Ed Bldg...** Wear a Halloween costume as we celebrate autumn, harvest, All Souls and All Saints, as well as Halloween. Sign up in Parish Hall to bring something to share.
- **Annual Hymn Festival** – Oct 29 at 2pm at St. Andrew's Catholic Church. Come hear and sing along with your favorite hymns. Community-wide choir, Pastors' chorus, and more.
- **Trunk or Treat at St. Stephen's Parking Lot** – WE NEED YOU and YOUR CAR to be in our parking lot Tuesday Oct 31st from 4-6pm to hand out candy to trick or treaters! Let's make this a fun thing for the kids to experience!!!
- **November is Stewardship Month:** Each year we begin to plan for the coming year's budget. Our process begins with your giving to the church. It is your generosity that allows St. Stephen's to be a welcoming, inviting spiritual home for all who worship, study, and celebrate together the love of God and the blessings of God. We ask you to faithfully and prayerfully consider your giving for the coming year and complete a pledge card that indicates your anticipated monetary gifts to our church for the next year. We then tally your intended gifts to establish our expected budget to meet our financial obligations for our buildings, staff, and ministries. More will be shared as we approach November.
- **New Forward Day by Day Devotional booklets for November, December and January are now available in church** – Please pick up your free copy on the table at the back of the church or in the rack in the Parish Hall
- **First Friday night Film** – November 3rd 5:30pm. We continue with Season 3 of the Chosen, watching episodes 5 & 6. We will have soup for dinner. Bring your own beverage. Invite a friend.
- **Please continue to drop off your aluminum cans and pull tabs** – We will continue to take to Animal Shelter to donate for them.
- **UTO Blue Boxes available with info on what the United Thank Offering is and prompts for November for giving thanks for the many blessings we enjoy.** Please pick up on the back table in the church. We will gather the boxes on Thanksgiving Day and the weekend following.
- **Big Blue Box** – for coats for kids to help those in the rural areas of Cochise County. Please donate new or gently used clean coats by placing them in the box on the church porch. Coats are collected weekly through the first week of December and will taken to the rural towns in Cochise for kids who need them.
- **12 Steps for Christians meets on Wednesdays at 5pm in the Parish Hall.** We are finishing up reading and sharing about "The Spirituality of Imperfection" and will be starting a new book soon: "Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life" by Karen Armstrong. Copies available starting October 25th from Rev. Allison.
- **Adult Christian Education** – Saturday at 4pm and Sunday at 12 noon. Coming Soon: Book discussion on "The Road Less Travelled" by M.Scott Peck. The author, a practicing psychiatrist, integrates traditional psychological and spiritual insights aimed at showing the reader how to embrace reality and achieve serenity and fullness in life. To reserve your copy, please let Rev. Allison know of your interest in joining this study. We will begin this fall.
- **Thanksgiving Day Worship and Dinner** – November 23rd we will have a morning worship service for Thanksgiving Day and then our dinner to follow in the Parish Hall. There will be a signup for the various dishes we hope to offer that day. Please reserve your spaces by no later than November 16th... so we know how much to prepare for those having dinner.
- **FYI** – According to the Chosen producers, there will be an early release in December in movie theaters for two episodes of Season 4 of the Chosen series... stay tuned for more information as we learn of it to make plans to see those episodes in the theater.

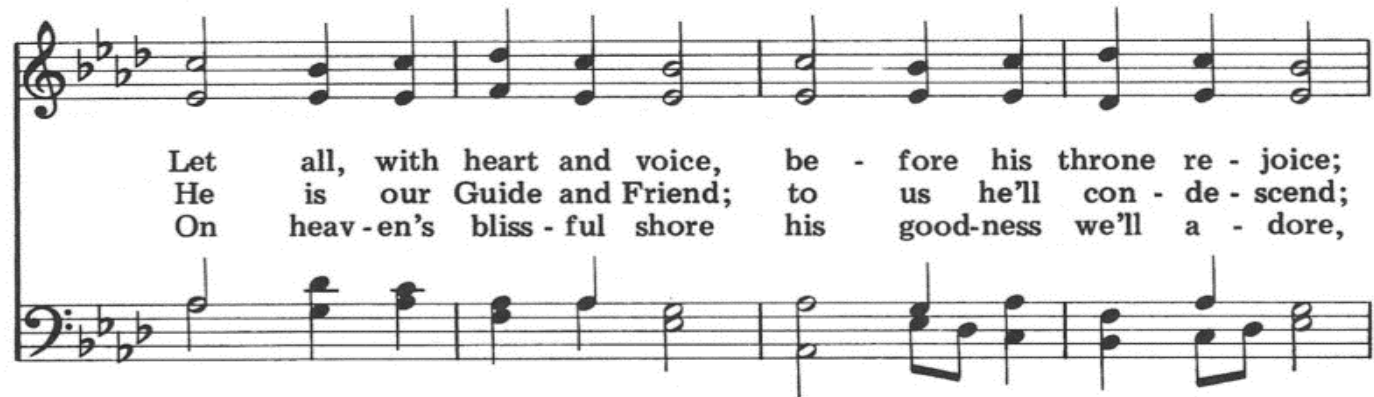
Come, Christians, Join to Sing 50



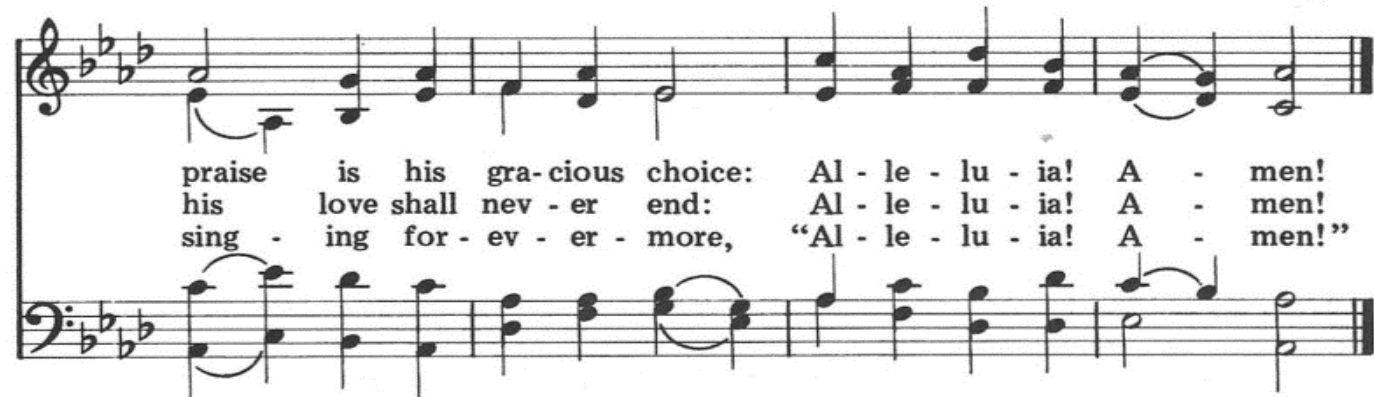
1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 He is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good-ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

WORDS: Christian H. Bateman, 1843

MUSIC: Traditional Spanish melody; arr. David Evans, 1927

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