



Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church

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The Holy Eucharist

PROPER 28

Saturday and Sunday, November 15 -16, 2025

	SATURDAY 5 PM	SUNDAY 10 AM
Celebrant/Officiant	The Rev. J. J. Bernal	Dottie / Sherry
Deacons	Dottie / Sherry	Dottie / Sherry
Music Director		Doreen Oberg
LEM	Tim Holsonback	Nancy Rea
Choir		
Acolyte		
Lector	Sandra Calhoun	Ann Crandall
Coffee		
Counters		

Prelude

Processional

Jerusalem my happy home

Hymnal 620

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Gloria

BCP 356

Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading

A reading of the Book of Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord, and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent, its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Canticle 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

Second Reading

A reading of the Epistle of 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal 428

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 21:5-19
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest

you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord *People: Praise to you, Lord Christ*

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed BCP 359

The Prayers of the People Form I BCP 383

The Celebrant adds a concluded collect

Confession of Sin BCP 360

The Peace

Announcements & Reminders

Offertory Hymn Hymnal 380, vs 1,2

Presentation of Alms: Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Eucharist Prayer A BCP 361 **Sanctus**

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

Agnus Dei

Communion Hymnal 490

Prayer for Spiritual Communion (for those who are not present physically)

My Jesus, I believe you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you more than anything in the world, and I hunger to receive you. But since I cannot receive Communion at this moment, feed my soul at least spiritually. I unite myself to you now as I do when I actually receive you. **Amen.**
(St. Alphonsus Ligoury, 18th Century)

Post-Communion Prayer BCP 365-366

The Blessing BCP 366

Recessional Hymnal 482

Postlude

SAINT STEPHENS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH SPECIAL INTERSESSIONS

(Please fill the "Prayer Request Form" located at Parish Hall)

PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER

Valerie Acroyd , Andrew Anderson , Palmyra Arzaga , Timothy & Debra Ash, Bentley Rickie

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- We Pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sara, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Jennifer, our Diocesan Bishop, for our Deacons, Dottie and Sherry, and for Fr. J.J., our Priest.
- We pray also for the clergy, people and staff of Chapel Rock, Prescott.

PLEASE PRAY OR HE HEALTH OF

Edgar Stone, Debra and Jack Murphy & Family, Alvertio Eghert, Doris Millard, Andy Anderson, Jerry and Susan Fine, Deacon Robin Hollis, Family and Friends of late Rev. John Lutton, Janet Treder, Alma Vasquez.

SPECIAL PRAYER

- ◆ All victims of of recent's vicious storms through the UN recently, especially Phoenix area, Globe, Miami AZ. And eastern Seaboard Coastal States.
- ◆ For all those military and government workers who are laid off or working without pay as they struggle to make ends and care for families.
- ◆ Thanksgiving for the recent release of Israel hostages held by Hamas and prayers that the Peace continues.

FOR THE ETERNAL REST

- Paula Jones

What is Advent?

Advent is a significant season in the Christian calendar, a time of **anticipation and preparation** for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas.

The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming" or "arrival". The season has a twofold focus for Christians:

Remembering Christ's first coming to Earth in human form in Bethlehem.

Looking forward to Christ's promised second coming at the end of time to judge the living and the dead and establish his kingdom.

Key Aspects

Timing: Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day and runs until Christmas Eve. It also marks the beginning of the liturgical year for most Western Christian churches.

Themes: Each of the four Sundays of Advent typically focuses on themes of **hope, peace, joy, and love**.

Practices & Traditions:

Common observances help believers spiritually prepare their hearts and minds amidst the commercial hustle of the holiday season:

Advent Wreath:

A circular wreath of evergreen branches holding four candles (usually three purple and one pink, sometimes all white or blue), with one new candle lit each Sunday. Some traditions include a fifth white "Christ candle" in the center, lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

Advent Calendars:

Calendars with small doors to open daily from December 1st until Christmas Eve, often revealing a picture, Bible verse, or small treat.

Prayer and Reflection:

Many Christians use daily devotionals, attend special church services, and engage in prayer, fasting, and acts of kindness to deepen their faith.

Music: Specific Advent hymns, such as "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," are sung, which express the longing and anticipation for the Messiah.

While rooted in Christian faith, many of its associated customs, like Advent calendars, are also used in a secular context as a fun way to count down to Christmas.

SAINT STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Fr. JJ's Office/Working hours:

Wednesdays: 9 am (HE) to 4 pm.

Saturdays: 3pm to 5pm office hours. Holy Eucharist at 5pm.

Sunday: The second Sunday of the Month he will celebrated the Eucharist and Preach.

If you need to contact him, his phone number is **(915) 777-6225**. His e-mail address is **bernaljj@hotmail.com**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	PLACE
Saturday, November 1		All Saints Day	
Friday, November 7	5:30 pm	Film Night	
Saturday, November 8	Noon	Memorial for Dinah McCreery	Church
Saturday, November 8	6:30 pm	Vinnie's Pizza	1977 Frontage Rd
Sunday, November 23	All Day	Christ the King	
Thursday, November 27	10 am	Thanksgiven Dinner	Education Build
Sunday, November 30	All day	First Sunday of Advent	

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	PLACE
Wednesday, December 24, 2025		Christmas Eve	Church
Thursday, December 25, 2025	10 am	Christmas Day & Brunch	Church / Parish Hall
Sunday, December 28, 2025	10 am	Christmas I	Church