

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church

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CHURCH SERVICES

**8:00 A.M Sunday
9:15 A.M. Sunday
10:30A.M. Sunday**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II
Christian Education
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*To meet the needs of the
Church and Community*

Vision:

We are Stewards of God's Grace

Core Values:

*Actively Engage
Clear & Timely Communication
Integrity
Transparency
Trust*

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

WHITSUNDAY

May 20, 2018

8:00* am & 10:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Prelude

Organ

'All are Welcome'

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space: as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

The Processional

LEVAS 120

'Sweet, sweet spirit'

*The Opening Acclamation

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*The Collect for Purity

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*The Gloria

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*The Collect for the Day

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

*** Ezekiel 37:1-14**

***S. Garner / N. Ross**

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open

your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

*Psalter

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

*S. Garner

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.

35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the Lord.

37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

*** Acts 2:1-21**

***J. Bland / J. Thompson**

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of

Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

The Gradual

Hymn 225
‘Hail thee, festival day!’

***The Holy Gospel John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Priest: Holy and wonderful God, pour out your Spirit upon all flesh and inspire us, that we may proclaim your prophesy of justice and speak your message of compassion and love, saying: I will sing to God as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

Let your Spirit rest upon your Church like tongues of fire, O God, to inspire us to do your will. I will sing to God as long as I live; **I will praise my God while I have my being.**

God looks at the earth and it trembles; God touches the mountains and they smoke: Let your glory go forth into all the world to guide the leaders of the nations and all in authority, that they may obey your Spirit and bless your people. I will sing to God as long as I live; **I will praise my God while I have my being.**

O Holy One, how manifold are your works; in wisdom you have made them all. Let your glory go forth to comfort all who live under poverty, oppression, violence or threat, that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. I will sing to God as long as I live; **I will praise my God while I have my being.**

Gracious God, you open your hand and fill all things living with good things: Bless this community, that our children may see visions and our elders dream dreams. I will sing to God as long as I live; **I will praise my God while I have my being.**

Comfort with your life-giving Spirit those for whom we pray, especially ____.

The breath of the Spirit breathes new life into all creation: Raise into your resurrection life those who have died, especially _____. I will sing to God as long as I live; **I will praise my God while I have my being.**

Priest: Let the fire of your divine love descend upon us, O God, to inspire and heal, to renew and empower, that the earth may be filled with your glory, and all creation sing to you in praise, through Jesus Christ the Risen One, in the power of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

*Confession of Sin

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*The Peace

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RECEIVING GOD'S GRACE

*The Offertory

*At the Offertory

All things come of Thee O Lord and of Thine own
have we given Thee. Amen

Musical Offertory

LEVAS 118

'Oh, let the son of God unfold you!'

*The Eucharistic Prayer "B"

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*Holy, Holy, Holy..."

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*The Lord's Prayer

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*The Breaking of the Bread

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*Communion

Hymn 652
'Dear Lord and Father of mankind'

*Post Communion Prayer

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Choral Response **'Be strong in the Lord'** v.1

Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage. Your mighty Defender is always the same. Mount up with wings, as the eagle ascending; Vict'ry is sure when you call on His name.

Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord; And be of good courage, for He is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord: And rejoice for the vict'ry is yours.

The Recessional

LEVAS 114

'Ev'ry time I feel the spirit'

*The Dismissal

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The Postlude

Organ

PRAYER LIST

Ernestine Brown	Maureen Norman	Olivia Theriot	Jerome Burns
Mina Forte	Jeanette Ransom	Mildred Townes	Mary Cox
Annie Henderson	Willie Campbell	LaVerne Venable	Gary Young
Benjamin Ford	Brandon Seymour	Amani Dailey	Porcher Taylor
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ST. STEPHEN'S CYCLE OF PRAYERS

Ebony Walker

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYERS

Good Shepherd, Richmond
St. George's, Pungoteague

PARISH NOTES

FLORA: Charles Palmer

FELLOWSHIP:

NEXT SUNDAY: Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17

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June 17th will be the last 8:00 service for the summer



The ECW's 2018 **Women's Day** will be held June 24th. The guest speaker will be the Honorable Rosalyn Dance, Senator for Virginia's 16th District.

For additional information or to serve on a committee, please speak with Duanne Foster or Ann Taylor.

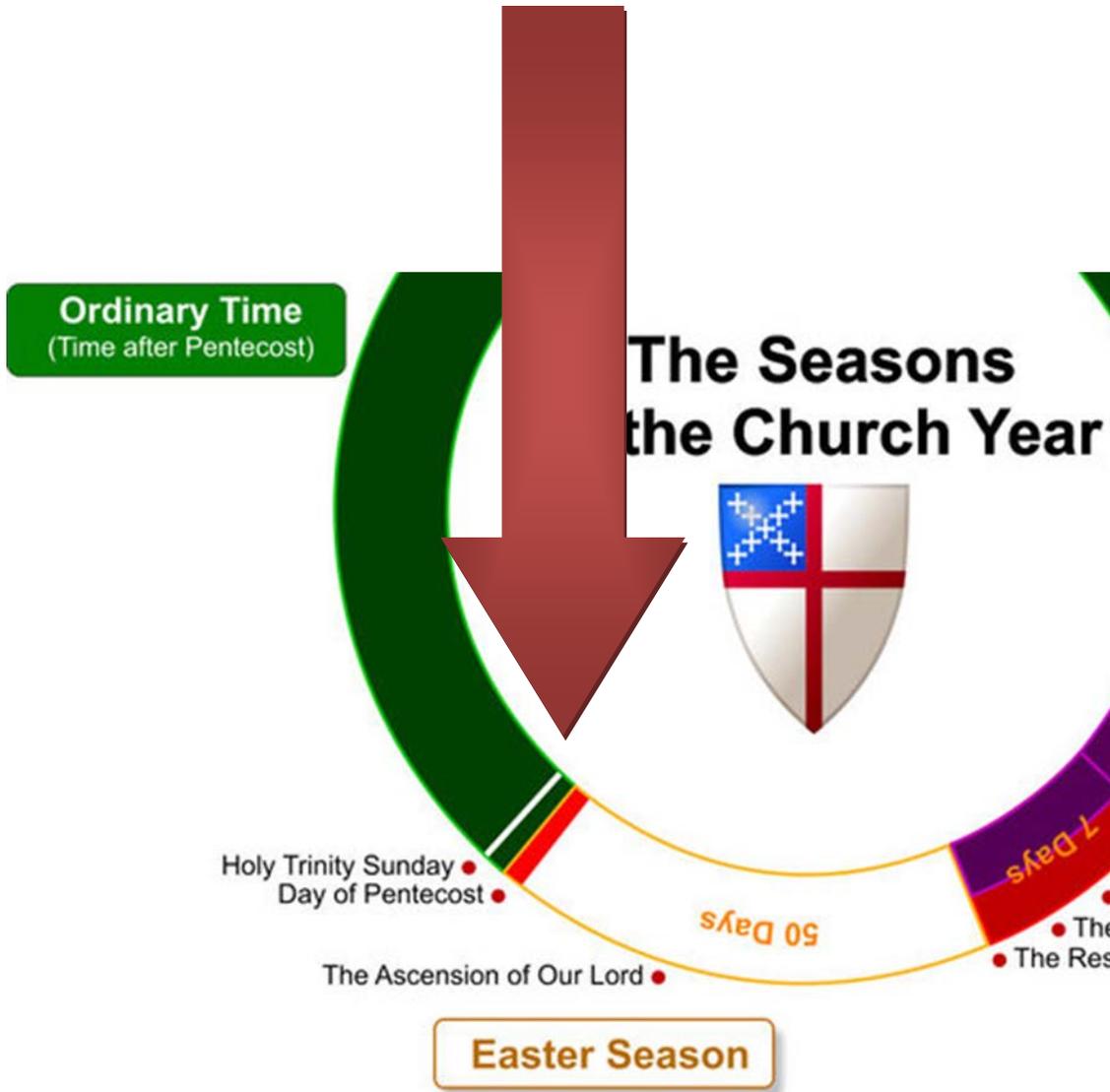


Youth/Graduate Recognition ~ Sunday, June 10, 2018
See Robin Magee for details

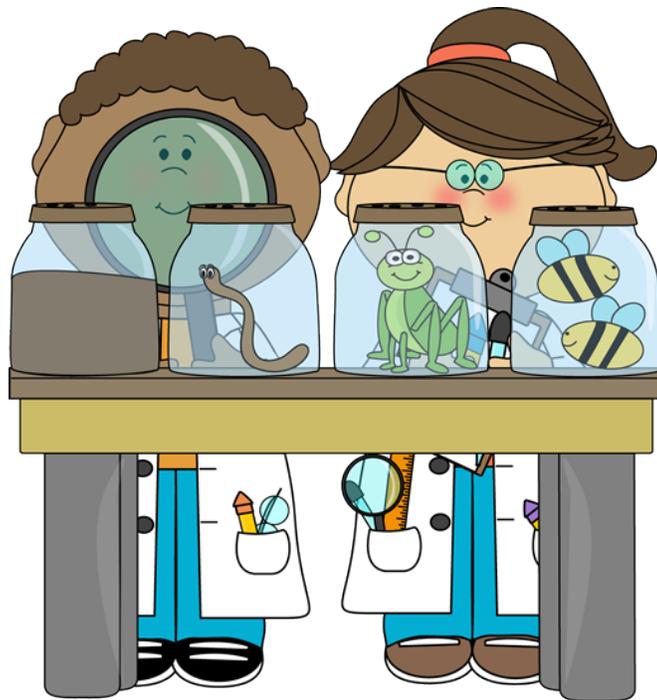


St. Stephen's Men's Club Yard Sale
Saturday, June 16, 2018
8am – 12Noon
Contact Clifton Dickens or
Michael Joshua for additional information

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Whitsun (another term for Pentecost) is the name used in Britain and Ireland, and among Anglicans and Methodists throughout the world, for the Christian festival of Pentecost, the seventh Sunday after Easter, which commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's disciples.*



Virginia State University in partnership with, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, and Petersburg Parks and Leisure Services is sponsoring a free three-week science camp for rising 4th and 5th graders. The Sci-Tastic (Science is Fantastic) camp will be held July 2 through 17, Mondays through Thursdays in the parish hall of St. Stephen's Church. The camp hours are from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Each week, campers will witness science come alive through exciting hands-on investigations in physics, engineering, and biology, and fun, educational field trips. Registration, which closes June 12th, is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Please use the below link to register for this program.

<https://tinyurl.com/y8hktaql>

Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief.
Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now.
You are not obligated to complete the work,
but neither are you free to abandon it

~from The Talmud

Vestry

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