

# *Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church*

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## **CHURCH SERVICES**

10:30A.M. Sunday

1:00 P.M. Wednesday

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Bible Study

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# **Mission Statement:**

*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*

***Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost***

*August 5, 2018*  
**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

Hymn 690

***'Guide me, o thou great Jehovah'***

The Opening Acclamation

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The Collect for Purity

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Song of Praise

LEVAS 245

***'We Have Come Into This House'***

The Collect for the Day

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

***HEARING GOD'S WORD***

**Exodus 16:2-4,9-15**

Master Kelly Mills, Jr.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

**Psalter**

**Psalm 78:23-29**

23 So he commanded the clouds above \*  
and opened the doors of heaven.

24 He rained down manna upon them to eat \*  
and gave them grain from heaven.

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; \*  
he provided for them food enough.

26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens \*  
and led out the south wind by his might.

27 He rained down flesh upon them like dust \*  
and winged birds like the sand of the sea.

28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp \*  
and round about their dwellings.

29 So they ate and were well filled, \*  
for he gave them what they craved

## **Ephesians 4:1-16**

Master Thomas Sidney

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;

he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The Gradual

Hymn 427

***'When morning gilds the skies'***

**The Holy Gospel**

**John 6:24-35**

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the

Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Sermon

Rev. Foster

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

M. Walker

**Priest:** It is good for us to be here in your glorious presence, O God: Awaken us to the needs of the world, that we may offer all things to your compassionate love and become mediators of your unifying vision, as we pray: Proclaim the greatness of our God; for our God is the Holy One.

Remove the veil when your Church seeks you, O God, and enlighten us with your vision, that we may be eyewitnesses of Christ’s majesty and serve the world as people moved by the Holy Spirit. Proclaim the greatness of our God; **for our God is the Holy One.**

Let the glory of your holiness be revealed to the leaders of our nation and be manifest to all in authority, O Mighty One, that they may hear your voice

and serve your mission of righteousness and justice, declared by the law and the prophets and fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Proclaim the greatness of our God; **for our God is the Holy One.**

You love justice and establish equity, O Righteous One: Visit with your transfiguring presence every person and home in need of your light and your blessing throughout the world. Proclaim the greatness of our God; **for our God is the Holy One.**

Visit this mountain of holy presence, O Radiant One, and let the cloud of your glory overshadow our community, that with joy we may behold your appearance and be led by your light. Proclaim the greatness of our God; **for our God is the Holy One.**

Listen to our prayers as we speak to you and comfort us with your dawning Spirit.

We remember those who are ill or in any need, especially \_\_\_\_.

We know our deaths will come soon, even as we recall our transfigured Christ's victory over death. Receive into your eternal light all who have died, especially \_\_\_\_\_. Proclaim the greatness of our God; **for our God is the Holy One.**

**Priest:** Blessed Creator God, let Christ, the morning star, rise in our hearts as we awaken to his glorious presence in our midst: Fill us with gratefulness for your dazzling light which breaks through our cloud of unknowing in every place and time, that we may tell of the things which we have seen and mediate your reconciling presence in all the world, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin  
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 205

***'Trust and obey'***

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

Communion Hymn

LEVAS 152

***'Let us break bread together'***

Post Communion Prayer

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Choral Response ***'On Eagle's Wings'***

*And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear  
you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like  
the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.*

The Recessional

Hymn 542

***'Christ is the world's light'***

The Dismissal

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The Postlude

Organ

# **PRAYER LIST**

*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    Helen Pulliam*  
*George Henderson    Eleanor Johnson*

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## **ST. STEPHEN'S CYCLE OF PRAYERS**

Cheryl Taylor  
Porcher Taylor, Jr.  
Linda Torrence  
Walter M. Jones

## **DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYERS**

St. James', Warfield  
St. Simon's by the Sea, Virginia Beach

## *PARISH NOTES*

**FLORA:** Ann & Porcher Taylor

**FELLOWSHIP:** ECW Youth Recognition

**NEXT SUNDAY:** 1 Kings 19:4-8      Psalm 34:1-8

Ephesians 4:25-5:2      John 6:35, 41-51



St. Stephen's Annual Church Picnic, sponsored by the Men's Club, will be held Saturday, August 11, 2018, from 2PM to 6PM.

### **Needed items for Jackson-Feild children**

Their wish list includes age appropriate books (mysteries, adventure, Happy Potter, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, The Hunger Games, Fangirl, Ask the Passenger etc.) comic books, magazines (teen, Sports Illustrated), art supplies, board games, puzzles, toys and sporting goods.



Please leave these donations in the purple bin located downstairs in the old kitchen.



This year, in special recognition of the church's youth, a memo board acknowledging them will be set up in the front room of the parish hall.

Join them at today's repast, to remind them of the love and support they have here at St. Stephen's. The Youth

Recognition Wall will remain up through the start of the school year. Different photos and bios will be added each week. Parents/Guardians, please make sure the information has been submitted to the church office as quickly as possible.

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

# ~the Talmud

## Vestry

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