

# *Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church*

*228 Halifax Street, Petersburg, Virginia 23803*



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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*

***Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

*August 19, 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 420

***'When in our music God is glorified'***

The Opening Acclamation

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The Collect for Purity

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Song of Praise

LEVAS 245

*'We have come into His house'*

The Collect for the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

***HEARING GOD'S WORD***

**Proverbs 9:1-6**

S. Garner

Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.  
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.  
She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,  
“You that are simple, turn in here!”  
To those without sense she says,  
“Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.  
Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight.”

## **Psalter**

## **Psalm 34:9-14**

9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, \*  
for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

11 Come, children, and listen to me; \*  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

12 Who among you loves life \*  
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking \*  
and your lips from lying words.

14 Turn from evil and do good; \*  
seek peace and pursue it.

## **Ephesians 5:15-20**

N. Ross

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gradual

Hymn 488

***'Be thou my vision'***

**The Holy Gospel**

**John 6: 51-58**

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your

ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

Sermon

Rev. Foster

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

N. Ross

**Priest:** Living Father, Holy Wisdom, you have come to us in Jesus as the living bread given for the life of the world: Accept our prayers on behalf of the whole human family, that all may abide in you, and live, and walk in your ways, as we pray; Feed your creation with your eternal life; abide in us, O Christ.

Nurture your Church, O Christ, with the food and drink of eternal life as we celebrate our Eucharist on this feast day of your resurrection: Fill us with your Spirit as we sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Feed your creation with your eternal life; **abide in us, O Christ.**

Guide the leaders of this nation and all who wield power and authority in the world, that they may have wisdom and understanding to discern between good and evil. Feed your creation with your eternal life; **abide in us, O Christ.**

Invite our community to the banquet of your divine life, to know the works of your hands, which are faithfulness and justice, full of majesty and splendor. Feed your creation with your eternal life; **abide in us, O Christ.**

Let your nurturing life renew and strengthen those for whom we pray, especially \_\_\_\_.

We commit to your never failing heart those who have died, especially \_\_\_\_\_. May they abide in you and rejoice at the banquet of eternal life. Feed your creation with your eternal life; **abide in us, O Christ.**



*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 609  
***'Where cross the crowded ways of life'***

The Dismissal                                              Page 366  
The Postlude                                              Organ

## **PRAYER LIST**

<i>Maureen Norman</i>	<i>Olivia Theriot</i>	<i>Jerome Burns</i>	<i>Mina Forte</i>
<i>Jeanette Ransom</i>	<i>Mildred Townes</i>	<i>Mary Cox</i>	<i>Annie Henderson</i>
<i>Willie Campbell</i>	<i>LaVerne Venable</i>	<i>Gary Young</i>	<i>Benjamin Ford</i>
<i>Brandon Seymour</i>	<i>Amani Dailey</i>	<i>Porcher Taylor</i>	<i>Helen Pulliam</i>
<i>George Henderson</i>	<i>Eleanor Johnson</i>		

## **NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING**

Eleanor Johnson, Sunrise Senior Living, 19310 Club House Rd.  
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James Lowe, English Meadows, 1140 W. Main St., Rm.39A,  
Christiansburg, VA 24073

Benjamin Ford, Ashland Nursing & Rehab Center, Rm. 104  
906 Thompson St., Ashland, VA 23005

Helen Pulliam, Petersburg Healthcare Center, 287 South Blvd.  
Petersburg, VA 23805

# ST. STEPHEN'S CYCLE OF PRAYERS

## DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYERS

Grace, Yorktown

### PARISH NOTES

**FLORA:**

**FELLOWSHIP:**

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18          Psalm 34:15-22  
Ephesians 6:10-20          John 6:56-69



An Evening of Jazz is scheduled for Friday, September 21st. See Kenneth Lewis for additional information.

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



A recent and growing trend is the placement of children ages 11-14. Consequently, Jackson-Feild is in need of "gently used" items for younger 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.



6<sup>th</sup> Annual BBQ - \$25

September 7, 2018 at the Old Towne Civic Center

For tickets see Rev. Foster

### **Parish Administrators & Treasurers Lunch Group**

August 23, 12 to 1:30 p.m.

St. Stephen's, Petersburg

The Administrators & Treasurers Lunch Group will meet on Thursday, August 23, from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's, Petersburg. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with other parish administrators and treasurers to talk about common issues. There's no agenda for this gathering - just an opportunity to get together, share, encourage, support, and ask questions. Bring your own lunch; beverages will be provided. RSVP to Diocesan Comptroller Judy Dobson, [jdobson@diosova.org](mailto:jdobson@diosova.org) or 757-213-3386.

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  
Charles Palmer, Sr. Warden  
Cassandra Coleman, Jr. Warden  
Joy Chapman C. Martin Cutler, Robin Magee  
James Norman, Harriet Scruggs, Joyce Small, John Thompson



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