

# *Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church*

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228 Halifax Street, Petersburg, VA 23803

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*Organized in 1867*

*Dedicated on June 2, 1918*



*The Reverend Father Willis R. Foster, Sr., Rector  
John Thompson, Verger*

## **CHURCH SERVICES**

8:00 A.M Sunday  
10:30A.M. Sunday  
1:00 P.M. Wednesday

Holy Eucharist Rite II  
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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*

***Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost***

November 11, 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 594

***'God of grace'***

*The people remain standing*

Bishop: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Bishop: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all.

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Bishop: Let us pray.

## The Collect for the Day

*O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### **1 Kings 17:8-16**

M. Wallace

The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

### **Psalm 146**

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul! \*

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*  
for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*  
and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The Lord loves the righteous;  
the Lord cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

The Gradual

Hymn 686

***'Come, thou fount!'***

**The Holy Gospel**

**Mark 12:38-44**

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this

poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

\*The Sermon

Bishop Hollerith

## **Presentation and Examination of Candidates**

Bishop: The Candidate will now be presented.

**Presenter:** I present Amani Dailey for Confirmation.

*The Bishop asks the candidate:*

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

**Candidate:** I do.

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**Candidate:** I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

## Confirmation

*Bishop addresses the congregation, saying:*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

**People:** We will.

*The Bishop then says these or similar words:*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and  
fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.



Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

## **Prayers for the Candidates**

*The Bishop then says:*

Let us now pray for Amani who has renewed her commitment to Christ.

Rev. Foster will lead the following petitions:

Leader: Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

*A period of silence follows.*

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says*

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Amani with your Holy Spirit; empower her for your service; and sustain her all the days of her life. Amen.

*The Bishop concludes with this prayer*

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over this your servant; let your Holy Spirit ever be with her; and so lead her in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that she may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bishop: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

## 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

The Musical Offertory

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

Hymn 707

***'Take my life'***

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 705

***'As those of old their first fruits brought'***

The Dismissal

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The Postlude

Organ

## **PRAYER LIST**

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

## **NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING**

Eleanor Johnson, Sunrise Senior Living, 19310 Club House Rd.  
Montgomery Village, MD 20886  
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**

St. John's, Chester  
St. Matthew's, Chester

# PARISH NOTES

**FLORA:** Michael Joshua

**FELLOWSHIP:** Donna Lee / The Vestry

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Daniel 12:1-3 Psalm 16

Hebrews 10:11-25 Mark 13:1-8



Welcome Bishop Hollerith, we are so happy to have you with us today!

Congratulations on your confirmation Amani!



The Vestry is asking for donations of new men's hats, gloves, scarves and socks to help those in the community as the temperature drops.

A bin in the back of the church will hold donations until today and will be distributed during the week.

The **Jewels / Family Dinner** celebration will be Sunday, November 18, 2018 after the 10:30am service.

If you celebrated your 80<sup>th</sup> birthday this year, please let us know by giving a photo and short biography to the church office or

[www.ststephensepiscopal@yahoo.com](mailto:www.ststephensepiscopal@yahoo.com).





You are cordially invited to the Annual Fall Concert presented by the VSU Concert Choir on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 4pm (following the Jewels/Family Dinner) here at St. Stephen's

Pledge cards will be collected by Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. If you need another form, they can be found in the narthex.

# *Stewardship*

*is heart work*



The **Men's Day Committee** would like to thank the congregation for their generous donations, presence, and support. The Committee would like to acknowledge the following corrections/additions to the Platinum level of donors for last week's celebration:

Dr. & Mrs. W. Matthew Wooten  
Mr. & Mrs. William H. Wooten

The joint Thanksgiving service will be Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>,  
**at 7pm at Oak Street AME Church, 25 W. Wythe St,  
Petersburg, VA**



Please donate!

Guess the weight of the pumpkin on display in the parish hall.

Proceeds will benefit our 2018 Children Holiday Party fund.”

Winner to be announced November 28th @ Family Dinner. Take home in time for Thanksgiving.

Interested in serving on the Vestry? Please speak with Rev. Foster or any Vestry member if you have any questions. Meetings are 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month August-May.



The Annual Parochial meeting will follow the 10:30 am service on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Winter heating assistance information for Columbia Gas is available on the display rack in the parish hall





## **Search for the 11th Bishop of Southern Virginia**

The Nominating/Search Committee invite all Laity and Clergy to come to one of our Convocation Listening Sessions. We will share what we are learning from the responses to our questionnaire and we want to hear from you the people of the diocese. These Sharing Sessions will help us to complete a vibrant and living profile of our diocese, one that reflects who we are. **There is a meeting planned for convocation VI** on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, 7:00p-9:00p, at Christ & Grace, 1545 S. Sycamore St., Petersburg, 23805

Pam Pringle  
Chair, Nominating/Search Committee



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  
Charles Palmer, Sr. Warden  
Cassandra Coleman, Jr. Warden  
Joy Chapman C. Martin Cutler, Robin Magee

James Norman, Harriet Scruggs, Joyce Small, John Thompson

