

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church

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The Reverend Father Willis R. Foster, Sr., Rector
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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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The First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 13, 2019
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

Hymn 119

'As with gladness men of old'

*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

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

***Isaiah 43:1-7**

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

Thus says the Lord,
 he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
 I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
 and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
 the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
 Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
 and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
 nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
 I will bring your offspring from the east,
 and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
 and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
 and my daughters from the end of the earth--
everyone who is called by my name,
 whom I created for my glory,
 whom I formed and made."

***Psalter**

Psalm 29

***S. Garner**

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
 worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
 the God of glory thunders; *
 the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
 the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
 the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
 the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
 the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
 and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord *
 all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
 the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
 the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

The Gradual

Hymn 324

'Let all mortal flesh keep silence'

***The Holy Gospel Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*Prayers of the People

*C. Dickens / J. Norman

Priest: Our souls proclaim the greatness of the Lord and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior. Look with favor upon your children who come to you in prayer and expectation, O Gracious One, as we say: The Almighty has done great things for us; and holy is your Name.

Merciful One, in the obedience of your servant Mary you have given to the church a model and example of service: Inspire our witness to your presence, that we may be Christ-bearers manifesting your love for all the world. The Almighty has done great things for us; **and holy is your Name.**

Eternal One, from modest upbringings you have raised up a Ruler whose origin is from old; you have cast down the mighty from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly: Come to the help of our leaders and all in authority, that they may be instruments of justice and peace. The Almighty has done great things for us; **and holy is your Name.**

Compassionate One, you hear the voice of all who cry out in suffering or despair throughout the world: Visit every person in need with the comfort of your presence, that they shall live secure to the ends of the earth and know the comfort of your abiding peace. The Almighty has done great things for us; **and holy is your Name.**

Benevolent One, your Holy Spirit fills the meeting places between friends and relatives: Grant to this community, cordial relationships of support and trust, that we may bring to birth your creative hope for all people. The Almighty has done great things for us; **and holy is your Name.**

Loving One, you fill the hungry with good things and come to the help of your servants: We remember your promise of mercy as we offer our prayers of intercession, especially for ____.

You hold our lives within the majesty of your Name: Receive into your eternal life those who have died, especially ____.

The Almighty has done great things for us; **and holy is your Name.**

Priest: In your great might you have come to the help of your servants, for we remember your promise of mercy made to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children for ever: Fulfill what you have spoken to us and sanctify your people, through the offering of our Savior Jesus Christ once for all, in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The 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

*The Eucharistic Prayer "B" Page 367

*Holy, Holy, Holy..." Page 367

*The Lord's Prayer Page 364

*The Breaking of the Bread Page 364

*Communion LEVAS 152
'Let us break bread together'

*Post Communion Prayer Page 365

Choral Response ***'This is my Father's world'***

*This is my Father's world - O let me ne'er forget
That tho' the wrong seems oft so strong God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world! The battle is not done
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, And earth and heav'n be one.*

The Recessional LEVAS 141
'Shall we gather at the river'

*The Dismissal Page 366

The Postlude Organ

PRAYER LIST

Jerome Burns	Antonio Belmar, Jr.	Mary Cox	Amani Dailey
Benjamin Ford	Mina Forte	Annie Henderson	George Henderson
Eleanor Johnson	Maureen Norman	Helen Pulliam	Jeanette Ransom
Brandon Seymour	Porcher Taylor	Olivia Theriot	Mildred Townes
Laverne Venable	Gary Young		

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Montgomery Village, MD 20886
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ST. STEPHEN'S CYCLE OF PRAYERS

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYERS

Emmanuel, Jenkins Bridge
St. John's, Hopewell

PARISH NOTES

FLORA: Offered in memory of Audrey & Earl Brooks

FELLOWSHIP:

NEXT SUNDAY: Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11



If anyone is interested in being on the Bereavement Committee, please contact Buck Palmer or Harriet Scruggs. The Committee will hold a meeting after the 10:30am service on Sunday, January 20th.

ECW dues are now being collected. Ladies, please submit \$50.00 by March 31st.



Many thanks to the ECW members, members of the Patterson-Ransom Men's Club , Reverend Willis Foster and friends of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church for helping to host another successful Children's' holiday celebration. More than a dozen children attended enjoying a lunch of hot-dogs, chips, and other goodies. Each child left with a treat bag and books of their choice. Once again, Reverend Delano Douglas served as story teller for the children. His outstanding performance both excited and engaged the children as they participated in the story telling. And a huge 'Thank you' to Santa for making a special trip to join us before he starts his vacation. Let's continue to celebrate our children!

~Annie Henderson

Black History Month at Pamplin Historical Park -

On **Sat., Feb. 2**, at 1:00 p.m., Wisteria Perry from the Mariner's Museum in Newport News will give a talk titled "Waters of Hope and Despair: African Americans and the Chesapeake Bay." This talk is free with paid Park admission and will be held at the National Museum of the Civil War Soldier (6125 Boydton Plank Road).

On **Thurs., Feb. 7**, at 7:00 p.m., James Price from the U.S. Army Women's Museum at Fort Lee will speak to the Petersburg Civil War Roundtable about the courageous actions of the United States Colored Troops at "The Battle of New Market Heights." This talk will be held at Pamplin Historical Park's Education Center (6523 Duncan Road). Admission is \$5.00.

The following items have been found and can be claimed from the table in the undercroft: leaf ear-ring
gold button
phone charger
sun glasses



Please collect your **Christmas Cards** from the altar in the parish hall: C. Dickens, W. DeRamus, P. Johnson, J. Ransom, J. Russell, J. Small, C. Thigpen, J. Thompson, and D. Young.

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.

Ephesians 4:4-7

Vestry

Joy Chapman, Cassandra Coleman, Chyrel M. Cutler,
Michael Joshua, Otha Myers, James Norman,
Nancy Ross, Joyce Small, John Thompson

