

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church

228 Halifax Street, Petersburg, VA 23803

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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*

First Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2019

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

The Prelude

Organ

*Silent Procession

*The Great Litany (all stand or kneel)

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*The Collect for the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; 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

*** Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

***C. Dickens / S. Garner**

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he

went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

***Psalter**

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

***C. Dickens**

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 He shall say to the Lord,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."

9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,

10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your
feet.

14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

***Romans 10:8b-13**

*J. Bland / J. Norman

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

***The Holy Gospel Luke 4:1-13**

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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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

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<i>'Shepherds of souls'</i>	

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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 off 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 Hymn 529
'In Christ there is no east or west'

*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
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PARISH NOTES

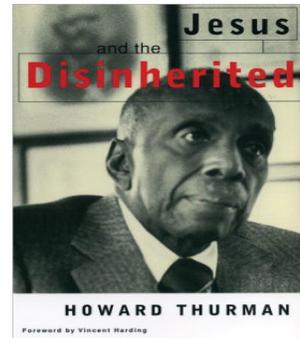
FLORA: Offered in memory of Mrs. R.H. Jones
by her daughter, Cassandra Coleman

FELLOWSHIP:

NEXT SUNDAY: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35

Wednesday Lenten studies begin this week.
Service is at noon followed by discussions of the
Howard Thurman text.

Studies are followed by a soup luncheon.



The Lenten Soup sign-up sheet is located in the parish hall.
Please remember to provide a meat-less soup for appx 15 ppl.

The **Men's Club** will meet immediately after today's 10:30am
service.

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

Easter lilies !!



Easter lily order forms are due no later than Sunday, March 31st.
Each plant will cost \$10.00.

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Join the Petersburg-Dinwiddie Crime Solvers
Board of Directors for the Annual Breakfast...
Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 7:30 am at the Union
Train Station, 103 River Street in Petersburg.



Businessman/Minister Wesley Nicholas will serve as the keynote
speaker.

Tickets are available by calling 804-733-2369 or by contacting any
member of the Crime Solver's Board of Directors.†

Thus says the Lord or hosts:
Render true judgments,
show kindness and mercy to one another;
do not oppress the widow, the orphan, the alien or
the poor;
and do not devise evil in your hearts against one
another.

~Zechariah 7:9:10

Vestry
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