

# **SAINT STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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## **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

## **HOLY EUCHARIST II**



*Saint Stephen's welcomes you!  
If you are visiting, your presence is a blessing.*

The Rt. Rev. Mark Allen Bourlakas  
Bishop of The Diocese of Southwestern Virginia

The Rev. Matt Rhodes  
Rector  
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Dana Ballard  
Organist/Choirmaster

**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**

8:30 AND 10:30 A.M.

**The Word of God**

* Prelude:	
* Hymn: <i>God of grace and God of glory</i>	<i>Hymnal 594</i>
Opening Acclamation	BCP 355
Collect for Purity	BCP 355
* <i>Gloria</i>	<i>Hymnal S-277</i>
Collect of the Day	Bulletin Insert

**The Lessons**

Old Testament	Amos 8:4-7	Bulletin Insert
Psalm	113	Bulletin Insert
The Epistle	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Bulletin Insert
* Hymn: <i>There is a balm in Gilead</i>	<i>LEVAS 203</i>	
The Gospel	Luke 16:1-13	Bulletin Insert
Sermon		Rev. Matt Rhodes
The Nicene Creed		BCP 358
The Prayers of the People Form V		BCP 389
Confession of Sin		BCP 360
The Peace		BCP 360
Parish Announcements/Prayer for Birthdays & Anniversaries		

**The Holy Communion**

Offertory Sentence
* Offertory Music (choir): <i>Irish Blessing</i>
* Presentation of Gifts

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP 361
* <i>Sanctus</i>	<i>Hymnal S-124</i>
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 364
The Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
The Blessing	
* Hymn: <i>Be thou my vision</i>	<i>Hymnal 488</i>
The Dismissal	
* Postlude:	

\* Sung/performed at 10:30 service only.

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*Welcome to St. Stephen's Church! We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us. If you are visiting for the first time we invite you to make yourselves known to us. We also invite you to learn more about our worship, fellowship, and outreach opportunities. With thanksgiving and gratitude for our past, we live boldly in the present even as we imagine a glorious future in God, for God is always preparing "better things than we can ask or imagine."*

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**MINISTERS**

Celebrant: Rev. Matt Rhodes  
Organist: Dana Ballard (10:30 a.m.)

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS (8:30 A.M.)**

Lesson 1 & Psalm: Pam Hicks  
Lesson 2: Pam Hicks

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS (10:30 A.M.)**

Lesson 1 & Psalm: Chesley Vohden  
Lesson 2: Rev. Matt Rhodes  
LEM: Penny Thomas  
Ushers: Hal Clark and Jim LeBlanc



## **A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST. STEPHEN'S**

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, a parish in the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, was established in 1824 by The Rev. Nicholas Hamner Cobbs (later to become the first bishop of the Diocese of Alabama). The first building was completed in 1825 on land given by Anne Irvine Moseley, the mother of Elizabeth Moseley Radford. Mrs. Moseley had purchased part of the Poplar Forest tract from Martha Jefferson Randolph, the oldest daughter of Thomas Jefferson, who had given the land to his daughter for her dowry in 1790. The original church was torn down and the present one erected on the same site in 1844. In the same year William Radford and Elizabeth Moseley Radford deeded the additional land to enlarge the church property and provide a cemetery for members and their families. The cemetery is still in use.

A lack of funds to make necessary repairs closed the church temporarily in 1911, although occasional services were held in the interim. In 1941, at the instigation of Malcolm Griffin, interested families organized to restore and reopen the church. Since that date services have been held continuously.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places.



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**READINGS FOR  
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**September 18, 2022**

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**OLD TESTAMENT: AMOS 8:4-7**

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;  
and the sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,  
buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

**PSALM 113**

Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of the Lord; \*  
praise the Name of the Lord.

Let the Name of the Lord be blessed, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

From the rising of the sun to its going down \*  
let the Name of the Lord be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, \*  
and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on  
high \*  
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

He takes up the weak out of the dust \*  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

He sets them with the princes, \*  
with the princes of his people.

He makes the woman of a childless house \*  
to be a joyful mother of children.

### **THE EPISTLE: 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7**

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;  
there is also one mediator between God and  
humankind,  
Christ Jesus, himself human,  
who gave himself a ransom for all

- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

## THE GOSPEL: LUKE 16:1-13

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

### **PRAYER FOR A BIRTHDAY**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your *servant* as *they begin* another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their life*; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **PRAYER FOR AN ANNIVERSARY**

O God, You have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## WEEKLY PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

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### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: OCTOBER 1



*You're invited!*  
**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**



*Blessing of the Animals  
and visit from the  
Bedford Humane Society*

**Saturday, October 1 / 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
**1695 Perrowville Road, Forest**

*All pets and their families are welcomed!*

Information: (434) 525-5511 or [parish@ststephensforest.org](mailto:parish@ststephensforest.org)

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### CANDIDATES FOR VESTRY

At the end of this year three members of our Vestry will complete their terms of service, which means we'll have three seats to fill at the annual parish meeting in January. According to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, a confirmed adult communicant of the parish in good standing for at least one year preceding the election is eligible to stand for election to a three-year term on the Vestry. Service on the Vestry is an outstanding way of sharing your gifts and talents for the benefit of the entire parish and enables you to participate in caring for our facilities, managing the finances of the church, working with the priest in planning for the future, and helping grow the kingdom. If you are interested in standing for election or have any questions about what being on the Vestry entails, don't hesitate to reach out to any member of the Vestry.

## **FOYER GROUPS KICKOFF DINNER: OCTOBER 2**

The kickoff dinner for our Foyer groups will be Sunday, October 2 at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This will be a gathering of everyone who has signed up so far (and it's still not too late to join!) as a way of celebrating the relaunch of this wonderful parish tradition. The church will provide the drinks and paper products, and Bea and Tom Mohr will provide the main course. Those who have signed up to be part of the dinner groups are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share and send an email to the Parish Office to let us know what you'll bring. Beginning in November, the small groups will gather for monthly dinners in parishioner homes. Bea is reaching out to everyone who has signed up to provide them with the breakdown of dinner groups and help get everything launched. If you have any questions about the kickoff dinner or monthly gatherings or wish to be part of a dinner group (once again, it's not too late to join!), please contact Bea at [bebemohr@gmail.com](mailto:bebemohr@gmail.com).

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## **SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW GLEANING OPPORTUNITY**

Join the Society of St. Andrew for an apple gleaning event at Johnson's Orchards (1218 Elmos Road, Bedford) on Saturday, September 24 at 9:00 a.m. Anyone interested will meet at the Johnny Applesseed statue before moving into the orchard. Please dress for the weather, wear closed-toe shoes, and bring personal items such as gloves, hat, drink, and sunscreen. You're also asked to bring a mask to wear when you're in close proximity to other gleaners who are not part of your family. To sign up please visit the SoSA website, [endhunger.org/Virginia](http://endhunger.org/Virginia).

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## **TRUNK OR TREAT: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

We're excited to give advance notice that St. Stephen's will host its first "Trunk or Treat" event on Sunday afternoon, October 30 from 4:30-6:00. For those who've never heard of this, "Trunk or Treat" is a fun way of drawing the community to a time of trick-or-treating in a safe space. Volunteers simply park their cars in the church parking lot, open their trunks, and create Halloween

displays with decorations in those trunks. Just like you would at your front door at home, bowls of candy are also available to share with kids who pass through with their families. And if for some reason you'd like to decorate yourselves with a costume, by all means do it! This will be an outstanding way of making ourselves even more visible in the community while hosting a fun, safe event to bring visitors to our church. Sharon Reynolds has graciously agreed to help with planning this event and coordinating volunteers; if you're interested in helping and - especially - in providing one of the decorated trunks, please give her a call at (434) 237-4451.

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### **PARISH PRAYER LIST**

Vanessa Angus, Jennie Aveson, Melvin and Virginia Bowling, GiGi Carver and the Carver family, Barbara East, Linda Finney, Jill Flores, Robert Franklin, Jimmy Gratto, Sue Griggs, Julie Harrison, Jim Hite, Frank Horvath, Anne Huston, Caleb Jacobs, Theresa Lawson, Susan Major, Melvin Mitchell, Tucker Monk, Westray Nowlin, Keith Pratt, Joe Robinson, Joshua Shaver, Betty Spruill, Martha Stokes, Don and Brenda Utley, Helen Vulevich, Pattie Wells, Gary Williams, Sharon, Bob, Richard, Tom, Renae, Joy, Grace, Michelle, Julia, Petra, Rory, Kirsten, Kyle, J. Michael, Stephanie, Michael, Joshua, Allison, Joyce, Sonny, Jonathan, Sarah, Violet, Casey, Kayia, Monica, Susan, Christine, Audrey, Amber, Dillon, Susan, Pat, and Laurie.

For those serving in the armed forces, especially Thomas, William, Nate, Nick, Carter, Hunter, Zach and Jared.

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### **SUPPORT FOR ST. STEPHEN'S**

We're grateful for your continuing support of St. Stephen's through your gifts of time, talent and treasure and deeply appreciative of your prayerful gifts to the mission and ministry of the parish. If you wish to make a one time or recurring gift or make your pledge online, please visit [https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1565122](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1565122). For more information about life here at St.

Stephen's please visit our website, [www.ststephensforest.org](http://www.ststephensforest.org), and our parish Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/ststephensforest](http://www.facebook.com/ststephensforest).

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### **SEPTEMBER 2022 CALENDAR**

#### **Sunday, September 25 (16 Pentecost)**

- 8:30 a.m.: Service of Holy Eucharist II (no music)
- 9:30 a.m.: Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- 9:30 a.m.: Education Time for All Ages
- 10:30 a.m.: Service of Holy Eucharist II

#### **Wednesday, September 28**

- 11:00 a.m.: Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering (Parish Hall)

### **OCTOBER 2022 CALENDAR**

#### **Saturday, October 1**

- 10:00 a.m.: Blessing of the Animals

#### **Sunday, October 2 (17 Pentecost)**

- 8:30 a.m.: Service of Holy Eucharist II (no music)
- 9:30 a.m.: Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- 9:30 a.m.: Education Time for All Ages
- 10:30 a.m.: Service of Holy Eucharist II
- 5:30 p.m.: Foyer Dinner Group Kickoff (Parish Hall)

#### **Monday, October 3**

- 5:30 p.m.: Roads to Recovery Meal Service

#### **Sunday, October 9 (18 Pentecost)**

- 8:30 a.m.: Service of Holy Eucharist II (no music)
- 9:30 a.m.: Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- 9:30 a.m.: Education Time for All Ages
- 10:30 a.m.: Service of Holy Eucharist II

#### **Monday, October 10**

- Office Closed in Observance of Columbus Day

#### **Tuesday, October 11**

- 6:45 p.m.: Vestry Meeting (Parish Hall)

#### **Wednesday, October 12**

- 12:00 p.m.: Service of Healing Prayer