

# Welcome to St Stephen's

## BELVEDERE

Christmas carols contain disturbing and incomprehensible things. Take the first stanza of *O come, all ye faithful* which attempts to answer the question, Who is it at the heart of the Christmas story? *The King of Angels*, it says, which is to say God, and God not as recluse, a God with no social life, but *God from God*. God's life communicates itself so completely in Mary's womb, in a cattle stall, that it makes human life unrecognizably different. There was no point at which God said, "Perhaps I ought to get out more."

God is not coaxed or lured down from heaven by our good behavior. The High and Lofty One who inhabits eternity doesn't need to be persuaded to take an interest in you. Stop and think about that. God knows you and me wholly, even at our worst, and comes among us from wood to wood, from manger to cross, in Bethlehem to Golgotha a few miles away. Such love we cannot leave unrequited. It's enough to make us lay down our arms and love one other. Welcome to St Stephen's.

### To our visitors, newcomers, and seekers:

- If you're new via the livestream, please email [office@ststephenschurch.org](mailto:office@ststephenschurch.org) to let us know who you are, to ask questions, or to make comments.
- Donations and Contributions can be made online at <http://ststephenschurch.org/styled-23%20Contribute/index.html>.
- If you are ready to inquire about membership, want us to pray for you or someone you name, or you'd like a call from one of our priests, please email [office@ststephenschurch.org](mailto:office@ststephenschurch.org).
- All currently available Livestream links, Christian Education forums, and classes can be accessed on the church website St Stephen's Central page.
- Visit *Together Apart*, the daily clergy blog, at <https://ststephensbelvedere.squarespace.com/>

27th December 2020 | The First Sunday after Christmas

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**Reader** [Isaiah lesson & Galations lesson] **The Clergy**

**Voice, Cantor & Trumpet** Douglas Mandell

**Director of Parish Music** John Karl Hirten

**Stream Team** Oliver Dugan, Ciara Hall, Alec Marasa,  
Kelly Perasso, Jack Putney, Phoebe Putney, Madeline Thiara

**Preacher** The Rev'd Christine Trainor

**Celebrant** The Rev'd Phillip C. Ellsworth, Jr.



# ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

BELVEDERE

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

27th December 2020 | 10:00 o'clock in the morning

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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*Worship is a verb. From the Altar of this sacred space to the altar of your heart in the sacred space of your home, we welcome you to join us in the active worship of God. This service is based on the Holy Eucharist Liturgy of Eucharistic Prayer B in the Book of Common Prayer [BCP] on page 367, printed herein.*

*For ease of use, this leaflet contains the live stream congregation portions of the liturgy, service music, and hymn lyrics.*

## **The Prelude**

**At the Procession** *Gonfalon Royal (Hymn 86) for organ*

Douglas Mandell, *trumpet*    Percy Carter Buck (1871 – 1947)

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The Acclamation

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

### The Collect for Purity *Said by all.*

BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand and sing.*

**Gloria Hymn 96** *Angels we have heard on high*

GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
echo back their joyous strains.  
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO.  
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see?  
What glad tidings did you hear?  
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO.  
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO.

Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn king.  
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO.  
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO.

## The Collect for the First Sunday after Christmas

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

**A**lmighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## The First Reading Isaiah 61. 10 – 62.3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.  
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

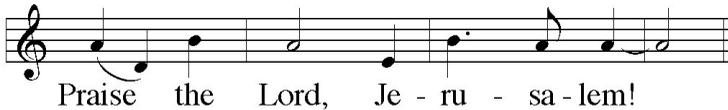
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 147. 13 – 20** *Laudate Dominum*

John Karl Hirten (b. 1956)

*Please repeat refrain after the cantor each time.*



Glorify the Lord Jerusalem. Zion, offer praise to your God,  
who has strengthened the bars of your gates,  
blessed your children within you.

— Refrain [r]

God has brought peace to your borders,  
and filled you with finest wheat.

The Lord sends a command to earth, his word runs swiftly. [r]

The Lord also proclaims the word to Jacob,  
and decrees and laws to Israel.

God has not done this for other nations,  
of such laws they know nothing. [r]

### **The Epistle Reading Galatians 3. 23 – 25, 4. 4 – 7**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**At the Sequence** *Alleluia*

PLAINSONG

**The Holy Gospel John 1. 1 – 18**

Gospeller The ✠Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The preacher says a prayer and then bids the people to sit.*

**The Homily**

Christine Trainor

*After the homily, the people stand to say the Nicene Creed.*

**The Nicene Creed** *Standing*

BCP 358

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

*Cantor: O Christ Incarnate.*



*All: Be born in us a - gain.*

*During the Prayers of the People, please join the intercessor in reading aloud the names on the prayer list.*

We pray for those needful or desirous of our prayers, including  
**Marjorie, Vicki, Ron, Tim, Pam, Jeanie, Liana, Rod, Luke, Mary, Bill,**  
and **Frederick.**

We pray for those who have died including **Tim Haseltine,**  
**Mina Malaguti Hirten, Barry Stiteler, and Doug Stiteler.**

And, on their Year's Mind, we remember **Jane Buller, Elisabeth Burgess,**  
and **Rose Carmen Nickles.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**The Confession** *Said by all, kneeling or standing.*

*The Celebrant says*

**Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.**

*Silence may be kept.*

### *Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

**The Absolution** *The Celebrant pronounces an absolution.*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Offertory Sentence**

*Please remember to support the church financially through your pledge or contribution, which you can send by mail to St Stephen's Episcopal Church, PO Box 97, Belvedere, CA 94920 or donate online by way of St Stephen's Paypal account button at <http://ststephenschurch.org/styled-23%20Contribute/index.html>.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

At the Offertory Organ Voluntary *Vom Himmel hoch* [Hymn 80] Traditional

The Doxology *The people stand and sing.*

PUER NOBIS

To God the Fa - ther, heav'n - ly Light, to  
Christ, re - vealed in earth - ly night, to  
God the Ho - ly Ghost we raise our  
e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

**Preface for the Incarnation** *Celebrant*

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus** *Missa Simplex*

John Karl Hirten (b. 1956)

*The people remain standing and sing.*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



God of pow - er and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high-est.



Bless ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na in the high-est.

*from* MISSA SIMPLEX by John Karl Hirten.

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*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We

pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever Blessed and Glorious Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, Blessed Stephen and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**The Lord's Prayer** *Together*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power  
and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

**At the Breaking of the Bread** *Missa Simplex*

John Karl Hirten (b. 1956)

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world.

Have mer-cy on us. Grant us peace.

**The Peace**

**Invitation**

**At the Communion**

*How will I receive the Sacrament if not by mouth? By faith. The Church has been through pestilence and passed its wisdom down to us in the Book of Common Prayer. Here's the rubric [instruction] from the 1689 Prayer Book translated into contemporary Californian: "But if a person, either by reason of extremity of sickness or . . . by any other just impediment, cannot receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood: the Clergy shall instruct them that if they repent of their sins, and believe that Jesus Christ has suffered death upon the Cross for them, and shed his Blood for their redemption, earnestly remembering the benefits they have received thereby . . . they eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Savior Christ profitably to their soul's health, although they do not receive the Sacrament with their mouth."*

*Via live stream you will receive what Tradition calls Spiritual Communion. Inclining your hearts, you will eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ to your soul's health, although you do not receive the Sacrament with your mouth.*

*The Celebrant continues*

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**Communion Music** *The people sit.*

**Organ Voluntary** *In dulci jubilo* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

**The Post-Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving** *The people stand.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The people remain standing and respond Amen at the conclusion.*

## **The Christmas Benediction**

*Celebrant*

May God who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. And may Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace, and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Eternal Majesty, the Incarnate Word, and the Everliving Spirit be with you now and ever more. **Amen.**

## **At the Retiring Procession**

**Hymn** *Personet Hodie* for Organ

HYMN 92

## **The Dismissal**

**Priest** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People** **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**The Postlude** *Improvisation on "Vom Himmel hoch"*

— Please Pledge today for 2021 —

The 2021 Pledge Appeal Campaign | St Stephen's is at **83% of goal**. Our goal is 100 % participation. Please get your pledge in today.

**Returning your pledge now will help your Vestry plan a realistic budget that will allow your church to flourish in 2021.** Additionally, pledge amounts over last year's pledge and first-time pledges will be matched.

Whatever amount you pledge is sincerely appreciated. By simply making a pledge of any amount, you cast your heart and thoughtful support for St Stephen's and the church community you want it to be. Please give today

Pledge appeal packages were mailed on the 17th of September. If you have not received yours, pledge cards can be downloaded from Ststephenschurch.org, or contact the office. Look for the pledge link on the bottom right side of the home page. You can fill out, scan, and email it to office[at]ststephenschurch.org or send by mail.

— Floral Donations for 2021 —

*Please use the link below if you would like to contribute to the 2021 altar flowers in memory, or in celebration of your loved ones, or special events.*

The 2021 Flower Chart is virtual this year. Please sign up for your special Sunday. The regular donation for flowers is \$150. You will be contacted the week prior to your Sunday week for your floral dedication which appears in the online pdf of the leaflet, in *Tidings*, and on Facebook. You may send your check with *Altar Flowers* written in the memo line, and your dedication to the office in advance, or the week of your dedication, or email the office with permission to charge your credit card. If you have any questions, please email Barbara Garcia-Romero at barbara.c.garciaromero [at] gmail.com or Barbara Berling at berling1[at]gmail.com. Although, until services safely begin again, the arrangement will be an orchid plant, your donation will also go to the livestream expenses. If you have difficulty signing up, email dee@ststephenschurch.org.

St Stephen's 2021 Altar Flower Chart:

<https://bit.ly/3iFUSgH>

## – Announcements –

For all St Stephen's live streams and virtual offerings, please go to the **ST STEPHEN'S CENTRAL** page on our website at <http://ststephenschurch.org/>.

**Indoor Worship is on hold** until at least 3rd January 2021 per the Bishop and County new shelter-in-place regulations.

Thank you for your Christmas gifts for Adopt A Family.

**Godly Play Christmas Story Link:**

<https://youtu.be/arZJPdXrEV4>

Visit *Together Apart*, the almost daily clergy blog, at

<https://ststephensbelvedere.squarespace.com/>

**Stay Connected with Bible Studies and discussions** that continue online via Zoom. Go to St Stephen's Central at [ststephenschurch.org](http://ststephenschurch.org) for all links. Please see the next set of pages for all St Stephen's Bible Studies and Forum offerings.

**3rd January 2021, 9:00 am | Zoom Discussion**

**Slow Religion: The Foundations of Christian Faith in the 21st Century**

*Incarnation* led by the Rev'd Zoila Schoenbrun and Joe Jennings. See the Bible Studies and Forums page at the back of this leaflet for detailed information.

**Blessing of the Chalk, 10th January, 10:00 am service.** [Blessed chalk and cards will be available under the Kimball Hall overhang, outside after the service.

**Live Stream** | We seek your feedback on your experience with the quality of the livestream. Are you having technical difficulties with livestream sound? Video? Glitches? Please email Elizabeth Gravelly to let us know.

- Go to what is now St Stephen's unique url for this channel: <https://www.youtube.com/ststephensbelvedere> and save this in your browser favorites. If you have difficulty finding the livestream after the service, look for the videos button, and look under past videos.

**Floral Donations** | In order to protect the health of St Stephen's Altar Guild members, the floral display will remain a living plant, until the church can resume physical services, and it is once again safe to create changing floral arrangements. Your continued floral donations help support the livestream services. **Please see the link on the previous page to sign up for 2021.**

**Christmas Floral Donations** | Thank you to all who have donated to the Altar Guild fund for Christmas floral decorations.

**Clergy Pastoral Care** | The clergy may be contacted at the office number: 415-435-4501 by leaving a voicemail. After hours, if you have a pastoral emergency, call or text the Clergy On Call number, 415-328-8812.

**Please make sure that St Stephen's has your correct email** and that you are currently receiving the weekly email and eNews from us. If you have updates to your contact information, please email Elizabeth Gravely, Rector's Executive Assistant, as soon as possible: elizabeth[at]ststephenschurch. Don't miss the Live stream Sunday Services, Zoom Bible Studies, and teleconference events that are available to you. If you do not receive *St Stephen's Tidings* on Saturday at 6:00a, look in your junk mail first. It helps to add dee[at]ststephenschurch.org into your address book.

## — YEAR END GIVING —

There will be limited office hours through the end of the year. If you would like to make a year end pledge payment or contribution for 2020 tax year, please mail your check to St Stephen's Church, P.O. Box 97, Belvedere, CA 94920 by 31st December 2020.

All checks postmarked by 12/31, stock transfers completed by your stock broker by 12/31, and payments made via PayPal by 12/31 through the link on our website, will all be on your 2020 Contribution statement.

Please contact Financial Accounting Manager Betsy Menzel, or Elizabeth Gravely, Executive Assistant/Office Manager for questions

— St Stephen's Sunday Zoom Coffee Hour —



Join In This Sunday, 27th December 2020, For A Zoom Coffee Hour

Grab a cup of coffee after the livestream worship service this Sunday and join in for a social hour of casual conversation. Enter when you can following the service. The gathering will run from 11:00 am until 11:45 am. Meeting ID: 876 6421 9006 – Passcode: 485962

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87664219006?pwd=dmF2RlFicFhKNGtHQ2pBYkNPMoNkdz09>

– Fall Adult Bible Studies and Sunday Forums –

Find the Zoom links on St Stephen's Central

**Slow Religion: The Foundations of Christian Faith in the 21st Century:**

Incarnation — God made flesh in Jesus Christ

*Next Class: 1/3 The Gospel of St John (90-110 CE)*

*Mark: 8:29 "He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?""*

One of the core questions about Jesus of Nazareth and Jesus Christ is who was or is he? Whatever the answer was before the resurrection, and we will never know, the answer among his followers after the resurrection was a combination and redefinition of the Messiah, the Son of God, and upon several decades of reflection and experience, God incarnate. Our next series on The Foundations of Faith addresses the theology of Incarnation.

Led by the Rev'd Zoila Schoenbrun and Joe Jennings.

Other Event links also on St Stephen's Central

**Film Society Zoom: Wednesdays at 4:00 pm**

**Saturday Prayer Zoom Breakfasts with Father Schaper at 8:00 am.**

## CHRISTMAS APPEAL FROM THE RECTOR

**M**any members, one body. Nothing that happens at St Stephen's happens without our members generously sharing their time, talent, and financial support. There would be no worship, no music, no programs for children or youth, no outreach or adult formation without all of us.

A yearly financial pledge is the primary method of funding St Stephen's ministries and operations. Making an annual commitment enables our Vestry to plan for the coming year based on a predictable financial base.

**I ask you to give.** It's Christmas. The child is in your arms. He needs love. He has not even the words to ask for it. The glory of God is with us and asks for our care.

Merry Christmas.

— The Rev'd Phil Ellsworth, Rector

— Calendar these Dates —

*As long as Marin remains in shelter in place, all services and events will be livestreamed or Zoomed.*

13th January 2021    **Deadline for Annual Ministry Reports**  
24th January 2021    **Annual Meeting, 11:15a**

— Pledge Appeal 2021 —

**Pledge and Participate in St Stephen's Growing Ministry Today**

Margaret Abbott  
Meg & Steve Abbott  
Sam Abbott  
Martha & Bruce Auld  
Kim Baltzell & John Main  
Frances Barbour  
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## — Pledging Process —

Pray. Begin in prayer by asking God to guide you.

Give proportionally. Proportional giving is offering to God a portion of what God has given us. A traditional guideline for tithing is 10 percent of one's income.

Decide how you want to make your pledge. There are several options:

1. Make a one-time gift. Place a check in the mail it to us at St Stephen's Church, PO Box 97, Belvedere, CA 94920.
2. Make a pledge of a weekly, monthly, quarterly, or yearly gift. Email Elizabeth Gravely [elizabeth@ststephenschurch.org] or Betsy Menzel [betsy@ststephenschurch.org], or leave a voicemail for either one of them at 415-435-4501. Elizabeth will receive your voicemail on the main number, and Betsy can be reached at ex. 15.
3. Give online. Click the contributions link on our website to: <http://ststephenschurch.org/styled-23%20Contribute/index.html> then click the donate button to go directly to St Stephen's PayPal Account. If you don't have or wish to use a PayPal Account and prefer to use your credit card, scroll to the bottom of the PayPal page where it reads "Don't have a PayPal account?" and click the continue button to open the credit card page.
4. Gifts of Stock. Donating your securities to St Stephen's Church provides you a tax deduction based upon current market values and saves you paying capital gains taxes on your donated investment. Please contact the office for our wiring instructions.
5. Join our Legacy Society. Make a legacy gift in your estate planning. Contact the Rev'd Richard Schaper [rlschaper@gmail.com].

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