

Welcome to St Stephen's BELVEDERE

This Sunday, October 25, we celebrate, give thanks for, and bless the financial pledges given to St Stephen's Church for 2021 during the first general phase of our annual giving campaign to support, sustain, and spread our ability to minister in the local community and beyond, in the name of Christ. While we gather these gifts-to-date today, if you have not made yours yet, please pledge now, and we will add it too the bounty!

Prayer over Pledge Cards

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving, we dedicate our pledges to you. These cards represent our work, they represent our lives, they represent our priorities, they represent our dreams. The pledges we make are but tokens of the awesome gifts we have been given. They are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become. May they be the first fruits of all we have, so that we may live out as closely as possible the way you give to us. We ask your blessing upon them as you bless our lives, in the name of God: Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier. Amen.

Welcome to St Stephen's, a community seeking to show forth the love of God in our lives through all that we have and all that we are.

To our visitors, newcomers, and seekers:

- If you're new via the livestream, please email [office\[at\]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.
- 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/>

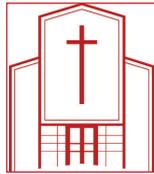
25th October 2020 | The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity



The flowers at the altar today are given by
Zoila & Dick Schoenbrun
to the glory of God & in celebration of their son,
David Schoenbrun, on his 62nd birthday.

Serving at the Altar Today

Scripture Reader	Ivan Weinberg [Deuteronomy lesson]
Scripture Reader	Lois Cannady [1 Thessalonians lesson]
Soprano	Judith Ward Hall
Alto	Matheus L. Coura
Tenor	Douglas Mandell
Bass	Wilford Kelly
Director of Parish Music	John Karl Hirten
Stream Team	Oliver Dugan, Alec Marasa, Kelly Perasso, Jack Putney, Phoebe Putney
Preacher	The Rev'd Phillip C. Ellsworth, Jr.
Celebrant	The Rev'd Christine Trainor



ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

BELVEDERE

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

25th October 2020 | 10:00 AM

Proper 25 | Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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 the Scottish Episcopal Church, 1982, printed herein.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Pledge Appeal 2021 Testimonial

At the Procession

Hymn 372 *Praise to the living God*

LEONI

Praise to the living God! All praised be his Name,
who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.
The one eternal God, ere aught that now appears;
the first, the last: beyond all thought his timeless years!

Formless, all lovely forms declare his loveliness;
holy, no holiness of earth can he express.
Lo, he is Lord of all. Creation speaks his praise,
and everywhere above, below, his will obeys.

His Spirit floweth free, high surging where it will;
in prophet's word he spoke of old; he speaketh still.
Established is his law, and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart, on sea, on land.

Eternal life hath he implanted in the soul;
his love shall be our strength and stay while ages roll.
Praise to the living God! All praised be his Name,
who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

—*Medieval Jewish Liturgy*; tr. Max Landsberg (1845 – 1928) and,
Newton M. Mann (1836 – 1926)

The Acclamation

Celebrant The world belongs to God.
People **The earth and all its people.**

Celebrant How good it is, how wonderful
People **To live together in community.**

Celebrant Love and faith come together.
People **Justice and peace hold hands.**

Celebrant Were Christ's disciples to keep silent
People **These stones would shout aloud.**

Celebrant Open our lips, O God,
People **And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

Canticle *Holy is God*

Paul Inwood (b. 1951)

Refrain [r]

**Holy is God, holy and strong!
God ever living, alleluia!**

Sing the Lord's praise, every nation, give God all honor and glory.
Strong is God's love for all people, his faithfulness is eternal. — [r]

Praise to the Father almighty; praise to the Son, Christ the Lord;
praise to the life-giving Spirit; both now and forever. Amen. — [r]

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The people sit.

The First Reading Deuteronomy 34. 1 – 12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain — that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees — as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that

the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90. 1 – 6, 13 – 17 *Domine, refugium*

Plainsong

The Antiphon

**Teach us, O Lord, to number our days,
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

You turn us back to the dust and say, *
“Go back, O child of earth.”

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.

May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

The Antiphon

**Teach us, O Lord, to number our days,
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

The Epistle Reading 1 Thessalonians 2. 1 – 8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand and remain standing for the Holy Gospel.

The Homily

Phil Ellsworth

The Prayers of the People

Cantor: We pray . . .

The image shows musical notation for a prayer. It consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and is labeled 'Leader' above the first measure and 'All' above the second measure. The notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5. The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and contains the notes: G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F#4, G4. The lyrics 'Lord, in your mer - cy Hear our prayer.' are written below the notes.

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

Jeanie, Gwen, Stanley, Kristina, Liana, Tom, and Ann.

We pray for those who have died, whom we now name...

And, on their Year's Mind, we remember **Ernest Brown, Sr., and Constance Tyler.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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>.

Your regular Pledge Appeal 2021 cards received prior to Thursday, the 22nd of October have been placed into a basket for today's blessing during the Offertory. Thank you for your generosity. Your pledge helps St Stephen's flourish.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

At the Offertory *Be ye to others*

George Frederick Root (1820 – 1895)

Be ye to others kind and true
As you'd have others be to you.
And neither do nor say to men
What e'er ye would not take again.

The Doxology *The people stand and sing.*

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
God, all crea tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

Pledge Appeal 2021 InGathering Prayer over the Pledges

Said by all

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving, we dedicate our pledges to you. These cards represent our work, they represent our lives, they represent our priorities, they represent our dreams. The pledges we make are but tokens of the awesome gifts we have been given. They are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become. May they be the first fruits of all we have, so that we may live out as closely as possible the way you give to us. We ask your blessing upon them as you bless our lives, in the name of God: Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

— *From the Eucharistic Liturgy of the
Scottish Episcopal Church, 1982*

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness. Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow, and leads the exiles home. In Christ your Son, enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made welcome.

The Celebrant proceeds.

We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we sing the hymn of your unending glory:

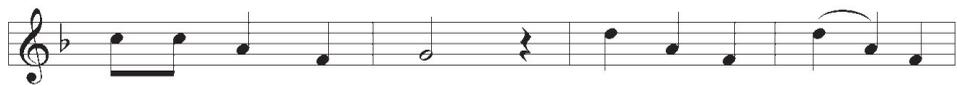
Sanctus *Rose Hill Mass*

John Karl Hirten (b. 1956)

The people remain standing and sing.



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



God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -



san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na, ho -



san - na in the high - est. Blest is the



One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

from the Rose Hill Mass by John Karl Hirten

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The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving God, for Christ in whom the world is reconciled. Lifted on the cross, his suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf our sins had made. Through that dark struggle, death was swallowed up in victory, that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, and at supper with his disciples, he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of your Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a holy and living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful God, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for service.

Help us, who are gathered into the community of Christ's body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, world without end. **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.

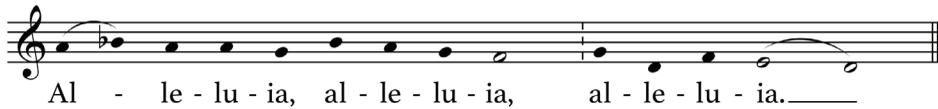
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

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

At the Breaking of the Bread

Peregrine Tone

Repeat refrain after the cantor the first time.



Choir: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.



All: There-fore let us keep the feast. _

—All sing Refrain

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.

Communion Music *The people sit.*

Communion Hymn 581 *Where charity and love prevail* CHESHIRE

Where charity and love prevail there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear his charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;
and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;
Be his the glory that we seek, be ours his holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son;
as members of His body joined, we are in him made one.

Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name;
our common life embraces all whose Father is the same.

— from the Latin *Ubi caritas*, tr. J. Clifford Evers (1916 – 1977)

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

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Said by all.

Almighty Creator of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit enlightens, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Celebrant

Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and those you love this day and always. **Amen.**

At the Retiring Procession

Hymn 450 *All hail the power of Jesus' Name!*

CORONATION

Stanzas 1, 2, 3, & 6

All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Crown him, ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar call:
praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!

Hail him, the Heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call,
the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty inscribe, and crown him Lord of all!

—Edward Perronet (1726 – 1792)

The Dismissal

Priest Go in peace, caring for creation, serving Christ,
and sharing the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Postlude

– Music Notes –

Massachusetts-born George Frederick Root (1820 – 1895) came from a farming community and, although, largely self-taught until the age of eighteen, made his way to Boston for formal musical training. He worked as a church organist there and later became proficient enough to teach music at the New York Institute for the Blind. Upon his return from a study tour of Europe in 1850, he founded his own music publishing company and, with fellow musician Lowell Mason, would spend part of the year traveling around the country to promote musical education.

The hymn “Praise to the living God” and its accompanying tune both have roots in the Jewish liturgy. The text is a paraphrase of the *Yigdal* (which means “magnify”), and it is based on the “13 Creeds,” the Jewish articles of faith formulated by Moses Maimonides (1130 –1205) and later versified by Daniel Ben Judah Dayyan.

1. Exalted be the Living God and praised, He exists – unbounded by time is His existence;
2. He is One – and there is no unity like His Oneness – Inscrutable and infinite is His Oneness;
3. He has no semblance of a body nor is He corporeal – nor has His holiness any comparison;
4. He preceded every being that was created – the First, and nothing precedes His precedence;
5. Behold! He is Master of the universe – Every creature demonstrates His greatness and His sovereignty;
6. He granted His flow of prophecy – to His treasured, splendid people;
7. In Israel, none like Moses arose again – a prophet who perceived His vision clearly;
8. God gave His people a Torah of truth – by means of His prophet, the most trusted of His household;
9. God will never amend nor exchange His law – for any other one, for all eternity;
10. He scrutinizes and knows our hiddenmost secrets – He perceives a matter’s outcome at its inception;

11. He recompenses humanity with kindness according to his deed – He places evil on the wicked according to his wickedness;
12. By the End of Days He will send our Messiah – to redeem those longing for His final salvation;
13. God will revive the dead in His abundant kindness – Blessed forever is His glorious Name.

The first English version of the *Yigdal* is by Thomas Olivers, “The God of Abraham praise,” which can also be found in our hymnal as #401. The language in that version, from 1763, was intentionally Christianized, whereas the version we sing today retains its Hebrew orientation. This is due to the efforts of a German rabbi living in Rochester, NY. In 1884, Rabbi Max Landsberg asked the local Unitarian minister, Newton Mann, to help compose a version suitable for both Christian and Jewish worship, which they did, but in a different meter than the former version. So Landsberg approached Mann’s successor, William C. Gannett, to come up with a version that matched the tune LEONI.

The anonymous tune was sung in Jewish worship as early as the early 17th Century, but it was formally written down by the Cantor of the Great Synagogue in London, Meier Leoni, in 1763, at the request of Thomas Olivers. The tune is still sung today in synagogues worldwide.

— St Stephen’s Choir —

In order for the links to be active links, available to click through, they must be all on one line and the actual link.

Back virtually for your enjoyment, the St Stephen’s Choir. Please visit this link to a Zoom recording of them singing, *Ave Verum Corpus, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756 – 1791)*:

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

— All Saints Remembrance —

St Stephen's will remember in prayer on All Saints Day, the names of those who passed away between 28th October 2019 through 25th October 2020. Most names will already be on the list. Please check the list by clicking on the link below. If the name of someone you lost last year is not on the list, please add it to this live document. Deadline for names is Tuesday 27th October. If you have difficulty posting to the live document, email dee@ststephenschurch.org

<https://bit.ly/36KWsvr>

— Floral Donations for 2021 —

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](mailto:barbara.c.garciaromero@gmail.com) or Barbara Berling at [berling11\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:berling11[at]gmail.com). Although, until services safely begin again, the arrangement will be an orchid plant, your donation will also go to the Livestream. St Stephen's 2021 Altar Flower Chart Live Document:

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

— Stewardship Ingathering today, 25th October —

To celebrate your generosity and faithful support of the mission and ministry of this parish, we will hold a joyful Ingathering at the 10 am service today with a special blessing at the Offertory of all pledges that were received into the office this past Wednesday, 21st October.

– Announcements –

The 2021 Pledge Appeal Campaign | St Stephen's is at 32% of goal. Our goal is 100 % participation. Please get your pledge in today.

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/>.

Eventbrite Link for 1st November, All Saints Day, 8:00 am courtyard service.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/courtyard-service-registration-123524660585>

Registration for 20 people, 10 on the wait list. Goes live this Saturday, 24th October and closes on 29th October at Noon. If it is raining, the service will be cancelled.

Ingathering today | All pledges that were received in the office by Wednesday of this week will be blessed during today's Ingathering service. We are using this special blessing to recognize all pledges that have been received, and as a celebration to inspire all those who have yet to pledge to get your pledges in as soon as possible.

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 2021: 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](mailto:office[at]ststephenschurch.org) or send by mail.

Visit *Together Apart*, the almost daily clergy blog, at <https://ststephensbelvedere.squarespace.com/>

Read your next week's *Tidings* to learn about two special events coming soon in November: *Talking Turkey about Race*: the Rector and the Associate Rector of St Stephen's Church, Belvedere in Conversation with Pastor Dave Hall of Big God Ministries, Mill Valley, Saturday 14 November, 10:00am. At the corner of Tiburon Blvd and Main Street, and a second interview in mid-November [TBD] with Dr. Esau McCaulley, author of *Reading While Black*.

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

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 Gravely to let us know.

- St Stephen's has moved the livestream channel to YouTube. All upcoming livestreams, as well as those from 8.16.20, and forward, are available on this channel. If you subscribe with your Google account, you can always doublecheck for the most recent version of the current livestream, as well as view those archived since the changeover. Go to what is now St Stephen's unique url for this channel: <https://www.youtube.com/ststephensbelvedere> Save this in your browser favorites.

Virtual Prayer Corner | To light a candle in the virtual prayer corner, please see the instructions on the *St Stephen's Central* webpage of the website <http://ststephenschurch.org/> under **Pastoral Care** or download the pdf link in your Saturday morning *Tidings* (*St Stephen's Church News*).

Floral Donations | In order to protect the health of St Stephen's Altar Guild members, the floral display will remain a phalaenopsis orchid 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.

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.



This Sunday's Video Link: The Great Family

<https://youtu.be/1P7MdmrDHnM>

Normally during the school year we teach Godly Play classes to students, but since we are separated by County Health and Bishop Marc's directives, each week we send you videos you can watch on demand. We understand that many children are dealing with more screen time than usual, but we're not willing to cede that space entirely to schools. It is important to find spiritual help for your children from your church. I recommend that you watch each Godly Play story as a family, at a set time convenient each week if possible. You are raising a child in the knowledge and love of the Lord, to love God and neighbor. That is a huge responsibility. And it is at the same time a great privilege, a gift.

Prior Video Links:

Introduction for parents: <https://youtu.be/wJAYfWzmHPg>

The Church Year: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JPTWq1AsCao>

The Holy Bible: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bPxFp91qMb4>

The Holy Family: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=arZJPdXrEV4>

Creation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yBZSfu9TyrY>

The Flood and the Ark: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6u6E4yEZhUE>

Please feel free to contact directly Victoria Ellsworth if you have any questions or need any advice on how to share your faith lovingly with children.

– Pledge Appeal 2021 –

Pledge and Participate in St Stephen's Growing Ministry Today

Meg & Steve Abbott	Barbara Garcia-Romero
Martha & Bruce Auld	Phyllis Garrick
Kim Baltzell & John Main	Barbara Gloger
Debbie & Shawn Bennett	Ann Green & John McComish
Linda Berg	Kay Moore Harris
Barbara Berling	Jo Ann Haseltine
DeWitt Bowman	Jennifer & Eric Henerlau
Randi & Bill Brinkman	William Heydorn
Gretchen & John Busterud	Jill Hinds & Charles Allen
Lois Cannady	John Karl Hirten
Timothy Curtin	Martha & David Irmer
Janice & Lance Dalzell-Piper	Auban & Bart Jackson
Nida DeVoto	John Jenkins
Ginny Doyle	Barbara Johnson
Chuck Eaton	Anne Johnston
Victoria & Phillip Ellsworth	Dorothy Jones
Claudia Feurey	Sharon & Bob Kahn
Heather Findlay	Gretchen Kimball

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Leah & Bill Lambrecht	Susan Painter
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Kathryn Lowell	Jeanette Richards
Denise & Elliott Main	Zebiya Rigby
Claire McAuliffe	Lisa & Paul Rosenlund
Joan & Roger McGee	Helen Sandeman
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Jane & Carl Martin	Deborah Sorondo
Elizabeth “Betsy” Menzel	Juli & John Tantum
Mary Ann Milford	Jennie Taylor
Diana & Robert “Bobby” Moore	Georgene Tozzi
Christine Mudge & Jim Grout	Christine Trainor
D.B. Murray	Suzanne & Harry Smith
Lilian Murray	Jerry South
Alexandra & Philip Norris	Joan White
Mike North	Karen Young & J. Morrow
Anita Ostrom & Richard Schaper	

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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, given in gratitude for God's blessings and to further God's work in the world. Giving a percentage of our income— increasing each year toward or beyond the tithe — is a way of deepening our awareness of the abundance of God's love.

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].

— St Stephen's Sunday Zoom Coffee Hour —



Join In This Sunday, 25th October 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! Christine Brent and Donald Sung will co-host a casual conversation. Join in when you can following the service. The gathering will run from 11:00 am until 11:45 am.

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

Meeting ID: 876 6421 9006

Passcode: 485962

Participants will be muted on the Zoom call upon entry. [Zoom directions and etiquette as pdfs on St Stephen's Central.]

—Disaster Relief—

Hurricane Laura: <http://bit.ly/HurricaneLaura20FB>

California Wildfires: <https://www.ncoinc.org/disaster-recovery/>
with a memo for “Valley Fire.” Or

www.redcross.org

to contribute financial aid or texting the word “REDCROSS” to 90999
to make a \$10 donation.

— Fall Adult Bible Studies and Sunday Forums —

Find the Zoom links at St Stephen's Central

Sunday 25th October, 9:00 — 10:00 am Zoom

Religion as Romanticism.

William Blake, as a Christian. A pdf of Blake's ten best works is available at St Stephen's Central. We will spend a little time with *The Chimney Sweepers*, London, Little Lamb, Tyger, and of course Jerusalem. I hope someone in our group was a literature major or art history major and will step forward with input. Led by Karl Belgum. **Sunday 1st November, 9:00 — 10:00 am Zoom**

Sunday 1st November, 9:00 – 10:00 am

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

Led by the Rev'd Zoila Schoenbrun and Joe Jennings

1st November: *Alternative Theories to Explain the Resurrection*

Sunday 15th November, 9:00 — 10:00 am Zoom

Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance. Led by Karl Belgum.

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

Led by the Rev'd Zoila Schoenbrun and Joe Jennings

8th November: *Introduction to Incarnation*

22nd November: *Incarnation:*

The Epistles and the early Baptismal Creeds (50 – 110 CE)

29th November: No class

6th December: *Incarnation: Synoptic Gospels (70 – 90 CE)*

13th December: *Incarnation: Gospel of St John (90 – 110 CE)*

20th December: *Incarnation: Evolution in the Creeds (40 – 450 CE)*

3rd January: *Incarnation: Augustine and later theologians (400 CE +)*

10th January: *Incarnation: 21st Century Incarnational Theology —*
(Richard Rohr, the Rev'd Vincent Pizzuto)

Subjects may change by week as the class progresses.

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