St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



The Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

November 15, 2026 | 8:00 am and 10:00 am

The 8:00 am service is a spoken service.

Welcome to St. Stephen's!

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning.
Children of all ages are welcome to worship with their parent(s) or caregiver. We invite families to sit up front so kids can see, hear, and join in the prayers and singing. We welcome wiggles and noise as a joyful sign that God is among us!

We also offer a year-round staffed nursery (infants-5) and Sunday School (K-4th, school year) for families who'd like their children in Christian Education. Please ask an usher for directions. Kids rejoin us in the sanctuary during the Peace to share in Holy Eucharist with the rest of the congregation.

The Liturgy of the Word

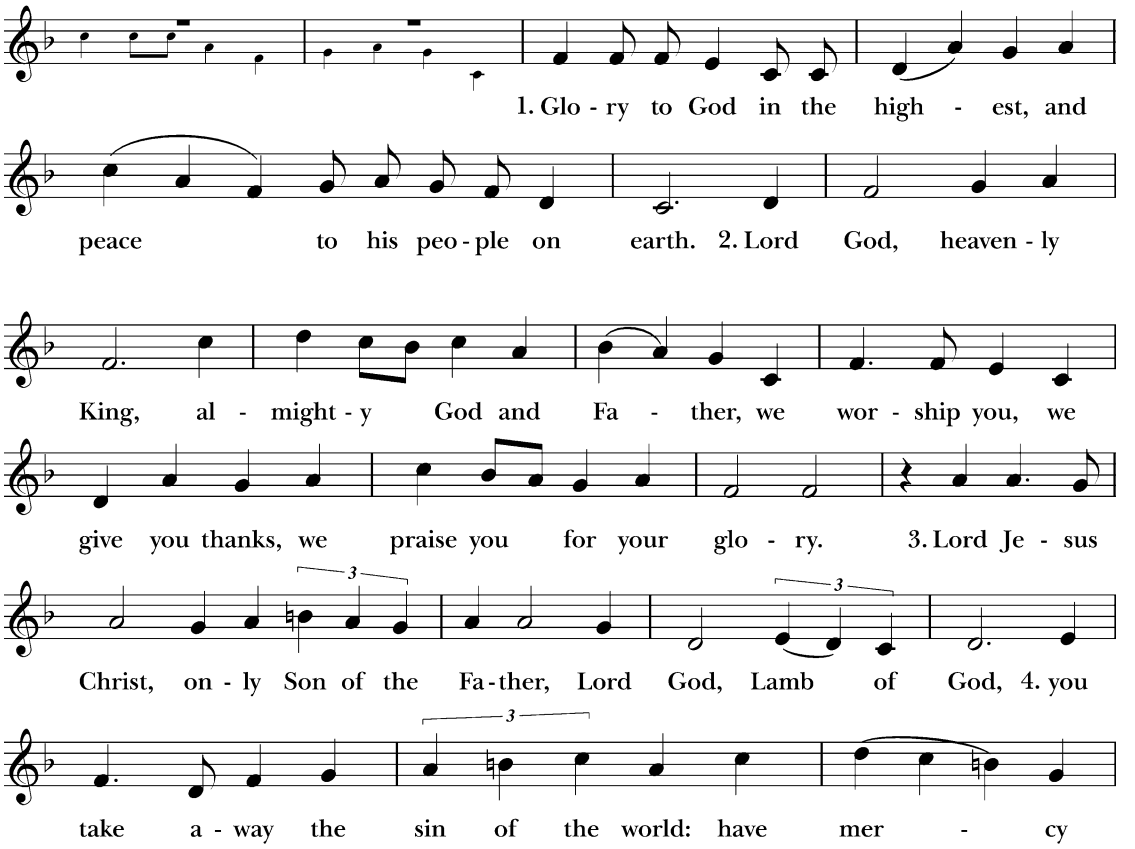
The Prelude Hymn Preparation
Crucifixus Antonio Lotti, arr. Tucker

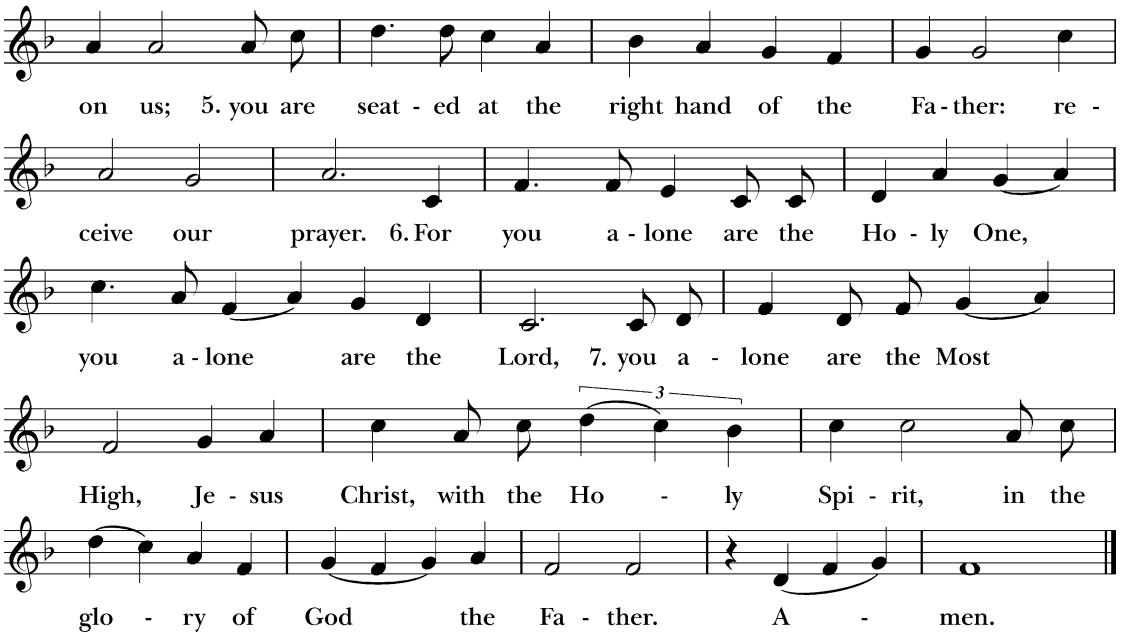
The Procession In O Christ, the Word Incarnate Hymnal 632

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen*

The Gloria (spoken at 8am, sung at 10am) Hymnal S 280





The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading (*please be seated*) Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast;

the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm *Ad te levavi oculos meos* Psalm 123

1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

The Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or

asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Hymn Not here for high and holy things Hymnal 9

The Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Very Rev. Kyle Dice Seage

The Nicene Creed
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 Form III BCP 387

(*The congregation will join in saying names in* ***bold***)

Father, we pray for your holy catholic church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, silently or aloud.
Silence

We pray especially for **Jo Ann, Tom**, **Pam, Josh**, **Bill**, **Dick, Wyatt, Stephen, and Suzette.**

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially **Gina, Regan, Claire, and Rick.**

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession
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

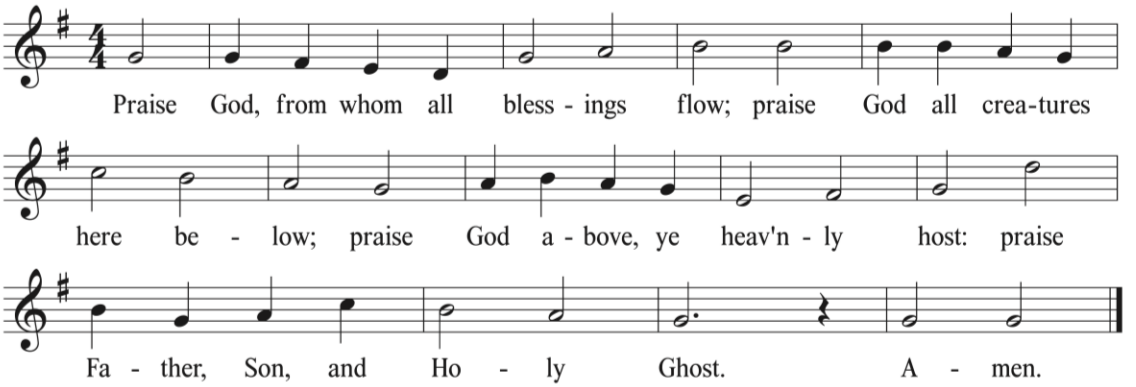
The Peace
Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory Sentence (*please stand*)

The Anthem Qui Tollis...Qui Sedes, from *Missa Sapientiae* Antonio Lotti

The Doxology

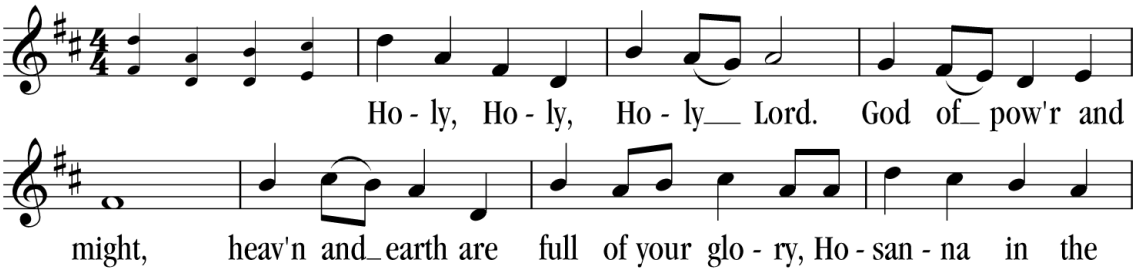


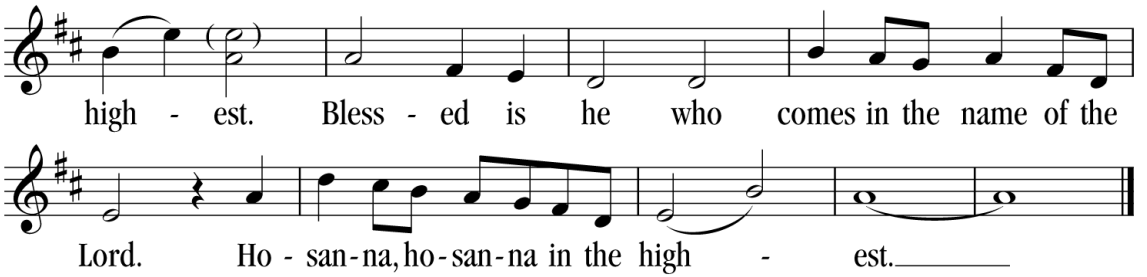
The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:





Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again;

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 has taught us, we are bold to pray,

The Lord's Prayer
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.

The Breaking of the Bread
Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

All are welcome to receive communion at God's altar.

If you desire prayers of healing by the laying on of hands, please proceed to the Mary Corner after receiving Communion.

The Distribution of Communion

The Voluntary Gamaya Paul John Rudoi

The Prayer after Communion *(please stand)* BCP 365

Presider Let us pray.
People 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 Blessing

The Procession Out Eternal Father, strong to save Hymnal 608

The Dismissal
Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Postlude Armed Forces Salute Jillian Gardner

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given
to the Glory of God and in loving memory
of William E. Cannady, who served as
Army Captain in the
European Theater during War II from
1942-1946
by
Lois Cannady and family

Birthday Blessings

Gina Hector	November 16
Regan Moore	November 17
Claire Ciranni	November 19
Rick Waterman	November 21

Music Notes

Welcome to worship at St. Stephen's! Worship in our tradition is participatory, so you are encouraged to join in the singing of the hymns and liturgy as they appear in the bulletin and the Hymnal 1982 in the pew racks in front of you. If a hymn has harmony indicated, you're welcome to sing it on the inner stanzas, leaving the first and last stanzas for unison singing. Prior to the start of the prelude, the organist previews all of the hymns heard in worship, in the order in which they appear.

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The choir's selection at the offertory comes from the *Missa Sapientiae*, by Italian composer Antonio Lotti. A larger portion of the work is being prepared for our Christmas Concert on December 13.

Lotti was born in Venice and rose through the ranks at the principal church there, St. Mark's Cathedral- first as alto staff singer in his late teens, and finally as principal music director by the time of his death. He composed sacred music for a number of Venetian institutions and served briefly as a court musician in Dresden, one of the most significant (yet under studied) musical capitals in Europe at the time. Though best remembered for his operas and shorter works (chief among them the prelude "Crucifixus" transcribed for organ) his *Missa* became an important moniker of the style of composition known as "galant," the transitory period between the end of the Baroque period and start of the Classical period in the early eighteenth century. Because it represented this change, the work caught the interest of a number of other composers. Both J.S. Bach and George F. Handel had copies of this short Mass, which only includes Kyrie and Gloria movements.

See you at worship, and at work in the world,
Brad

Announcements

Adult Forum – Today, following the 10 am service. Join Karl Belgum in the conference room for a discussion of GK Chesterton's book, Orthodoxy.

Gospel Reflection Hour - St. Stephen's offers a weekly Bible study session that requires no homework or ongoing obligation. Just bring your inquiring mind and an interest in reflecting upon the Gospel lesson for the upcoming Sunday. Lead by Zoila Schoenbrun, the group meets Wednesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. by Zoom**.** All are welcome. The link to the Zoom can be found on our website, www.ststepenschurch.org. Go to events, click on the calendar and the event

Upcoming Events

Holiday Faire	Kimball Hall	November 21 & 22
Adult Forum (Brian Seage)	Conference Room	November 22, 11:15 a.m.

Giving to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

If you would like to donate this morning, but are not carrying cash, feel free to donate with this QR code:

WiFi Guest Network: St Stephens Guest (password: allarewelcome)

St. Stephen's Holiday Faire



Gifts, goodies, and surprises galore!

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
3 Bayview Avenue, Belvedere

Sat., Nov. 21, 1 to 5 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 22, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Everybody's welcome!

A fundraiser for St. Stephen's outreach programs

Serving in Worship

Presider		The Very Rev. Kyle Dice Seage
Organist/Choir Director		Dr. Brad Schultz
Verger		Jo Ann Haseltine
Readers	8 a.m.	Ivan Weinberg Lilian Murray
	10 a.m.	Larisa Lucaci Marsha Dugan
Intercessors	8 a.m.	Lilian Murray
	10 a.m.	Bonnie Echerd
Eucharistic Ministers	8 a.m.	Altar Guild
	10 a.m.	Ellee deGroot Bonnie Echerd
Altar Guild	Team 3	Linda Berg Barbara Garcia-Romero P.J. Perring Barbara Gloger Nora Noguez Ellee de Groot
Ushers		Carol Louie Philip Norris Jim Purvis
Coffee Connections	Team 7	Janice and Lance Dalzell-Piper, Lead
Streamers		Henry Stiteler Stewart Walker
Newcomers Greeters		Kathy Winkler

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry

Dawn Vroegop, *Senior Warden*	Jim Purvis, *Junior Warden*
Leslie Cohl, *Clerk*	Bob McCaskill, *Treasurer*
Karl Belgum	Elliott Main
Marsha Dugan	Mary-Ann Milford
Gina Hector	Philip Norris
Jill Hinds	Andrew Purvis
Carol Louie	Jennie Taylor

Staff

Kyle Dice Seage	Rector
Brian Seage	Interim Associate Rector
Satoko Akuhara Boris	Events Coordinator
Elizabeth Gravely	Parish Administrator
Mary Hayden	Bookkeeper
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Charlotte Ward	Children's Ministry Coordinator
Ciara Ward	Children's Ministry Coordinator

If you need assistance during the week, please call or email the church office.
Our telephone number is 415-435-4501 and the email address is office@ststephenschurch.org.

If you would like to reach a member of the staff by email,
please use their first name (only) followed by @ststephenschurch.org.

The church office is open Tuesday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
If you call and no one is available to answer, please leave a message
and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

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