# St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



## The Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

## The Holy Eucharist Rite II

**November 8, 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

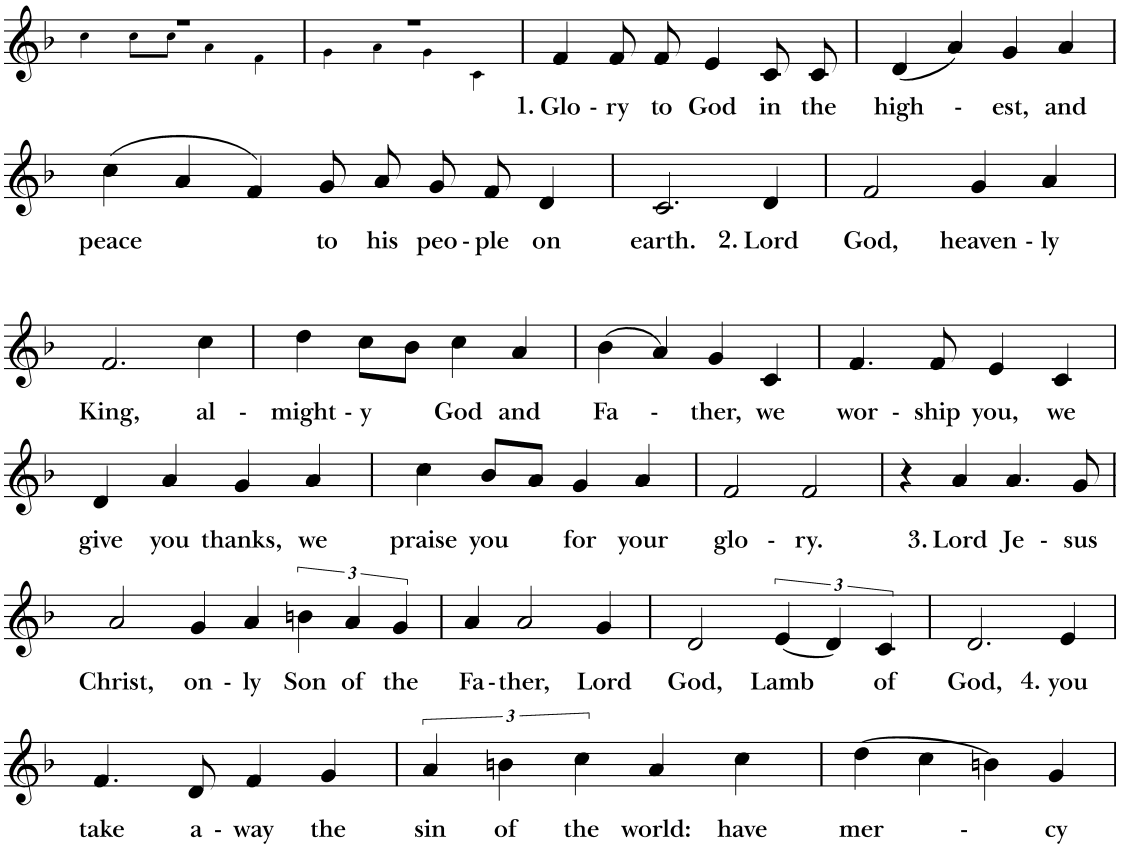
**The Prelude** Hymn Preparation
Minunata Harpă (Beautiful Harp) Andrei Lucian Drăgoi

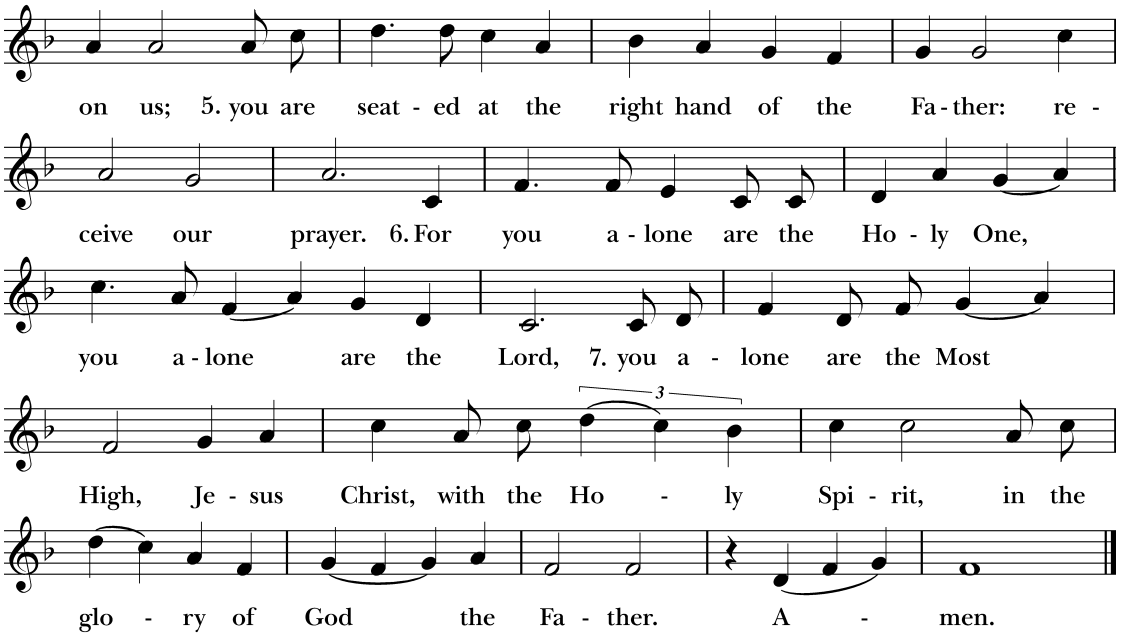
**The Procession In** O day of radiant gladness Hymnal 48

**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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The First Reading** Amos 5:18-24

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord: Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

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

**The Psalm** *Deus, in adjutorium* Psalm 70

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O LORD, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the LORD!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O LORD, do not tarry.

**The Second Reading** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

**The Hymn** Lift up your heads, you mighty gates Hymnal 436

**The Gospel** Matthew 25:1-13

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

*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 **Sandy**, **Shirley, Suzanne**, **Josh**, **Bill**, **Dick, Wyatt, Stephen, and Suzette.**

We pray for those who have died especially, **Sarah.**

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially **Janet, Ellee, and Elizabeth.**

*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**

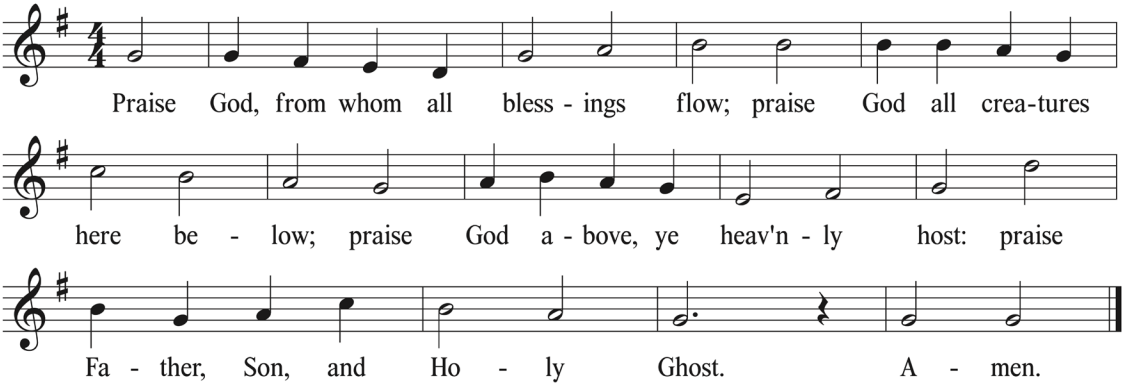
*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.
*People* And also with you.

## The Liturgy of the Table

**The Offertory Sentence**

**The Offertory Anthem** Let all mortal flesh keep silence Gustav Holst

**The Doxology**



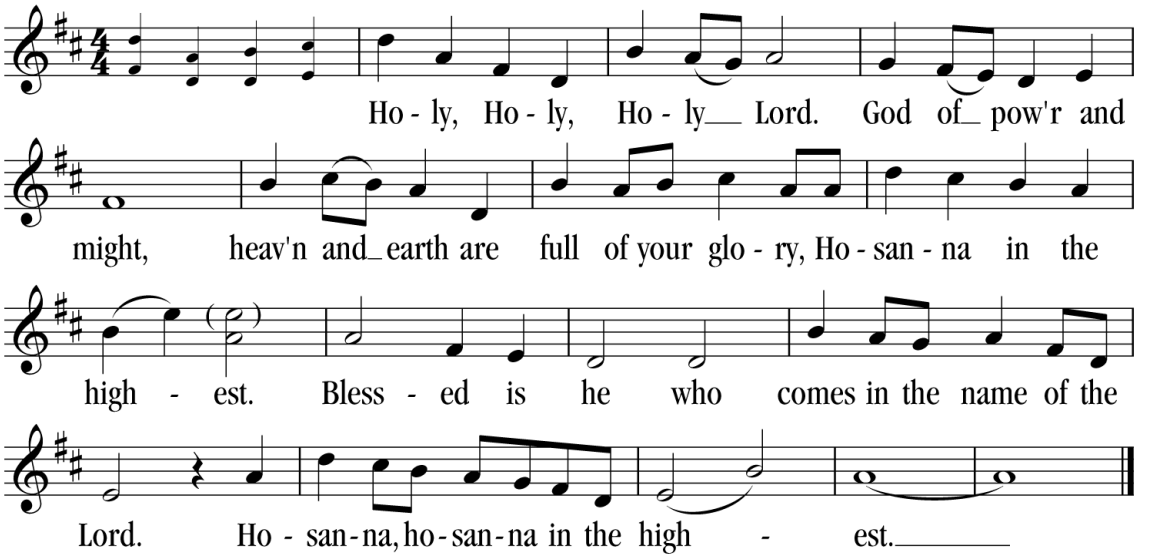

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A** BCP 361

*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**

**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** As those of old their first fruits brought Hymnal 705

**The Dismissal**

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

**The Postlude** Toccata in F, BWV 540 J.S. Bach

## Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given
to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Ken Ward and Bob Hall

by Judith Ward and Rod Hall

## Birthday Blessings

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| Janet Brown | November 10 |
| Ellee deGroot | November 14 |
| Elizabeth Gravely | November 14 |

## 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 anthem "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" is plenty familiar in our context, with a text equally at home in the "end times" adjacent lessons present in our worship in November and the season of Advent, which begins on the final Sunday of the month. The piece complements the message of the parable in the Gospel this morning through its call to silence, reverence, and preparedness for Christ's coming.

The text is an eighteenth-century paraphrase of the "Cherubic Hymn," which comes from the Liturgy of St. James, used in fifth century Eastern Orthodox liturgy as the bread and wine are brought in procession to the altar. The translation and metrical paraphrase is by Gerard Moultrie, who served as Anglican chaplain and curate in various English churches.

The tune, labeled PICARDY in our hymnals, comes from the region of France of the same name, and is based on a popular tune. The text of the folk tune, "Jesus-Christ s'habille en pauvre," is a fanciful depiction of Jesus searching for charity as a poor man- a parable also not unlike our November texts. He asks the master of the house for the crumbs under his table, but the rich man replies that the dogs deserve the crumbs more than he, who brings him nothing. The beggar appeals instead to the lady of the house, who invites him in for supper and offers him a bed. Suddenly, three angels appear, and the beggar tells the woman not to be afraid. He delivers the prophesy that she will die in three days and go to paradise, but her husband "en enfer ira brûler (will burn in hell)."

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

## Announcements

**Thanksgiving Meal Kits –** All are welcome to join Regan Moore and the St. Stephen's Outreach team this morning during Coffee Connections to fill bags to be delivered to Ritter Center.

**Veterans Day –** Sunday, November 15th, St. Stephen's will recognize and honor all those who served our country. If you would like to share with us your service record (name, branch, rank, where and when you served), please contact the office by Wednesday, November 11th.

**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

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| Men's Breakfast | SF Yacht Club | November 14, 9 a.m. |
| Adult Forum (Karl Belgum) | Conference Room | November 15, 11:15 a.m. |
| 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

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| **Presider** | | The Very Rev. Kyle Dice Seage |
| **Organist/Choir Director** | | Dr. Brad Schultz |
| **Verger** | | Jo Ann Haseltine |
| **Readers** | 8 a.m. | Linda Fairchild |
| | | Karen Gullett |
| | 10 a.m. | Jennie Taylor |
| | | Martha Irmer |
| **Intercessors** | 8 a.m. | Karen Gullett |
| | 10 a.m. | Nora Noguez |
| **Eucharistic Ministers** | 8 a.m. | Altar Guild |
| | 10 a.m. | Kathy Winkler |
| | | Carol Louie |
| **Altar Guild** | Team 4 | Martha Irmer |
| | | Linda Fairchild |
| | | Michele Larsen |
| | | Melody Key |
| | | Joanne Bentley |
| **Ushers** | | Charlie Coleman |
| | | Lance Dalzell-Piper |
| | | David Irmer |
| **Coffee Connections** | Team 6 | Satoko Boris, Co-Lead |
| | | Sally Williamson, Co-Lead |
| **Streamers** | | Claire Ciranni |
| | | Regan Moore |
| **Newcomers Greeters** | | Marjorie Sennett |

# ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Vestry

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| 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

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| Kyle Dice Seage | Rector |
| Brian Seage | Interim Associate Rector |
| Satoko Akuhara Boris | Events Coordinator |
| Elizabeth Gravely | Parish Administrator |
| Mary Hayden | Bookkeeper |
| Brad Schultz | Minister of Music |
| 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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