

MORNING PRAYER

8:30 am

Morning Prayer begins at the bottom of p. 6. The psalms for today are Psalm 90, 91, and 92, beginning on p. 453. The canticles after the lessons are the *Benedictus es Domine*, p. 11, and the *Benedictus*, p. 14.

HOLY EUCHARIST

9:00 am

The service follows the order of the 1928 Book of Common Prayer (page 67 and following) with Minor Propers from the Anglican Missal.

11:00 am

Opening hymn, <i>Winchester New</i>	Hymnal 10
Collect for Purity	BCP 67
Summary of the Law	BCP 69
Introit (<i>Choir</i>)	
DROPP down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness : let the earth open and bring forth a Saviour. The heavens declare the glory of God : and the firmament sheweth his handy-work. Glory be.	
<i>Kyrie, eleison</i> , ninefold,	Hymnal 747
Collect for Advent IV.....	BCP 95
Collect for Advent Season.....	BCP 90
Of St. Mary	
Epistle, <i>Philippians iv. 4</i>	BCP 95
Gradual and Alleluia (<i>Choir</i>)	
THE Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him : yea, all such as call upon him faithfully. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord : and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name. <i>Alleluia, alleluia.</i> Come, O Lord, and tarry not : forgive the misdeeds of thy people. <i>Alleluia.</i>	
Gospel, <i>St. John i. 19</i>	BCP 95
Nicene Creed	BCP 71
Sermon.....	Father Athanaelos
Offertory sentence (<i>Choir</i>)	
HAIL Mary, full of grace : the Lord is with thee : blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.	
Offertory hymn, <i>Merton</i>	Hymnal 9
Presentation of Alms & Doxology (Hymnal Supplement 819)	
Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church	BCP 74
Bidding to Confession & General Confession	BCP 75
Absolution & Comfortable Words	BCP 76
Preface of the Holy Trinity	BCP 79
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	Hymnal 799
Prayer of Consecration (Canon of the Mass).....	BCP 80
Our Father.....	BCP 82
<i>Agnus Dei</i>	Hymnal 749

Prayer of Humble Access	BCP 82
Holy Communion	
Communion hymn, <i>Greenland</i>	
Hymnal 4	
Communion sentence (<i>Choir</i>)	
BEHOLD, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son : and his Name shall be called Emmanuel.	
Thanksgiving	BCP 83
Postcommunion collects	
O LORD, who hast here vouchsafed unto us to be partakers of thy bounty : grant, we beseech thee, that we may so continue to draw near unto the same ; that growing more and more in grace, we may attain in the end to everlasting life. Through.	
We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts : that as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel ; so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through.	
Dismissal: <i>Let us bless the Lord.</i> Response: <i>Thanks be to God.</i>	
Blessing (kneel)	BCP 84
Closing hymn, <i>Helmsley</i>	Hymnal 5

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The **sanctuary lamp** this morning is given by Judith Ransom to the Glory of Almighty God and in thanksgiving for the healing of Sarah and in seeing His face in the generosity of gifts to the Food Bank.

We welcome our visitors and guests this morning. We are glad you are with us today. Please **fill out one of the guest cards** (located in the pew) and drop it in the offering plate. There are visitor's packets containing information about St. Stephen's and the Anglican Catholic Church in the narthex. You are invited to join us for coffee hour after the 9 am and 11 am Services.

Pastoral Care: If you would like a visit from the clergy, or if you know of someone who is sick or shut in, or if you would like someone put on the parish prayer list, please contact the Church office.

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After today, Fr. Nick's **Sunday School** will be in recess until January 15th. The **Archbishop's Bible Study** will meet this Wednesday, December 21st at 6pm, preceded by Evening Prayer at 5:30 in the church office.

The **church business office will be closed** on Monday and Tuesday, December 26 and 27th.



Please pray (BCP 597, For a Birthday) for those with known **birthdays** this week: Kathy Snyder (12/18) and Tony LePain (12/24).

Please pray (BCP 303, Third Collect) also for those with known **wedding anniversaries** this week: Shirley and Edmund Banks (12/18).

Prayers and best wishes to them from all their parish family.

Please remember the following parishioners and friends of St. Stephen's in your **daily prayers**: Dodie, Hildegard, Christiane, Betsye, Jefferson, Elaine, Bill, Karen, and Angela.



There is still time to remember loved ones and friends at Christmas. Dedications for **Christmas flowers** should be given to Susan by Tuesday, December 20th before noon to be included in the Christmas bulletin. The cost is \$25 and checks can be made to St. Stephens with notation for "Christmas flowers."

Donations for **Clergy Christmas** will be accepted through the end of the year. Help us show our appreciation for the exceptional clergy we have at St. Stephen's!

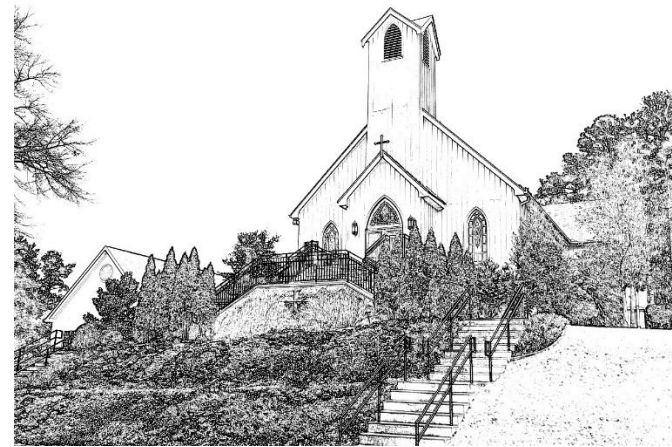
Upcoming Events

Wednesday, December 2, 6pm	Archbishop's Bible Study
Saturday, December 24, 7:30pm	Music
Saturday, December 24, 8pm	Christmas Eve Solemn High Mass
Sunday, December 25, 10am (only)	Christmas Day Low Mass
Monday, December 26, 6pm	St. Stephen's Day Mass

The Nursery will be available on December 24th. It will not be available on Christmas Day or St Stephen's Day, December 25th and 26th.

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The Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 18, 2016

*The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated this week on
Tuesday at 12 noon, Wednesday at 12 noon, Thursday
at 8 am, and Friday at 12 noon.*