MORNING PRAYER

8:30 am

Morning Prayer begins at the bottom of p. 6. The psalms for today are Psalm 1-5, beginning on page 345. The canticles after the lessons are the *Te Deum*, p. 10, 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, Winchester Old	Hymnal 13
Collect for Purity	BCP 67
Summary of the Law	BCP 69
Introit. Dum medium. Wisdom 18 & Ps. 93.	
When all things were in quiet silence and night was in the midst	t of
her swift course, thine almighty Word, O Lord, leaped down fr	om
heaven out of thy royal throne. *The Lord is King, and hath put	
glorious apparel : the Lord hath put on his apparel and gire	
himself with strength. Glory be etc When all things were in qu	uiet
silence, etc.	1.740
Kyrie, eleison, ninefold	
Collect for Christmas I	BCP 104
Commemoration of S. Sylvester, B.C.	
Epistle, Galatians iv. 1	BCP 104
Gradual & Alleluia	
Thou art fairer than the children of men : full of grace are thy lip	
My heart is inditing of a good matter, I speak of the things wh	
have made unto the king : my tongue is the pen of a ready v Alleluia, alleluia. V. The Lord is King and hath put on glorious ap	
: the Lord hath put on his apparel and girded himself with stre	ength.
Alleluia.	
Gospel, St. Matthew i. 18	
Nicene Creed	
SermonF	ather Sterne
Offertory sentence	
God hath made the round world so sure, that it cannot be me	oved :
ever since the world began hath thy seat, O God, been prepa	ared :
though art from everlasting.	
Offertory hymn, Rosa Mystica	Hymnal 17
Presentation of alms & Doxology (Hymnal Supplement 820)	
Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church	
Bidding to Confession & General Confession	BCP 75
Absolution & Comfortable Words	BCP 76

Sursum corda (Hymnal /34)BCP /6
Preface of the NativityBCP 77
Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit (Hymnal 797)BCP 77
Prayer of Consecration (Canon of the Mass)BCP 80
Our FatherBCP 82
Fracture & Pax, Embolism & Agnus Dei Hymnal 712
Prayer of Humble AccessBCP 82
Holy Communion
Communion hymn (kneel), Abends Hymnal 485
Communion sentence
Take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel : for
they are dead which sought the young child's life.
ThanksgivingBCP 83
Gloria in excelcis (Hymnal 713)BCP 84
Postcommunion collects
GRANT, O Lord, that by the operation of these thy mysteries, we may be
cleansed from all our sins, and obtain that which we have asked according
to thy will. Through.
GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God : that like as thy Son, born this
day the Saviour of the world, hath been made the author of our heavenly
birth ; so he may bestow upon us the gift of everlasting life. Who liveth
and reigneth with thee.
Dismissal: Depart in Peace. Response: Thanks be to God.
BlessingBCP 84
Closing hymn, In Dulci Jubilo

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The **flowers** this morning are given by the Montgomery family to the Glory of Almighty God and in thanksgiving for the December birthdays of Mark and Rosalie.

The **sanctuary lamp** this morning is given by Carlton and Lynda Powell to the Glory of Almighty God and in celebration of the marriage of David Bruce Powell and Molly Jean Bower.

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 the coffee hour after the 9 and 11 a.m. liturgy.

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 placed on the parish prayer list, please contact the Church Office at 706 543.8657.

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We welcome Father Paul Sterne today! Father Sterne is the Director of the C.S. Lewis Student Center at the University of South Carolina and Assistant Priest at the Epiphany Cathedral in Columbia, SC.

The **Sunday School** classes for children and **Adult Bible Study** are in recess. They will resume again on January 14th. Please join us in Lewis Hall after the 9am service this morning as Father Sterne will give a presentation at 10:00 a.m. on the C.S. Lewis Student Center at the University of South Carolina.

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Please pray (BCP 597, For a Birthday) for those with known **birthdays** this week: Felicia Bolden (1/2) and Betty Alice Fowler and Elaine Utley (1/5).

Please pray (BCP 303, Third Collect) also for those with known wedding anniversaries this week: Sylvia and Manuel Alejandro (1/2). Prayers and best wishes to them from all their parish family.

Year's Mind: Of your charity pray for the blessed repose of the souls of Eleanor Griner (1/4) and Loren Edwards (1/6) on the anniversary of their death.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

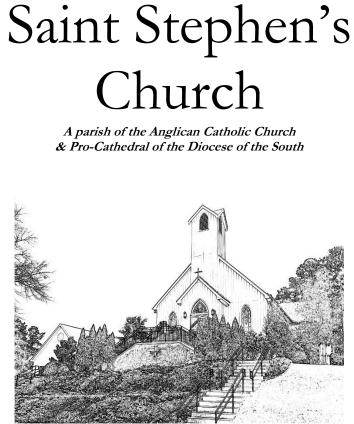
Please remember the following parishioners and friends of St. Stephen's in your **daily prayers**: Hildegard, Elaine, Bill, Lena, Victoria, Andy, and Alice.

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Upcoming Events

Monday, January 1st Tuesday, January 9, 10:30am Church offices closed Women's Guild Meeting

Please silence your cell phones...thank you



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The Very Rev. Nicholas C. Athanaelos Rector and Dean

Sunday after Christmas December 31, 2017

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