

MORNING PRAYER

8:30 am

Morning Prayer begins at the bottom of p. 6. The psalms for today are 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 beginning on page 345. The canticles after the lessons are the *Te Deum*, p. 10 and the *Benedictus Dominus*, p. 14.

HOLY EUCHARIST

9 am

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

11:00 am

Opening hymn, *St. Theoctistus* **Hymnal 342**
Collect for Purity..... BCP 67
Decalogue BCP 68
Introit.

UNTO us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulders: and his Name shall be called, Angel of mighty counsel. * O sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things. Glory be etc. Unto us a Child is born, etc.

Kyrie, eleison, ninefold **Hymnal 710**
Collect for the Circumcision of Christ BCP 105
Commemoration of Christmas I BCP 104
Epistle, Philippians ii. 9. BCP 105
Gradual & Alleluia

ALL the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God: O be joyful in God, all ye lands. The Lord hath declared his salvation: in the sight of the heathen hath he openly shewed his righteousness. Alleluia, alleluia. God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the Prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son. Alleluia.

Gospel, St. Luke ii. 15. BCP 106
Nicene Creed BCP 71
Sermon..... Rev. Canon Foggin
Offertory sentence

THE heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: thou has laid the foundation of the round world, and all that therein is: righteousness and equity are the habitation of thy seat.

Offertory hymn, *Oriel* **Hymnal 326**
Presentation of Alms & Doxology (Hymnal 139)
Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church..... BCP 74
Bidding to Confession & General Confession BCP 75
Absolution & Comfortable Words BCP 76
Sursum corda BCP 76
Preface of the Nativity BCP 77

Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit (Hymnal 797) BCP 77
Prayer of Consecration (Canon of the Mass) BCP 80
Our Father..... BCP 82
Fracture & Pax, Embolism & *Agnus Dei* (Hymnal 712)
Prayer of Humble Access..... BCP 82
Holy Communion
Offertory hymn, *St. Michael* **Hymnal 113**
Communion sentence
ALL the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
Thanksgiving..... BCP 83
Gloria in excelsis (Hymnal 713)..... BCP 84
Postcommunion collects
GRANT, O Lord, that this holy Communion may cleanse us from every guilty stain: and at the intercession of the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, may be our healing unto life eternal. Through the same.
Blessing..... BCP 84
Dismissal: *Depart in peace*. Response: *Thanks be to God*.
Closing hymn, *Engelberg* **Hymnal 366**

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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 January birthdays of Karen, Peggy, and Megan and in memory of Dorothy.

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 Sunday School after the 9 am liturgy or for coffee hour after the 11 am 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 put on the parish prayer list, please contact the Church office.

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The Archbishop will hold a special adult **Sunday School** next Sunday, January 8th at 10am, and Fr. Nick's class on the Ten Commandments will resume on Sunday, January 15th.

The Archbishop's **Bible Study** will resume on Wednesday, January 4th at 6 pm in the Church office, preceded by Evening prayer at 5:30 pm.



Please pray (BCP 597, For a Birthday) for those with known **birthdays** this week: Felicia Bolden and Neal Marrano (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 this their year's mind.

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:** Dodie, Hildegard, Christiane, Betsy, Elaine, Bill, Karen, Lena, Victoria, and Adam.



The **church business office will be closed** on Monday, January 2nd.

The next **Women's Meet & Greet** is Saturday, January 14th at 10:00 am at Mama Jewel's Kitchen (1075 Baxter Street, Athens). This is a wonderful opportunity for all women of the church to enjoy coffee/tea, sweets/treats and great conversation. There is no set agenda ... just time for fellowship.

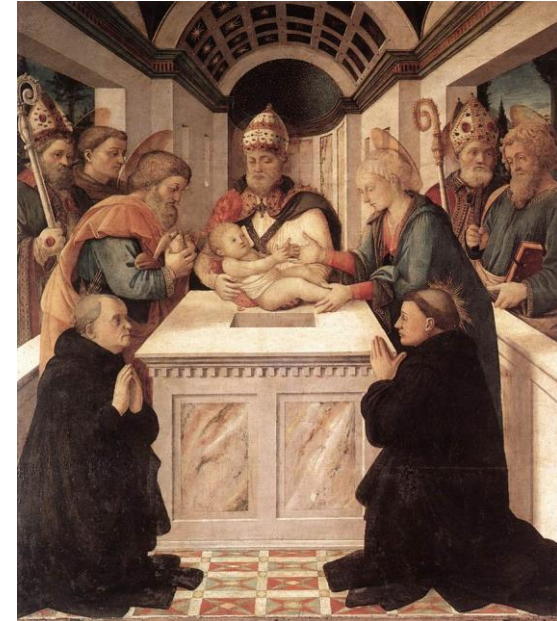
The notebook for **2017 Flower and Sanctuary Lamp dedications** is in Lewis Hall. Please pull the sheet(s) you would like for the year and return it to Susan with your payment. Remember, if the flower dedication is taken for the day you wish, you can always dedicate the sanctuary lamp for \$15.

Upcoming Events

Friday, Jan 6, noon	Feast of the Epiphany
Tuesday, Jan 10, 7 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Tuesday, Jan 10, 10:30 am	Women's Guild Meeting
Saturday, Jan 14, 10 am	Women's Meet and Greet
Thursday, Jan 19, 6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting
Saturday, Jan 21, 10am	Bereavement Gown project
Sunday, Jan 29	Annual Meeting, following 10 am Mass

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Circumcision of Christ January 1, 2017

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