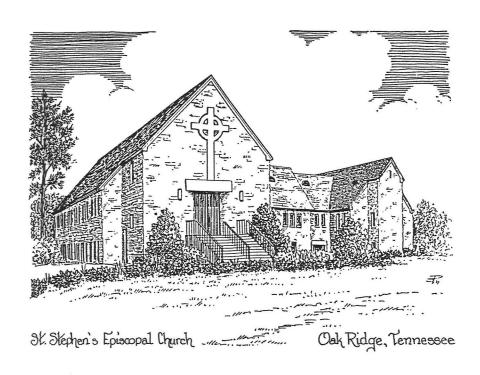
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

NOVEMBER 23, 2025 10:30 A.M.

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST CHRIST THE KING



Welcome

- Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. We are delighted you chose to attend our service this morning.
- Our clergy are Fr. Bailey Norman, Pastor Laura Henrik and Pastor Steve Damos.
- Our service this morning is Holy Eucharist Rite II. It is found in your bulletin and in the Book of Common Prayer (red book). Hymns are found in the blue hymnal or *Wonder, Love, and Praise* (green book).
- Hearing devices are available. Please see an usher for assistance.
- Restrooms are located on both floors of the building. Directions are found on the orange pew card or please ask an usher for directions.
- A nursery is available for children birth through 3-years of age. The children will be brought to their parents in time to receive communion and/or a blessing.
- Children are very welcome in the service. They are invited to participate in Children's Chapel during the sermon. The focus will be on the Gospel for the day. The children will follow the cross during the sequence hymn and return for the Peace.
- If you or your child needs a quiet place during the service, we invite you to use our Calm Room. The Calm Room is located on the hallway leading from the double doors at the front of the nave (church).

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

HYMNAL 494

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

GLORIA S-280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. *Amen*.

Presider The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day, the psalm and the readings can be found in the insert.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET JEREMIAH.

JEREMIAH 23:1-6

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

CANTICLE 16 - THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH

HYMNAL S-248

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS.

COLOSSIANS 1:11-20

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

At the beginning of the Sequence hymn, all children are invited to follow the cross to Children's Chapel.

SEQUENCE HYMN

SING, MY SOUL, HIS WONDROUS LOVE

HYMNAL 467

Gospeller **People**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

THE GOSPEL LUKE 22:33-43

Gospeller **People** The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

PASTOR LAURA HENRIK

THE NICENE CREED BCP 326

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

the only Son of God,

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

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,

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.

and his kingdom will have no end.

FORM V BCP 389

Intercessor In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Here and after every petition the People respond

People Lord, have mercy.

For Stephen, the Archbishop of York; Sarah, the Archbishop-designate of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Brian, our Bishop; Jonathan, Bishop of our companion diocese of South Dakota; for all bishops and other ministers, especially: our clergy Bailey, Laura and Steve; Adam, our seminarian; and for all the holy people of God, *we pray to you, O Lord*.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, *we pray to you*, *O Lord*.

For those who do not believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may recieve the light of the gospel, *we pray to you*, *O Lord*.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those in positions of public trust especially Donald, our President and Bill, our Governor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

In the Diocese of East Tennessee we pray for St. Martin of Tours, and St. Martin's Pre-School, Chattanooga. In our companion Diocese of South Dakota, we pray for St. John's Deadwood, our sister parish, and for St. James, Enemy Swim. We also pray for the Diocese of Haiti and St. John the Evangelist Church and medical clinic. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. We pray for those in assisted living or rehab; Jo Ann Baker; Diane Davis; Roger Derby, Horia & Iskander Shafik, Allan Reiss, Mary Rhoades.

We pray for our parish members, especially: Michael Trank; Dan Tuxbury & Kathy Moore; David Uhrig.

We pray for the women and men who are currently serving in the armed forces at home and abroad, especially: Brian Bustle, Courtenay Clary, Reid Hartman, Seth Kosko, Alex Mol.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Stephen, St. Alban all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People To you, O Lord our God.

Silence. The Presider adds a concluding Collect

CONFESSION OF SIN BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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*.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY MUSIC

SING TO THE LORD OF HARVEST

Parish Choir

DOXOLOGY HYMNAL 380 (v. 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen*.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

The people remain standing. The presider then says

Presider The Lord be with you.

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 him thanks and praise.

Then facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

A Proper Preface is said

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:

SANCTUS S-129

Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel, as they are able. Then the Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Stephen, St. Alban, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP 364

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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread, and maintains a moment of silence.

FRACTION HYMNAL S 161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized are welcome to receive communion. All are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE HYMNAL 324

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

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*.

SENDING FORTH THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Presider In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that

those to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body

and Blood.

People Though we are many, we are one, because we share one bread and one cup.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN COME YE THANKFUL PEOPLE COME

HYMNAL 290

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY SIMON BALLINTOY

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY - NOVEMBER 23, 2025

	8:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.	
Crucifer		Teddy Dantzler	
Acolytes	Jamey Kennedy	Tate Cavender, James Henry Norman	
Lectors	Jack Lee	Teddy Dantzler	
Eucharistic Ministers	Jamey Kennedy	Gary Dreier, Brittany Shassere	
Ushers	John Cox, Jim Rousey		
Greeters	Jim Rousey	Beth Bailey, Ashley Hillis	
Counters		Beth Bailey, Wes Delaney	
Eucharistic Visitor		Carol Gardner	
Altar Guild	Nancy Anderson, Linda Felton, Susan Meredith		
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WEEKLY SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS: NOVEMBER 24 - NOVEMBER 29

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Parish Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. DATE TIME **EVENT** Monday, November 24 Staff Meeting 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 25 Tuesday Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Service 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 26 Men's Group 8:30 a.m. Office Closed Thursday, November 27 Thanksgiving Day Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Meal 11:00 a.m. Office Closed Friday, November 28

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Wes and Judith Delaney in celebration of their wedding anniversary. The ambry candle is given to the glory of God by Carol King in loving memory of Adolf and Soren.

Announcements - Sunday, November 23, 2025

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, please send any bulletin, e-news or calendar announcements by **noon**, **Tuesday**, **November 25**. Fully edited pertinent information, including dates, times, location(s) should be sent to editor@ststephensor.org. This email goes to both the Parish Office, and Rob Steele III, our E-News editor. Final content is at the discretion of clergy and staff.

PRIOR WEEK AND 2025 YEAR-TO-DATE PLEDGE RECEIPTS AS OF NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Last Week's Offering *	\$4,180
2025 YTD offering	\$436,093
2025 Revenue - budget	\$552,548
% Received to date	79%
*includes online giving	

LOOSE PLATE OFFERING

TODAY

The loose plate offering for today will go toward **Emergency Grocery Assistance**. Due to the increasing needs for food and hygiene items resulting from the government shutdown, Fr. Bailey and the Outreach Committee have requested that the Loose offerings for the last three Sundays in November be designated for "Emergency Grocery Assistance." Outreach will disburse the funds to the areas of greatest need as determined over the next few weeks.

LECTIONARY STUDY

EVERY SUNDAY

The lectionary study meets each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Pollard Room to discuss the gospel from the day's insert. Discussion is light but informative. Each class is led by a class member who volunteers. Come experience how enriching this Lectionary class can be to your Bible study and understanding.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATES

This year our Christian Education team is trying a different model for Sunday school teachers. We are looking for adults who love kids to help lead blocks of Sunday Formation for kids and youth for 4 to 6 week blocks. Please contact Fr. Bailey if you are interested in helping.

SABBATH BREW

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Join us in the parish hall between the services at 9:40 a.m. for a relaxed faith exploration over coffee! We'll watch a very brief film from *The Work of the People* featuring spiritual leaders discussing faith, justice, and community, followed by organic conversation. No formal curriculum—just authentic dialogue and connection. Come as you are, grab a coffee, and see where meaningful conversation takes us.

Thank you to everyone who is supporting the Blessing Box! Please remember the Blessing Box when you shop. This week, we are requesting donations of canned soups (chicken/beef), oatmeal packs, peanut butter and applesauce cups. They can be placed in the little red wagon in the narthex.

CELEBRATE FEAST DAYS WITH MORNING PRAYER

Have you checked out the recent uploads of Morning Prayer on our YouTube channel? Each is an invitation into a contemplative experience with the words of the Morning Prayer liturgy supplemented by music and ethereal images. We will pause for November and resume in Advent. You can access the YouTube channel from our website.

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE AND DINNER

NOVEMBER 27

It is time to gather in celebration of Thanksgiving with our friends at St. Stephen's! For the third year in a row, the Norman and Neill families will be hosting Thanksgiving lunch. The morning will begin with a service of Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. with lunch following immediately afterward (around 11 a.m.).

This event is certainly open to anyone who wishes to attend from St. Stephen's. But we encourage you to invite both those who are and those who are not members of our church who may not have family locally, who may be grieving this holiday season, or who simply just need a place to come and enjoy a good meal or fellowship.

The main courses (turkey and ham) will be provided by the church. We are asking each individual or family who participates to bring a side dish. In years past, we've invited people to bring whatever dish they wish to bring. However, our experience is that there are popular "staple" dishes that usually run out, so we strongly encourage you to sign up to bring one of these dishes. The exception, of course, is for anyone who wishes to bring food for their particular dietary needs. We will make sure to mark these in the buffet line. Otherwise, we would encourage you to bring one of the dishes listed.

Please sign up on our website to let us know you are coming (and how many are in your party) and what dish(es) you wish to bring. If at all possible, please try to bring an appropriate amount of food for the people in your party to make sure we have enough for everyone. This is especially true because we sometimes have people who don't have the means to bring food for themselves, much less for others.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to me (Bailey). We hope to see many of you here for Thanksgiving!

ADVENT WREATHS NOVEMBER 30

Next Sunday is the First Sunday in Advent. Barbara Neill will have an Advent Wreath making station set up between the 8:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. services if you would like to make an Advent Wreath for your family. There will be a minimal charge for the Advent candles.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND AMBRY CANDLES 2026

First – thank you to all of you who have given the flowers throughout this past year. The flowers add so much to the chancel and are then enjoyed throughout the week. One of the arrangements goes in the chapel for the weekly services there. The other is broken down and distributed around the church and out in the community. The new sign-up charts have been posted near the office. The flowers for the upcoming year will be \$90 for the two arrangements. The Ambry Candles will be \$10. If you cannot get by to sign up, call the office.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO THESE IMPORTANT PARTS OF OUR WORSHIP.

COMING IN DECEMBER

Women's Holiday Outing - All women of the parish are invited to join us on Saturday, **December 6th** for a festive evening of fellowship! We will start with an early dinner at 3:30 PM at Aubrey's in Oak Ridge, followed by a visit to the Christmas Market at Jackson Square.

It promises to be a night full of delicious food, holiday crafts, and joyful company.

Please RSVP to Brittany Shassere at Brittany. Shassere@knoxschools.org if you plan to attend dinner at Aubrey's so we can ensure an accurate reservation. Don't miss this chance to celebrate the season together!

Our Annual Children's Pageant will be presented during the 10:30 a.m. service on December 7th.

We will have a **Cookie Exchange** on December 7 following the Pageant. Please bring 5-dozen cookies, bagged 6-to-a-bag for swapping, a list of the ingredients, along with an additional dozen or two for sharing with all. We will take trays of holiday cookies to our shut-ins as well. This is a wonderful, and tasty way to celebrate our children and enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners!

After the 10:30 a.m. service on December 14th, come down to the Parish Hall for an **Advent craft and cookie decorating** session sponsored by the Evangelism Committee.

Our Blue Christmas service will be on Thursday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Lessons and Carols will be at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday December 21st with a catered dinner to follow. In keeping with the Anglican tradition of Lessons and Carols, the dinner will have an English-themed menu.

St. Stephen's Holiday Book Drive

DONATE TODAY

The book drive has officially begun! This year, we are collecting gently used children's books to hand out during the Oak Ridge Christmas Parade. Donations can include picture books, chapter books, and books for young toddlers. While books do not need to be holiday-themed, please ensure they are lightly used and appropriate for children.

Books can be placed in the labeled bins in the Parish Hall or Hospitality Area. For any questions, please contact Brittany Shassere at Brittany.Shassere@knoxschools.org.

Help us share the joy of reading and make this parade a special celebration for our community!

OAK RIDGE CHRISTMAS PARADE

DECEMBER 13

St. Stephen's is excited to participate in the Oak Ridge Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m. along the Oak Ridge Turnpike. This wonderful community tradition is a joyful way to celebrate the season and share our parish spirit.

Our youth will be riding on the church float, helping to spread Christmas cheer throughout the evening. The Evangelism Committee is seeking volunteers who are willing to walk alongside the float and help pass out books to parade-goers. Your presence and helping hands will make a meaningful impact as we connect with our community in a warm and welcoming way.

If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Brittany Shassere at Brittany.Shassere@knoxschools.org. Let's make this year's parade a festive and faith-filled celebration!

Parish Decorating Event

DECEMBER 12

Join us on Friday, December 12th at 5:00 PM at the Shassere Home as we come together to decorate the truck and boat for the Oak Ridge Christmas Parade and place stickers in the books collected for parade-goers.

A light dinner will be provided by the Shassere Family. To help with planning, please RSVP to Brittany Shassere at Brittany.Shassere@knoxschools.org by December 8th.

Let's share in fellowship and holiday fun as we prepare for this festive community celebration!

ECUMENICAL CENTERING PRAYER

All are invited to an Ecumenical Centering Prayer group that will meet in the chapel at 2:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. This started on November 4 and will continue on Tuesday, December 2. We will begin with a brief time of introduction and checking in followed by a period of sitting in silence for 20 minutes.

For more information, contact Carol Gardner: 865-304-2093 or gardnerwc73@gmail.com

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