



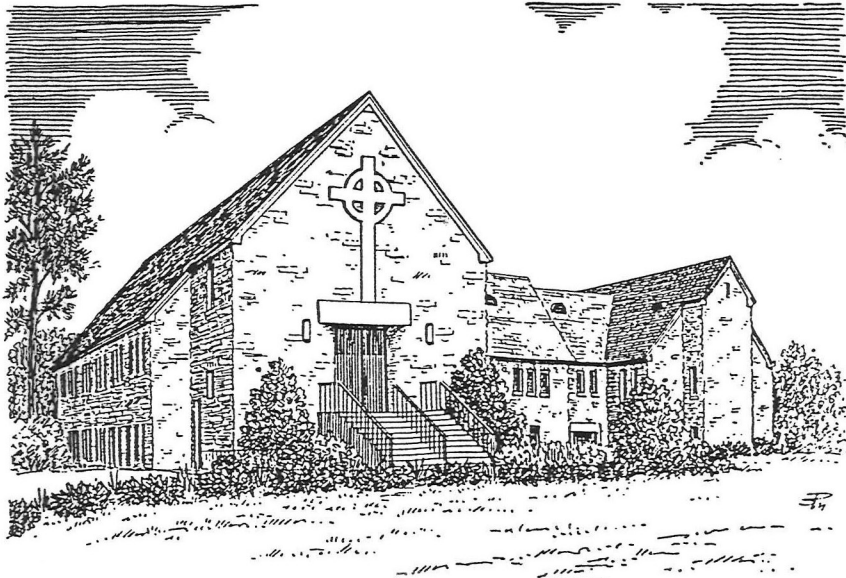
THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

September 29, 2024 10:30 A.M

WHERE GOD IS SEEN • LOVE IS FELT • LIVES ARE CHANGED.

Welcome



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Oak Ridge, Tennessee

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Welcome

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. We are delighted you chose to attend our service this morning. The order of liturgy 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). These can be found in the pew racks.

Hearing devices are available from an usher. Restrooms are located at the end of the hallway by the elevator.

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 invited to participate in Children's Chapel, which takes place during the sermon. The focus will be on the Gospel for the day. Those who want to participate should follow the cross during the sequence hymn. Children will return for the Peace.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

LO! WHAT A CLOUD OF WITNESSES

HYMNAL 545

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, to 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.

The Collect of the Day and readings can be found in your bulletin insert.

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

PSALM 124 (chanted by choir)

INSERT OR BCP 781



1. If the Lord had not been on our side, * let Israel now say;
2. If the Lord had not been on our side, * when enemies rose up against us;

Antiphon

3. Then would they have swallowed us up alive * in their fierce anger toward us;
4. Then would the waters have overwhelmed us * and the torrent gone over us;

Antiphon

5. Then would the raging waters * have gone right over us.
6. Blessed be the Lord! * he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

Antiphon

7. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
 the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
8. Our help is in the Name of the Lord, * the maker of heaven and earth.

Antiphon

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF JAMES

JAMES 5:13-20

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

During the singing of the Sequence Hymn, the children may follow the cross to Children's Chapel.

SEQUENCE HYMN

COMMIT THOU ALL THAT GRIEVES

HYMNAL 669

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

THE GOSPEL

MARK 9:38-50

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

PASTOR DAMOS

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

**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.***

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-Elect; Brian, our Bishop and Jonathan, Bishop of our companion diocese of South Dakota; for Bailey and Steve, our clergy; Adam, our seminarian; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Joe, our President; for Bill, our Governor; for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Oak Ridge, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the Diocese of East Tennessee, we pray for St. Michael's, Kingsport. In our companion Diocese of South Dakota, we pray for St. John's, Deadwood, our sister parish. We also pray for All Saint's, Herrick SD ; St. Philip the Deacon, Lake Andes, SD; Woniya Wakan (Holy Spirit), Wager, SD; Grace, Huron, SD.

We 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 Church of Pakistan. Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those in assisted living and rehab: Jo Ann Baker, Dianne Davis, Roger Derby, Allan Reiss, Mary Rhoades. Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our parish members: Chip & Amy Pennoyer, Louis, Jack; Bill & Mary Petersen, Britton; Phyllis Petersen; Carl & Hella Peterson; Bethany Peterson. Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those currently serving in the armed forces at home and abroad, especially Thomas Bautz, Brian Bustle, Courtenay Clary, Nick Corrigan, Reid Hartman, Seth Kosko, Alex Mol, Kyle Zirkel. Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.
Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Stephen, St. Alban, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
To thee, O Lord our God.

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, WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

**TANTUM ERGO
BY DEODAT DE DEVERAC**

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.

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 him thanks and praise.**

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.

The 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

HYMNAL S129

Holy, 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.**

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 ANTHEM

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.

COMMUNION HYMN WHERE CROSS THE CROWDED WAYS OF LIFE

HYMNAL 609

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 VISITOR

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

CHRIST, THE FAIR GLORY

HYMNAL 282

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

FUGUE IN C (BWV 565)
J.S. BACH

SIMON BALLINTOY

The Altar Flowers are given by Leah and Matt Bailey in memory of Lee Halstead and Mary Bailey.

The Ambry Candle is given to the glory of God

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY - SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

	8:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
CRUCIFER		Tyler Walker
ACOLYTES	Jack Lee	Tate Cavender, Brennon Rosario
LECTORS	Roni Boyd	Peggy Volk
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Jack Lee	Roger Johnson, Deborah Clary
USHERS	Jack and Mary Nell Campbell	Craig Brent, Alan Liby
GREETERS	Jim Rousey	Michael Trank
COUNTERS	Betsy Ellis, Wes Delaney	
EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR	Carol Gardner	
ALTAR GUILD	Judith Delaney, Jo Kelley, Ruth Prince, Julie Webber	
AV TECH	Matthew Doane	

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS - SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 5

Parish Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday, September 30	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Wardens Meeting
Tuesday, October 1	11:30 a.m.	Healing Service
Wednesday, October 2	8:30 a.m.	Men's Group
	6:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 3	4:00 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer (Zoom)
Friday, October 4		Office Closed
Saturday, October 5		Camino Pilgrims Depart

These numbers reflect the change to track our actual giving vs budgeted expenses. Scan the QR code for online pledging!



Last Week's Offering	\$12,007
2024 YTD offering	\$443,223
2024 YTD budgeted expenses	\$419,004
over/(under)	\$24,219

As you know St Stephen's started the year with a budget that included a \$121,000 "Challenge" but through the efforts of many we are in the process of meeting this "Challenge". Many Parishioners have responded with increased pledging and dedicated giving for specific projects and ministries. Additionally, we have been able to identify areas to become more efficient and cut our expenses, while at the same time increase our expected income through investments.

However, as often happens during the summer months, our income has decreased to the point where year to date expenses are currently above our income. Although this has happened in the past, and is usually temporary, it creates a cash flow challenge which makes it hard for us to meet our day to day operational expenses as well as unexpected expenses such as the recent HVAC system repairs.

We ask that everyone prayerfully consider their financial commitment to help ensure that St Stephen's has the resources we need to continue to support our work for the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

Please send any bulletin, e-news or calendar announcements by Wednesday, October 2. 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.

ANNUAL REPORTS AND VESTRY BIOS

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9

Committee reports are now due for the annual report. They should be submitted electronically to the office (secretary@ststephensor.org) no later than Wednesday October 9. Additionally, those seeking vestry nomination should submit their bios to the office by this date. Parish bylaws require that we publish vesty bios two weeks before the annual meeting.

Early submissions are greatly appreciated, as this will allow time editing, proofing and publishing.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION RETURNS**TODAY**

We will resume Coffee and Conversation today after the 10:30a.m. service.

BLESSING BOX IN ACTION!**ITEMS NEEDED THIS WEEK**

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 laundry detergent, bar soap, canned/pouches meat. Items can be placed in the little red wagon in the narthex.

CAMINO PILGRIMS**THIS WEEK**

Please keep our pilgrims in your prayers this week as they walk the "Final Push" of the Camino. They will complete their pilgrimage (117K) on Saturday, October 5th and will attend the Pilgrim's Mass on October 6th. They return to Oak Ridge on October 7th.

OUTDOOR SERVICE / BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6**

As we did last year, the 10:30 service on October 6 will be transformed into Pet Church that day! Bring your dogs, cats, and pets of whatever ilk (as long as they are leashed or crated) to church that day in the Grove! If it rains, we will be inside the Nave!

For those who wish to avoid the animal menagerie, our 8:00 o'clock will be humans-only that day. And for those who'd really love to get their animals blessed but have rather skittish or anti-social pets (the Normans' dog Hank qualifies under the latter!), you have two options. Bring them at 9 that morning in the grove and Fr. Bailey will bless them. You may also contact Fr. Bailey to arrange a time for him to come out and bless your animals at your home sometime afterwards! **Everyone is invited to consider donating a bag of dog or cat food that will be donated to a local animal shelter.** We look forward to a fun morning of barks and meows adding to our joyful voices at church!

LOOSE PLATE OFFERING**THIS MONTH**

The loose plate offering for the month of September goes toward Together Podemos. You can read more about this organization in the E-News. As next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month, the offering will go to the Rector Discretionary Fund. The remainder of October's offering will go to Haiti

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

One of our fastest growing areas at St. Stephen's is our Children and Youth ministries! You may have noticed an increasing number of kids in our services, more babies and infants, and Sunday school classes which regularly have a strong number of kids. Our brilliant Christian Education director, Sherry Burchfield, retired from the position after last school year. But our volunteer co-chairs, Ashley Hillis and Linda Twohig, haven't missed a beat in making sure we have healthy and vibrant programs for our kids.

The greatest strength and necessity of our Christian Ed program is having widespread support from all the adults of the congregation. It starts with encouraging and lifting up our kids in their life in the church. But we are ALWAYS looking for more adults who can help with Sunday school, nursery, and Children's Chapel. If you are a parent looking to learn more about our program or an adult who is interested in helping, please contact Ashley at ashleyjones51319@gmail.com or Linda at twohiglinda@gmail.com.

LIGHT BULB CHALLENGE!

Speaking of light bulbs, our Building team is working on repairing or replacing all of the drop ceiling lights in our building. The vast majority of them are not functioning properly and, even when they do, are consuming a lot of electricity. To do all the work that is required, it will cost us around \$4500.00

To help offset the cost to the repair and maintenance budget, we are asking individuals and families in St. Stephen's to consider contributing for one light. Each fixture (bulb and ballast) will cost \$60. We have 72 fixtures in the building. These upgraded bulbs and fixtures will both produce brighter light and help reduce electrical output. If you wish to make a donation, make sure to designate your gift as "Light bulbs" to St. Stephen's. Thank you for your consideration to help brighten up our spaces and make us a bit more energy conscious.

CALLING THOSE WILLING TO HELP SHAPE THE MISSION OF ST. STEPHEN'S

Have you ever thought about sharing your gifts as a leader of the church? Do you want to be involved in shaping the future of our parish? Vestry is the "board" of any Episcopal parish that works with the Rector in managing the daily needs of the parish but also in shaping its long-term goals and vision. At our Annual Parish Meeting on October 27, we will be electing four new Vestry members. We are looking for people who are interested in not only serving their parish but sharing and helping implement ideas for continued growth in our parish. We have a great group of people serving, and we want to continue to have a vibrant and energetic group.

In addition to being willing to act as a servant leader, you must be confirmed with membership at St. Stephen's and be a financial contributor to the church. If you are interested in learning more, please contact our Vestry representative Beth Reed or Fr. Bailey. Even if you are only thinking about serving, we would love to share more about what the Vestry does.

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VESTRY

SENIOR WARDEN - COURTNEY MANROD (2025)
JUNIOR WARDEN - LEAH BAILEY (2025)
BETSY ELLIS - SECRETARY
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ADAM CAVENDER, TOM CLARY, EMILY DOANE, BETH REED (2024)
CLEON HARTMAN, ASHLEY HILLIS (2025)
CRAIG BRENT, BEN SHASSERE, TYLER WALKER (2026)

THE RT. REV. BRIAN COLE, BISHOP
THE DIOCESE OF EAST TENNESSEE