



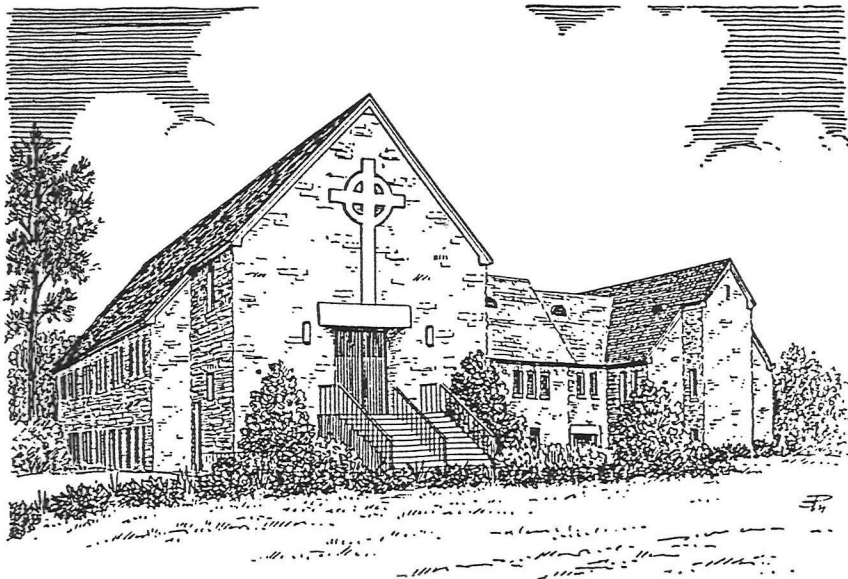
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 8:00 A.M.

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

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning.
We are delighted that you are here!



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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 323

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

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

GLORIA

BCP 324

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And with they spirit.**

Presider Let us pray.

A READING FROM THE SONG OF SOLOMON

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:8-13

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

PSALM 45 1-2, 7-10 (Said in unison)

INSERT OR BCP 647-648

A READING FROM LETTER OF JAMES

JAMES 1:17-27

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

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

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

THE GOSPEL

MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

FR. BAILEY NORMAN

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.**

**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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 328

The Presider or other person appointed says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially 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, and Adam, our seminarian, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joe, our President, and Bill, our Governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

In the Diocese of East Tennessee, we pray For Labor Day (BCP p261). *Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

We also pray for the Unemployed (BCP p 824). *Heavenly Father, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

In our companion Diocese of South Dakota, we pray for St. John's, Deadwood, our sister parish. We pray for the Diocese of Haiti, St. John the Evangelist Church and Medical Clinic. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Mozambique and Angola.

For those in assisted living and rehab: Jo Ann Baker, Dianne Davis, Roger Derby, Allan Reiss, Mary Rhoades.

We pray for our parish members: Eric and Miranda Miller, Briley, Haydin; Ross and Carole Mol; Bill Molony.

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

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Stephen, St. Alban, and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Presider Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

**Most merciful God,
 we confess that we have sinned against thee
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us;
 that we may delight in thy will,
 and walk in thy ways,
 to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

THE PEACE

All stand. The Presider says to the people

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you
People **And with thy spirit.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

BCP 340

The people remain standing. The priest then says

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Then the Presider proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

The Proper Preface is said

SANCTUS

BCP 334

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand. Then the Presider continues,

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or 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.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make;

having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 336

**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.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. 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

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God.

The Ambry Candle is given to the glory of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Please send any bulletin, e-news or calendar announcements by Wednesday September 4. 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.

LOOSE PLATE OFFERING

SEPTEMBER

The loose plate offering for the first Sunday of September goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

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 canned fruit, fruit cups, jelly. Items can be placed in the little red wagon in the narthex.

BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS AT 10:00 A.M.

The Tuesday Bible Study continues in the Pollard Room on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 8

Christian Education will begin the Sunday after Labor Day between our worship services. Join us from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

CELTIC SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 8

Contemplative Prayer and Eucharist will be held next Sunday, September 8 at 5:00 p.m. Please join us once again for the monthly Celtic Contemplative Eucharist. This month St. Stephen's will be hosting with Fr. Bailey as our celebrant and preacher.

ICE CREAM TRUCK

SEPTEMBER 15

Lolli and Bobo's Ice Cream Parlor will be returning to the Grove at St. Stephen's on the last Sunday of Summer following the 10:30 service. The first scoop will be free--those who want additional scoops will pay for those! Non-dairy options will also be available.

PARISH DIRECTORIES

AVAILABLE NOW

Updated parish directories are now available. If you would like an electronic copy emailed to you (as a pdf) please contact the parish office to request one. Paper copies can be collected from the hospitality volunteer desk during office hours.

ACOLYTE MINISTRY

The acolyte ministry is one of the most visible ministries in the St. Stephen's worship service! It includes youth as young as nine years through adults. They serve in the processional as torchbearers, crucifers, and thurifers, and assist the priests and other servers with the gospel, offertory, and communion. Acolyte Masters Sandi Robertson and Teddy Dantzler are always in need of new acolytes, so contact the parish office if you're interested in joining this exciting and very important ministry at our service! Beautiful robes, crosses, candles, and fire are also involved.

All are invited on Tuesday, September 17, at 6:30 pm at Church of the Good Shepherd, Knoxville, as *The Philadelphia Eleven* is screened for our Episcopal community in Knoxville. In this feature-length documentary film, we meet the women who challenge the very essence of patriarchy within Christendom and succeed in building a movement that transforms an age-old institution. This event is presented free of charge courtesy of the Diocese of East Tennessee and with gracious hosting by Church of the Good Shepherd, Knoxville.

ST. STEPHEN'S FINANCIAL STATUS UPDATE

AS OF AUGUST 25, 2024

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



Last Week's Offering	\$7,612
2024 YTD offering	\$421,224
2024 YTD budgeted expenses	\$374,898
over/(under)	\$46,325

WEEKLY SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS - SEPTEMBER 2 - SEPTEMBER 8

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday, September 2		Office closed for Labor Day
Tuesday, September 3	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	11:30 a.m.	Healing Service
Wednesday, September 4	8:30 a.m.	Men's Group
	9:00 a.m.	Walk Over Wednesday
	6:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, September 5	4:00 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer (Zoom)
Friday, September 6		Office Closed
Sunday, September 8	5:00 p.m.	Celtic Service

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY - SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

	8:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
CRUCIFER		Teddy Dantzler
ACOLYTES	Jack Lee	
LECTORS	Jamey Kennedy	Jim Anderson
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Jack Lee	Goldie Kennedy, Courtney Manrod
USHERS	Jack & Mary Nell Campbell	Stacy Cox, Craig Brent
GREETERS	Mary Nell Campbell	Mary Cooper, Ashley Hillis
COUNTERS		Roger Johnson, Roni Boyd
EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR		Carol King
ALTAR GUILD	Barbara Steele, Nancy Anderson, Linda Felton, Susan Meredith	
AV TECH	Brent Sigmon	
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VESTRY

SENIOR WARDEN - COURTNEY MANROD (2025)
JUNIOR WARDEN - LEAH BAILEY (2025)
BETSY ELLIS - SECRETARY; ALAN LIBY - TREASURER (2026)

ADAM CAVENDER, TOM CLARY, EMILY DOANE, BETH REED (2024)
CLEON HARTMAN, ASHLEY HILLIS (2025)
CRAIG BRENT, BEN SHASSERE, TYLER WALKER (2026)

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