

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO
DECEMBER 4, 2022 ■ 10:30 A.M.



Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church has worshipped on this corner of North James and Mulberry Streets in Goldsboro since 1857 — in the same building! We welcome you to our historic building, but more than that, we are happy to have you worship with us.

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Improvisation on Picardy

HYMN 67

Comfort, comfort ye my people

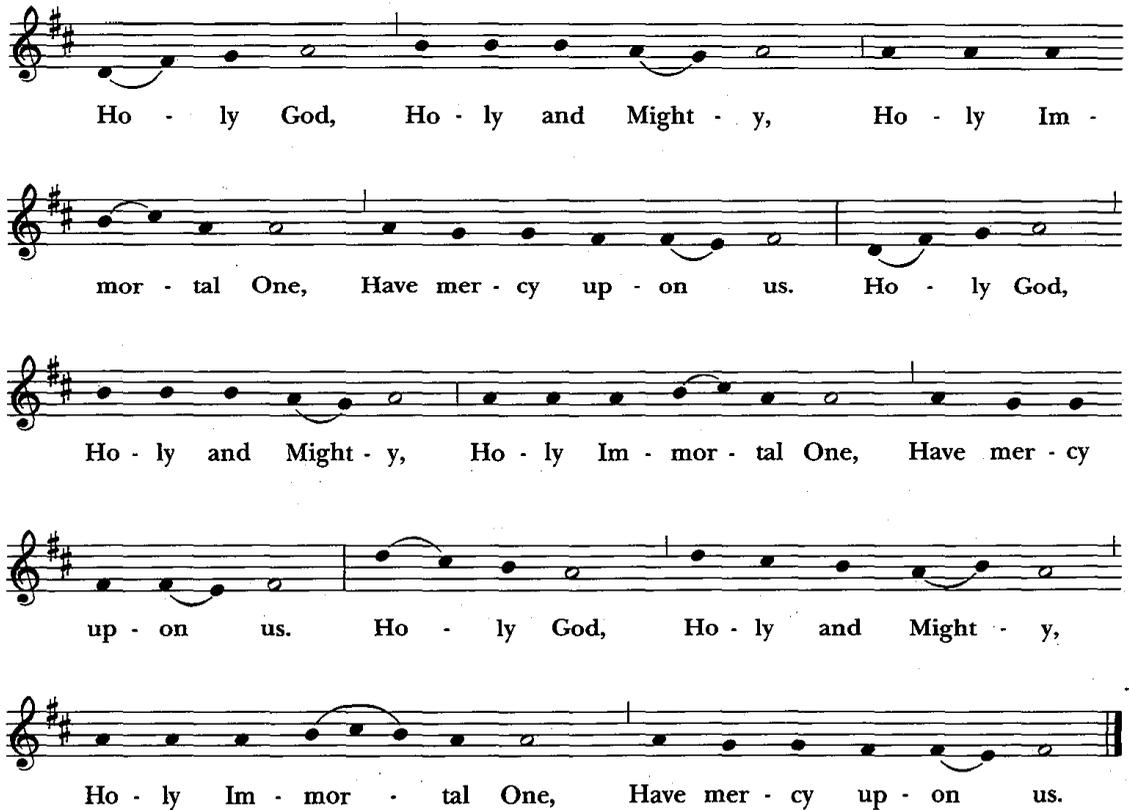
Psalm 42

Officiant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People: **And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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.

S100 TRISAGION



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
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Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS (Please be seated.)

The First Reading: *Isaiah 11:1-10*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,

and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw
like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall
inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 *Deus, iudicium*

1 Give the King your justice, O God, *

and your righteousness to the King's Son;

**2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;**

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.

**4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.

**6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.**

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

**18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!**

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the
beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.**

The Second Reading: *Romans 15:4-13*

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”;

and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may
abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 65

Prepare the way, O Zion

Bereden vag for Herran

The Gospel: *Matthew 3:1-12* (Please stand.)

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the
prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and
his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea
were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized
by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to
them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have
Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up

children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. David Wyly

THE NICENE CREED (All stand.)

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially, Joe, our President, Roy, our Governor, and David, our Mayor.
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially our parishioners: Gene Carpenter, Margie Clarke, Glenda Futch, Ed Futch, Debby Hickey, Sue McDonald, John Peacock, Margaret Sharp, Dorisenia Thompson, Betsy Toomey and John Wolfe.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Gay Stanley, Kitty Sauls, Noah MacDonald, Tom Yarboro, and those celebrating anniversaries. May we always remember everything is a blessing from you.

Give to the departed eternal rest,
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence may be kept and a Collect or other ending may be said.

THE CONFESSION

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**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.**

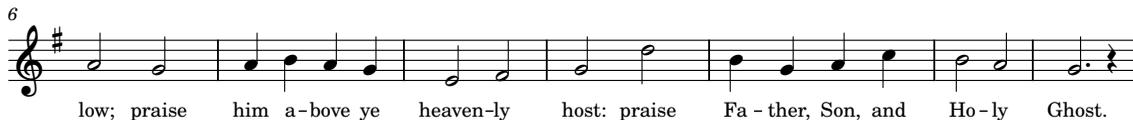
THE PEACE

Officiant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. Carlton Young

AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS



THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (*Here a Proper Preface is added.*)

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:

Celebrant and People

SANCTUS S124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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,

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM (S161)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation
The Gifts of God for the People of God

HYMN 54

Savior of the nations, come

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland

Let us pray.

**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 OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

THE BLESSING

HYMN 597

O day of peace that dimly shines

Jerusalem

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland

D. Buxtehude

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant: The Rev. David Wyly

Crucifer: Bella Morrison

Torch Bearers: Sophia Morrison and Patrick Morrison

Ushers: Betty Duncan and Mike Saylor

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: Linda Huard and Geoff Hulse

Eucharistic Visitors: Glenda and Ed Futch

Live Stream Technician: Steven Smith

Organist: Patrick Ritsch

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St. Stephen's Parish Prayer List

We pray for our parishioners:

Gene Carpenter, Margie Clarke, Glenda Futch, Ed Futch, Debby Hickey,
Sue McDonald, John Peacock, Margaret Sharp, Dorisenia
Thompson, Betsy Toomey, John Wolfe

And for our family and friends:

Dennis Blake, Ruth Ann Brame, Charlotte Bridgers, Nancy Brookes, Howard
Churchill, Lee Clayton, Will Cox, Donna Crumpler, Josh Davenport, Susan
Edgerton, Caroline Farris, Viola Figueroa, Leah Fulkerson, Rachel Golden
and family, Bonnie Hale, David Hesmer, Nolan Hill, Annice Davis Hodges, Jinny (friend
of Leigh Broadfoot), Tisha Johnson, Cailee Ladd, Chrissie Lewis, Alicia Kennedy
Mathis, Greg Morris, Mary Beth Parker, Alex Peacock, Julia Peacock, Jodi Power, Gene
Pryor, Martin Richter, Adylene Rohrer, Gabrielle Ponzi Rowe, Mary Anne Schiller, Drue
Seefeld, Donna Shibley, Chris Smith, Jackson Smith, Steve Synder, Bob
Williams, Patricia Worley, Natalie Young

In the Armed Forces:

John Keena, Logan McDevitt, Taylor McDevitt, Wes Morrison,
Steven S. and Jay Womble

Partner in Education:

Dillard Middle School, its students, faculty, and staff.

Happy Birthday!

December 2 — Gay Stanley

December 3 — Kitty Sauls

December 5 — Noah MacDonald

December 7 — Tom Yarboro

WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ Cell _____

I am new to the parish, I would like the Clergy to call.

I am interested in _____ ministry.

Marital Status: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Anniversary Date: _____

Baptism Date and Location: _____

Confirmation Date and Location: _____

Please list the people who reside with you and their ages:

Any additional information you wish to include?

Please tear off this sheet with your information entered and place in the offering plate or give to an usher or greeter. Thank you! We look forward to meeting you!



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VESTRY

Senior Warden: Katherine MacDonald; Junior Warden: Mike Saylor;

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Other Vestry Members Include: Meredith Adams, Will Bland, Tom Brown, Betty Duncan,

Bruce Griffin, Kathy Harris, Mary Lee Jeffreys, Jennifer Starnes,

Leon Stockton and Sallie Wahl