



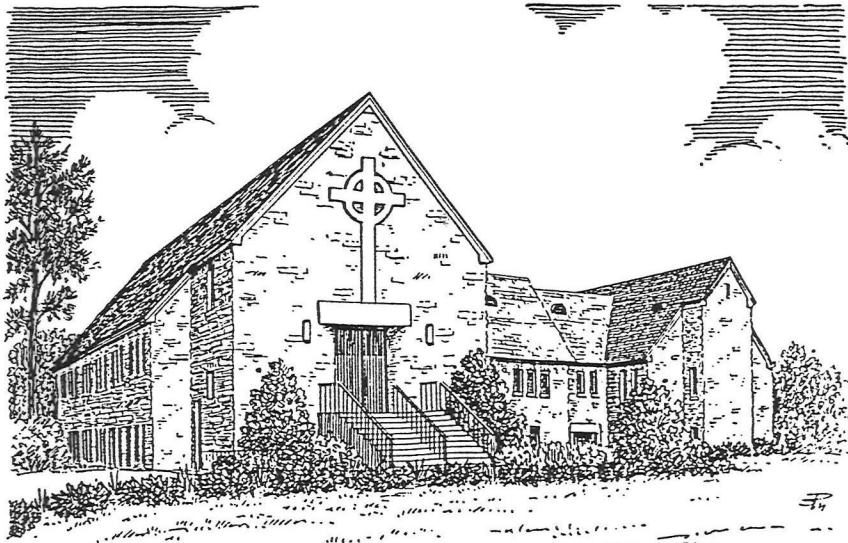
THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

October 13, 2024 10:30 A.M

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

Welcome



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Oak Ridge, Tennessee

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS (V1, 2 & 4 ONLY)

HYMNAL 460

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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 279

**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.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day and today's readings can be found in the insert

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOB

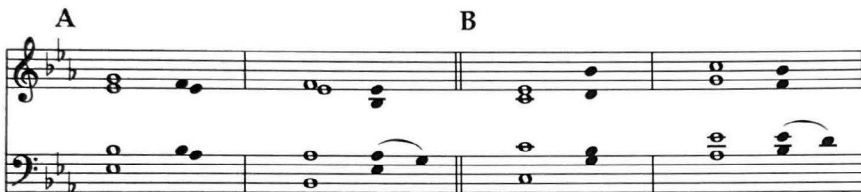
JOB 23:1-9, 16-17

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

based on "Eventide" (H82-662)



For God a - lone my soul in si - lence waits.



A B

1. A My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? * and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
2. B O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; * by night as well, but I find no rest.

Antiphon

3. A Yet you are the Holy One, * enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
4. B Our forefathers put their trust in you; * they trusted, and you delivered them.

Antiphon

5. A They cried out to you and were delivered; * they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
6. B But as for me, I am a worm and no man, * scorned by all and despised by the people.

Antiphon

7. A All who see me laugh me to scorn; * they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
8. B "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; * let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

Antiphon

9. A Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
10. B I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; * you were my God when I
was still in my mother's womb.

Antiphon

11. A Be not far from me, for trouble is near, * and there is none to help.
12. B Many young bulls encircle me; * strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

Antiphon

13. A They open wide their jaws at me, * like a ravening and a roaring lion.
14. B I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; * my heart within
my breast is melting wax.
15. B My mouth is dried out like a pot-herd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my
mouth; * and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

Antiphon

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF HEBREWS.

HEBREWS 4:12-16

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

During the Sequence Hymn, the children may follow the cross to Children'

SEQUENCE HYMN

SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

HYMNAL 711

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

THE GOSPEL

MARK 10:17-31

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

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.*

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; especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-Elect; Brian, our Bishop; Jonathan, Bishop of our companion diocese of South Dakota; Bailey and Steve, our clergy; and Adam, our seminarian.

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; Bill, our Governor.

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;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

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.

In The Diocese of East Tennessee we pray for St Francis, Norris.

In The Diocese of South Dakota: St. John's, Deadwood, our sister parish. We also pray for Holy Name, Ft. George, SD; St. Alban's, Ft. Hale, SD; Messiah, Lower Brule, SD.

In The Diocese of Haiti we pray for St. John the Evangelist Church and Medical Clinic.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Episcopal Church in the Phillipines.

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

We pray for the following parish members: Allan Reiss and Jamey Kennedy; Pat Reuss; Wayne and Mary Rhoades; Jeff and Sandi Robertson, Brian; Jim and June Rousey.

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, Nick Corrigan, Reid Hartman, Seth Kosko, Alex Mol, Kyle Zirkel.

The people may add their own petitions. The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

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 ANTHEM O HOW AMIABLE BY R. V WILLIAMS 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 A BCP 361

The people remain standing. The priest 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.**

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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 S 128

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.

Then the Presider 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:

Presider and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Presider 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.

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

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

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

HYMNAL 335

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *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

CLOSING HYMN

O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED

HYMNAL 655

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

The Altar Flowers are given by Jim Ball with thanks for God's many blessings and in memory of Jacqueline.

The Ambry candle is given by Cathy Whitten to the glory of God in memory of Bill Whitten.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY - OCTOBER 13, 2024

	8:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
CRUCIFER		Diane Sams
ACOLYTES	Jack Lee	Thomas Hillis, Tatum Tipton
LECTORS	Mary Shepard	Bill Petersen
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Jack Lee	Deborah Clary, Cameron Ellis
USHERS	Jack & Mary Nell Campbell	Alan Liby, Ed Johnson
GREETERS	Mary Shepard	Barbara Neill, Carol Ann Lane
COUNTERS	Roger Johnson, Carol Gardner	
EUCHARISTIC VISITOR	Katherine & Gary Grubb	
ALTAR GUILD	Barbara Steele, Nancy Anderson, Linda Felton, Susan Meredith	
AV TECH	Brent Sigmon	
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WEEKLY SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS - OCTOBER 13 - OCTOBER 19

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday, October 13	5:00 p.m.	Celtic Service (FUMC)
Monday, October 14	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Wardens Meeting
Tuesday, October 15	11:30 a.m.	Healing Service
	6:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
Wednesday, October 16	8:30 a.m.	Men's Group
	9:00 a.m.	WOW
	6:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 17	4:00 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer (Zoom)
Friday, October 18		Office Closed

ST. STEPHEN'S FINANCIAL STATUS UPDATE

AS OF OCTOBER 6, 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	\$3,642
2024 YTD offering	\$466,103
2024 YTD budgeted expenses	\$441,057
over/(under)	\$25,046

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, OCTOBER 13, 2024

Please send any bulletin, e-news or calendar announcements by Wednesday, October 16. 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.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

TODAY

Join us for Coffee and Conversation today after the 10:30 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 canned or cups of fruit, bar soap, toilet paper. Items can be placed in the little red wagon in the narthex.

LOOSE PLATE OFFERING

THIS MONTH

The loose plate offering for October goes to Haiti.

CELTIC SERVICE

TODAY, OCTOBER 13

FUMCOR will be hosting this month's Celtic Service at 5 p.m. St. Stephen's will host the service on November 10.

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK

COMMUNICATIONS

St. Stephen's has a number of volunteers that help keep St. Stephen's and our wider community up to date with church activities and events. There are a number of forms of communication that have to be overseen. The obvious things include; website, bulletins and accompanying announcements, E-News, Evangel. More recently the committee has made a focused attempt to be more active with our social media presence. There are also smaller lesser-known jobs that often go unnoticed behind the scenes. For example, volunteers come in each week to mail materials to parishioners who do not have email access. The communications committee has taken on a variety of tasks over recent years, especially in areas of technology and the livestreaming of services in light of the Covid pandemic. There is a recognized need to consolidate and streamline a lot of these activities, especially relating to creating the same content in numerous formats. Currently, our particular focus is enhancing our internal communication within the parish.

Please reach out to the following members if you have a desire to help with communications or serve on the committee. Simon Ballintoy (parish office), Rob Steele Jr. (E-news), Jamie LaRose (webmaster), Brittney Shassere (social media).

The 41st Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee will be held at the Episcopal School of Knoxville on February 7 and 8, 2025. St. Stephen's will send three delegates. At our annual meeting, we will vote for three delegates and three alternates. If you are interested in attending and representing St. Stephen's, please let Courtney Manrod know by Monday, October 14.

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

SUPPORT HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF

While there are numerous ways to help those devastated by Helene's winds and rain, Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) is an organization that is trustworthy and effective in assisting communities in need. If you would like your dollars to go directly to the work on the ground, please refer to the link in Friday's e-news, or go to www.episcopalrelief.org and click on Donate.

THANKSGIVING DINNER RSVP!!

St. Stephen's will once again host a parish/community Thanksgiving meal on Thanksgiving Day, November 28. We will celebrate Holy Eucharist at 10 AM with the meal following at 11. As you start making your plans for the holiday season, please consider joining us and your fellow parishioners for this feast. The main courses (turkey and ham) will be provided. Each participant will be invited to bring a side dish(es) to share. A link to RSVP and sign up for side dishes will be sent out later this month. In addition, please feel free to invite anyone who is not a member of St. Stephen's to join us. This meal is an outreach opportunity to include those who may be hungry, grieving, or lonely this holiday season. We simply ask that you RSVP on their behalf so that we make sure we have enough food.

INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. STEPHEN'S?

As our parish continues to grow, we have a large number of new folks who have blessed us with their presence over the past year. Bishop Cole will be here for his annual visitation on Dec. 22 this year. Leading up to that, Fr. Bailey will be offering classes beginning in November for those who are considering confirmation and/or joining St. Stephen's. You do not have to make that commitment just yet, but if you have any interest in this or simply learning more about our parish and the Episcopal Church, please let Fr. Bailey know at rector@ststephensor.org. This applies as well to any members who are looking for a refresher in their faith!

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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)

THE RT. REV. BRIAN COLE, BISHOP

THE DIOCESE OF EAST TENNESSEE