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Mission Statement

To proclaim the faith that our years have engendered: to use the diversity
of our Episcopal experience while working toward a common goal; to teach
the young about Jesus and to reach out and affect the lives of those in the community.

"Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them." Matthew 7:20

Welcome to St. Stephen's Church!

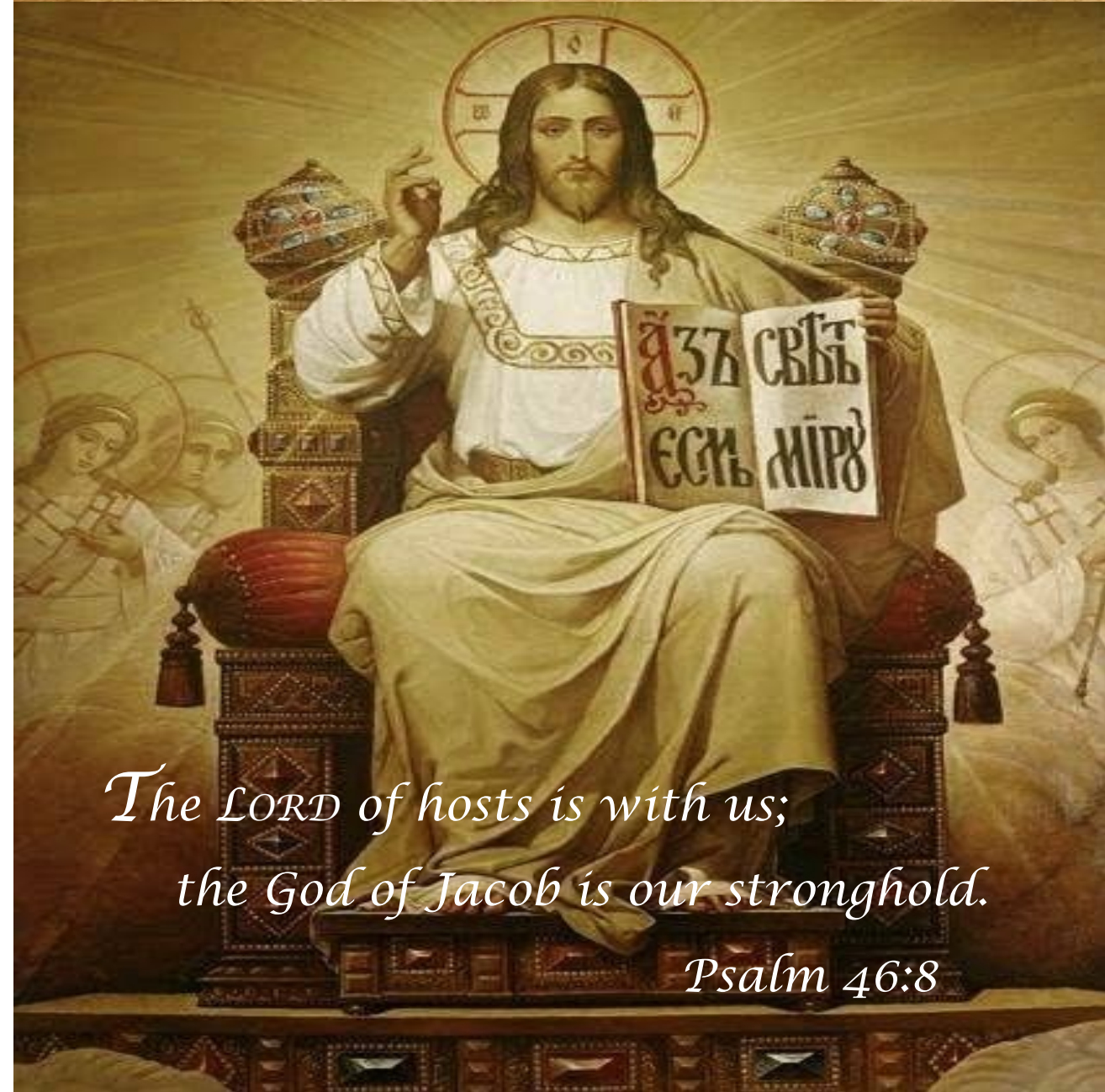
We thank you for joining us for worship today. Please stay for coffee hour, and sign our guest book at the podium in the Narthex. If you are looking for a church home, you have just found it. We would love to have you at St. Stephen's. Arrangements for weddings and baptisms can be made by speaking directly with the Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr., Rector.

To Report Illness, Hospitalization, etc.

Please notify the church office 732-350-2121 of any illnesses or hospitalizations.
If it is an emergency you may also reach Stefanie Bodine, Rector's Warden at 732-350-2904 or
Father Paul at his home 609-268-2864.

Christ the King

Last Sunday after Pentecost



*The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

Psalm 46:8

**LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROPER 28
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II Christ the King**

11/20/2022
8 & 10:15 am

Save the Date on Upcoming Events

Hymnal	The Word of God
544	Proclamation Hymn: "Jesus shall reign" Opening Acclamation
S102	Trisagion Collect of the Day First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6
	Psalm 46 Second Lesson: Colossians 1:11-20 Gradual: "Word of God, Speak" (Lyrics Below) Gospel: Luke 23:33-43 Sermon — <i>The Rev. Paul A. Van Sant</i> The Nicene Creed Prayers of the People Form VI Confession and Absolution The Peace Offertory Anthem Doxology: "All things come of thee O Lord"

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*Word of God speak
 Won't you pour down like rain
 Washing my eyes to see
 Your majesty
 To be still and know
 That You're in this place
 Please let me stay and rest
 In Your holiness
 word of God speak*

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

"The Bible, What Speaks to your Heart", Mondays at 11am, for info contact
This weeks title: ...Led by, Roberta Mackey

CHOIR PRACTICE

10am every Wednesday. Please see *Esther Graham* if you are interested in being a part of our joyous hymns and songs.

HEALING SERVICES

Thursdays at 10:00 am

ORDER OF ST. LUKE

2nd Thursday of each month, December 8th - after Healing Service

VESTRY MEETING

Monday, November 28th @ 10am

THYROID SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

December 12th @10AM

CHRISTMAS AT THE QUIGLEY'S Mark your calendars!! The annual St Stephens Christmas Party at the Quigley's will be on Friday December 16, 2022 beginning at 4 o'clock. Please sign up to attend at the church narthex or call the church at (732) 350-2121. Address; 2001 Elizabeth Ave, whiting NJ 08759

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS

The Altar Guild is again planning to order Christmas flowers and wreaths to decorate the Sanctuary as we prepare for the Celebration of Our Savior's Birth. This is a time when we especially may want to remember our loved ones and friends who have died or to express thanksgiving for our blessings.

Christmas Flower Offering envelopes will be available in the Narthex for those who would like to participate. Please fill out the appropriate information, and return the envelope to the church at your earliest convenience. **If you are unable to get to church at this time, you may mail your donation and memorial information to the Church to the attention of Valerie Thompson, Altar Guild Flower Chair. The deadline for submission of Christmas Flower Offerings is Sunday, December 18th.**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Altar Guild Flower Chair Valerie Thompson, at 732-657-4510. Thank you and God Bless.

ONLINE CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Eucharist are held every Sunday at 8AM and 10:15AM – join us in person or on zoom or you tube. Compline is now on **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** at 7PM on **YouTube** and **Zoom**. All are welcome! COME AND SEE!!!



Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service

1 PM

Wednesday, November 23, 2022

at Christ Lutheran Church
40 Schoolhouse Road
Whiting, NJ 08759

COME ATTEND ONE OF OUR EVENTS

Visit our website at;

<https://www.ststephenswhitingnj.org/new-events>

for more information on upcoming event in
and around our community.

Boy scouts Troop 350

Thanksgiving Day Dinner

*Thursday November 24th
from 10am -12pm*

Turkey and all the fixings



*A sign-up sheet is
in the NARTHEx*

*Please sign-up to get your meal,
here or togo!*

*St Stephen's Episcopal Church
Welcomes the*

Pinelands Symphonic Band Concert

Sunday November 20th, 2pm

Enjoy,

*Sit back, and listen to the sounds of the season, with holi-
day music and memorable classics.*

*Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased at the door or in
our Church office from Monday–Thursday 9-2pm*

180 Route 539, Whiting, NJ 08759

In our Parish Hall



Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever... *Amen.*

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

“**W**oe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, says the LORD.”

“Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

Psalm 46

Deus noster refugium

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
- 11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."
- 12 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.



CHAPEL CLOTHES LINE ~ Sells well to groups meeting at our church. Now accepting **WINTER** clothes **ONLY** in **TOP** condition, (clean, with no missing buttons, tears or stains). Also, continue to use the **FOUR BINS** in our parking lot for *out of season clothing, all men's wear,* and other items. Our Summer clothes are now on clearance sale. We are very appreciative of your kind donations to, and purchases from, this fundraising project.

ST. STEPHEN'S PRAYER CHAIN ~ is in need of additional members. The Prayer Chain is a dedicated group of parishioners who will pray for any who are in need. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact Greta Pearl at 732-350-7584 for details. Greta is the contact when placing, on the Prayer Chain, your name or the names of family, neighbors, or friends who would like prayers for healing, comfort, or any other purpose.

CARE GIVERS VOLUNTEERS ~ Caregivers volunteers, is a faith base organization that offer assistance to the elderly. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Caregivers at 732-505-2273 Ext 213

COFFEE HOUR

help wanted

A new sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for 2022 - sign up! Everyone is so grateful for the delicious food that you share, your help, and they love chatting after the services. Any questions, contact *Stefanie* at (732) 350-2904

Stewardship

Greetings all!

Our stewardship slate of speakers is now complete, and thanks to all who are willing to participate this year!

Bring your thoughts and ideas about stewardship to coffee hour! It's a great and informative way to exchange ideas about stewardship and to gather other people's ideas as well what they're thinking of.

If you have any other ideas and suggestions please let me know. I'm always looking for ways to improve the program. We have a very talented slate this year and our consecration Sunday speaker is Canon Phyllis Jones from the diocese of NJ. Consecration Sunday is Sunday November 20th.

Our program is nearly set and we always look for more to do as it's a year round effort! For more information contact *Bill Bodine* at 848-210-4206

Today we welcome Cannon Phyliss Jones
As our guest speaker.



Order of Saint Luke

The Order of St. Luke meets on the second Thursday of each month--November 10th, after the Healing Service.

Prayer to send out LEMs with the Sacrament:

Celebrant: N. we send you out to share Communion this week with those who have been entrusted to your care.

People: May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this Sacrament of Christ's presence.

Celebrant: Continues with a closing prayer.

ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNION SERVICES

The Pines	1st Sunday of each month	at 9:30 am
Aristicare	1st Monday of each month	at 2:00 pm
The Arbors	2nd Monday of each month	at 2:00 pm
The Pines	3rd Monday of each month	at 2:00 pm



A BIG THANK YOU!

To everyone who filled a shoebox this year as we send our love, blessings and prayers to all across the world.
May YOUR Christmas be Merry and Joyful.



Our Daily Bread Pantry and Hungry Paws

Days and Hours of Operation are:
Tuesday 10 AM until 12:00 PM
Wednesday 10 AM until 12:00 PM

Our Daily Bread Pantry and Hungry Paws is made up of members of the **St. Stephen's Episcopal Church** community and other volunteers who assist in maintaining our pantry, provide food for the sick, the hungry and the needy. The food pantry is here to help those who have minimal funds to work with and come to us when they have a specific need for food.

The *Our Daily Bread Pantry and Hungry Paws* through very generous donations is also able to provide pet food for dogs and cats. For further information please call: **Jim Jados, Director, Food Pantry at (732) 408-5948.**

Second Reading

Colossians 1:11-20

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fulness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Holy Gospel

Luke 23:33-43

And when they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching; but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him vinegar, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."



Serving in the Liturgy today:

Lector 8:00 am	<i>Susan Quigley</i>
LEM 8:00 am	<i>Susan Clarke</i>
Altar Guild 8:00 am	<i>Debbie Fisher, Dave Fisher</i>
Ushers 8:00 am	<i>Glenn Mortimer, Bill Bodine</i>
Lector 10:15 am	<i>Greg Hartline</i>
LEM 10:15 am	<i>Bill Bodine, Susan Clarke</i>
Altar Guild 10:15 am	<i>Valerie Thompson, Karen Mauro</i>
Ushers 10:15 am	<i>Al Thompson, Valarie Thompson</i>

As the church year draws to a close, the liturgy turns our attention to the fact that the world is also moving towards its end. The gospel reading today is from the last portion of Jesus’ teaching according to Luke. This “apocalyptic” teaching was central to Jesus’ message and was a common theme in first century Judaism. God will come and bring all creation to its conclusion in the establishment of the Kingdom. The good news is that whatever tribulations occur in the end times, God is always present and will preserve all the redeemed into eternal life.

The first reading is the conclusion of the final Old Testament prophetic book. It foretells the coming judgment when the Kingdom will be established. The final sign will be the reappearance of Elijah. Jesus, in telling his followers that in John the Baptist Elijah has come (Matthew 17:11- 13), is announcing that the End has begun.

The reading from 2 Thessalonians tells first century Christians how they should live in the end times. In particular, Paul has no patience with those who stop working or ministering in anticipation of the end. The church proclaims that in Christ’s death and resurrection the end has begun.

We are living in the end of time. In the Eucharist, in particular, we are already being met by Jesus, our loving, saving judge and are taken into his Kingdom. In the Eucharist, he comes “again in glory to judge the living and the dead.” It is our knowledge that we are living in the end of the ages that gives Christian living its character, impelling us into worship and into ministry in the name of Christ.

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Sanctuary Candle

***The Sanctuary Candle is given to
The Glory of God***

***In Memory of
Luitgardis Rotsaert who died
November 27, 2004 by Stefanie Bodine***

***In Honor of
Bill and Stefanie Bodine's first
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Altar Flowers

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***In Memory of
Our Granddaughter Hope Gundecker,
by Bill & Dottie Kaster***

