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Kay Karlick, Tom Larson, Ken Seda  
Joanne Smithson, Clerk

**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.

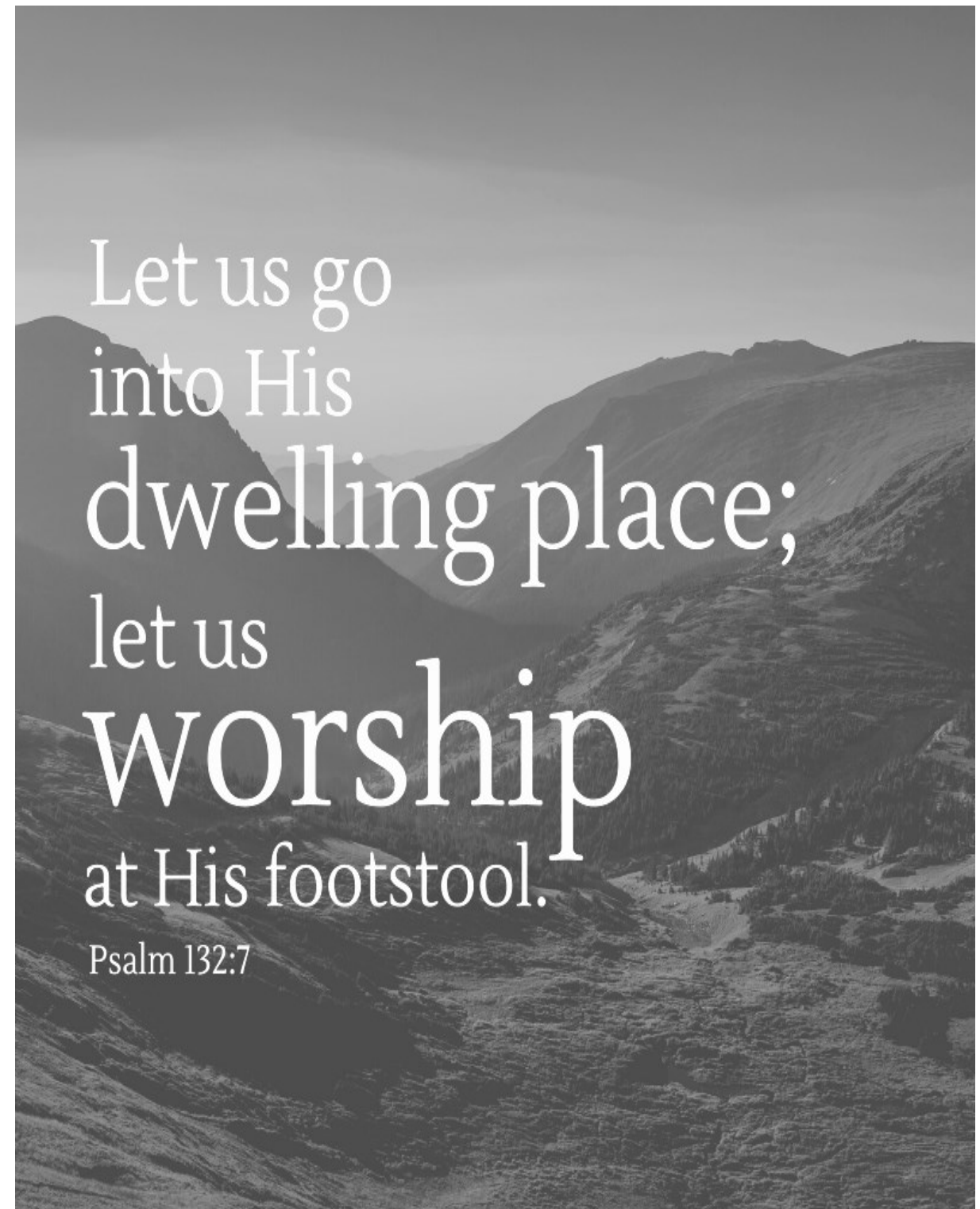
*"Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them." Matthew 7:20*

**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 Rotsaert, Rector's Warden at 732-350-2904 or Father Paul at his home 609-268-2864.



LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
CHRIST THE KING HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

NOVEMBER 21, 2021  
8&10:15 am

Hymnal	The Word of God	BCP
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717	Patriotic Hymn: <i>“My Country tis of Thee”</i>	
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	Collect of the Day	Insert
	First Lesson: <i>Second Book of Samuel 23:1-7</i>	Insert
	<i>Psalm 132</i>	Insert
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	Gradual: <i>“Word of God Speak”</i>	
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Save the Date on Upcoming Events

BIBLE STUDY GROUP-

“The Bible, What Speaks to your Heart”, Mondays 11am For info contact Roberta Mackey at (917) 696-6863

CHOIR PRACTICE-

Wednesdays at 10am

HEALING SERVICES-

Thursdays at 10:00 am (No healing services on Nov 25th and Dec 30th)

ORDER OF ST. LUKE-

2nd Thursday of each month after Healing Service

PINELAND SYMPHONIC BAND-

Fridays at 9:30 am (practice)

ARTS & CRAFTS-

Held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, from 10-12am & 1-3pm

CONSECRATION SUNDAY-

November 21st (Both Services 8 & 10:15 am)

VESTRY MEETING-

Monday, November 29th

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE-

November 24th, 2pm at the Whiting United Methodist Church.

THANKSGIVING DAY TURKET DINNER - November 25th from 11am-1pm. Sign-up sheets are in the St. Stephen’s Church Narthex and at our Food Pantry. For more information please contact our office at 732-350-2121

WHITING GARDEN CLUB -WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST-

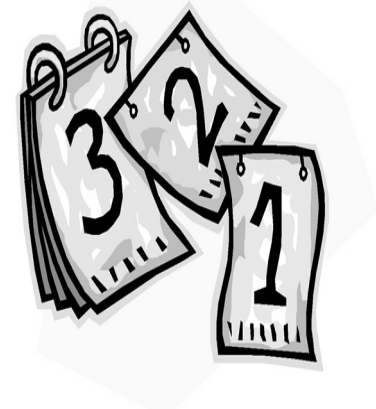
at 10AM in the Parish Hall

CRESTWOOD CHORUS CONCERT -

December 5th at 2pm

ST. STEPHEN’S TREE LIGHTING-

December 9th at 4:30PM



## ONLINE CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Eucharist are held every Sunday at 8AM and 10:15AM – join us in person or on zoom or you tube. Each evening at 7PM, join us for Compline on Zoom or You Tube. All are welcome!



COME AND SEE!!!

## ST. STEPHEN'S TREE LIGHTING



At 4:30 pm on Thursday, December 9th, come join us for a special night of Singing and celebration with the Lighting of our Tree this season. Call the Church office for more details at 732-350-2121



## CRESTWOOD CHORUS PROUD TO PRESENT HOLIDAY SINGERS

The Crestwood Chorus presents: Holiday Singers in a Winter Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 5, 2021, at 2 pm, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church – 180 Route 539 – Whiting, NJ (new venue). There will be refreshments served. There will also be a free will offering. For further information please contact Bonnie @ 609-709-5780 or AJ @ 732-600-5716. You may also contact the Parish Office @ 732-350-2121.



## THE PINELANDS SYMPHONIC BAND CONCERT

The concert will be held on Sunday, November 21 at 2PM. Come hear old favorites, Broadway show tunes, and holiday melodies from this fabulous group of musicians. The donation is \$8 per person. Bring a friend! Tickets will be sold at the door. Refreshments will be available.



**Last Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Christ The King**

**November 21, 2021**  
**8&10:15am**

### **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**

*Second Book of Samuel 23:1-7*

Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, the son of Jesse, the oracle of the man who was raised on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the sweet psalmist of Israel: "The Spirit of the LORD speaks by me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: When one rules justly over men, ruling in the fear of God, he dawns on them like the morning light, like the sun shining forth upon a cloudless morning, like rain that makes grass to sprout from the earth. Yea, does not my house stand so with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. For will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But godless men are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be taken with the hand; but the man who touches them arms himself with iron and the shaft of a spear, and they are utterly consumed with fire."

### **Psalm 132**

- 1 LORD, remember David, \*  
and all the hardships he endured;
- 2 How he swore an oath to the LORD \*  
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

3 "I will not come under the roof of my house, \*  
nor climb up into my bed;

4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, \*  
nor let my eyelids slumber;

5 Until I find a place for the LORD, \*  
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."

6 "The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; \*  
we found it in the fields of Jearim.

7 Let us go to God's dwelling place; \*  
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."

8 Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place, \*  
you and the ark of your strength.

9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; \*  
let your faithful people sing with joy.

10 For your servant David's sake, \*  
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.

11 The LORD has sworn an oath to David; \*  
in truth, he will not break it:

12 "A son, the fruit of your body \*  
will I set upon your throne.

13 If your children keep my covenant  
and my testimonies that I shall teach them, \*  
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."

14 For the LORD has chosen Zion; \*  
he has desired her for his habitation:

15 "This shall be my resting-place for ever; \*  
here will I dwell, for I delight in her.

16 I will surely bless her provisions, \*  
and satisfy her poor with bread.



**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** ~ JoAnn Smithson is the Congregational Coordinator for Care Givers Volunteers here at St. Stephen's. Please continue to use the mailbox in the Office to put in your hours. JoAnn's phone number is 609/268-0821.

**Consecration Sunday November 21st** ~ Special thanks, to our Stewardship Committee for a job well done: William Bodine (Chairman), Debbie Fischer, Karen Tessa-Mayer, Gerianne Murphy, Stefanie Rotsaert, Ken Seda, and Gerrie Vergona. So get on the Stewardship train, which is running full steam! Thank you all so very much, and May God Bless And Protect Our Parish and Parish Family!!!

*By William Bodine III*

**help wanted**

**COFFEE HOUR**



Additional help is needed for the 8am hour. Sign-up in the Narthex. 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





### **BLACKJACK NEEDS OUR HELP**

Hi my name is Phyllis, my adopted shelter dog Blackjack is in very much need of dental work. I live solely on social security and need this financial help. He's a dog that gave up on life, I adopted him, I trained him myself, he is now a state certified therapy dog and has his k-9 good citizenship award...he is kind and gentle and has helped many people...thank you for your help...God Bless You...

Please visit the link provided below to support a good cause and help Blackjack with his much needed dental work.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/please-help-blackjack-with-dental-work/share?qid=c112c9>

Sincerely,

*Miss Phyllis*

### **YOUR PERSONAL ESTATE PLANNING**

Prayerfully consider making an endowment gift to St. Stephen's as part of your estate plan.

### **RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Thank you to all who have donated. There are parishioners as well as other members in our community who benefit greatly from this valued fund. If you wish to contribute, please use the basket on the back table for donations



### **Order of Saint Luke**

The Order of St. Luke meets on the second Thursday of each month-- December 9th and the 23rd 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  
The Arbors        2nd Monday of each month    at 2:00 pm  
The Pines            3rd Monday of each month    at 2:00 pm



- 17 I will clothe her priests with salvation, \*  
and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.
- 18 There will I make the horn of David flourish; \*  
I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.
- 19 As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; \*  
but as for him, his crown will shine."

### **Second Reading**

*Revelation 1:4b-8*

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, every one who pierced him; and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

### **Holy Gospel**

*John 18:33-37*

Pilate entered the praetorium again and called Jesus, and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me; what have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingship is not of this world; if my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to the Jews; but my kingship is not from the world." Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice."

## Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Today is the final Sunday of the church year. Through the year the liturgy unfolds, Sunday by Sunday, the full story of God's redemption in Jesus' earthly life, his ministry, his death, resurrection and ascension, his sending the Holy Spirit, and then, in the past several months, his teaching. Now, on this final Sunday, all of this is summed up, and we celebrate the universal rule of Christ over all creation.

The Gospel reading, from John's account of the Passion of Jesus, recalls that it was not through power but through the self-giving love of Jesus as he endured his passion and death that he was revealed as Messiah and King.

The first reading gives the last words of King David. As he dies, he is given a prophet's vision. His word is that from his descendants will come the great and ultimate ruler of the people of God. Christians in the first generation understood this to be a foretelling of the reign of Christ over the universe.

We end the liturgical year today gathered to contemplate the End which is to come, when Christ will be revealed as King, as the ruler of all things. Even now, as we gather, week by week, in the Eucharist, our liturgy reveals a foretaste of the reign of Christ that is to come.

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CHRIST THE KING

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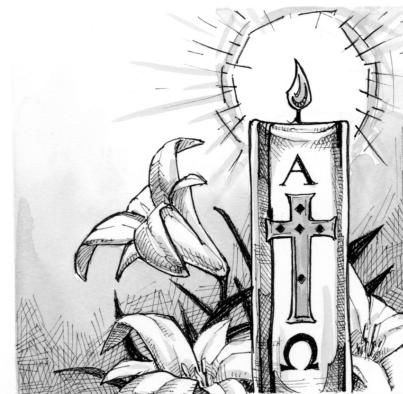
### Serving in the Liturgy today:

Lector 8:00 am	Greta Pearl
LEM 8:00 am	Bill Bodine
Altar Guild 8:00 am	Debbie Fisher, Linda Chiappetta
Ushers 8:00 am	Mary Storey, Glenn Mortimer, Bill Bodine
Lector 10:15 am	Susan Quigley
LEM 10:15 am	Stefanie Rotsaert
Altar Guild 10:15 am	Ann Solaequi, Beverly Larson
Ushers 10:15 am	Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson

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### Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle is given to  
The Glory of God  
in memory of  
*Luitgardis Rotsaert,*  
from her daughter Stefanie Rotsaert



### Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers are given to the  
Glory of God  
**In Memory of**  
*Robert Pomykala,*  
Given by his wife  
Margery Pomykala  
&  
*Luitgardis Rotsaert,*  
Given by her daughter  
Stefanie Rotsaert

