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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.

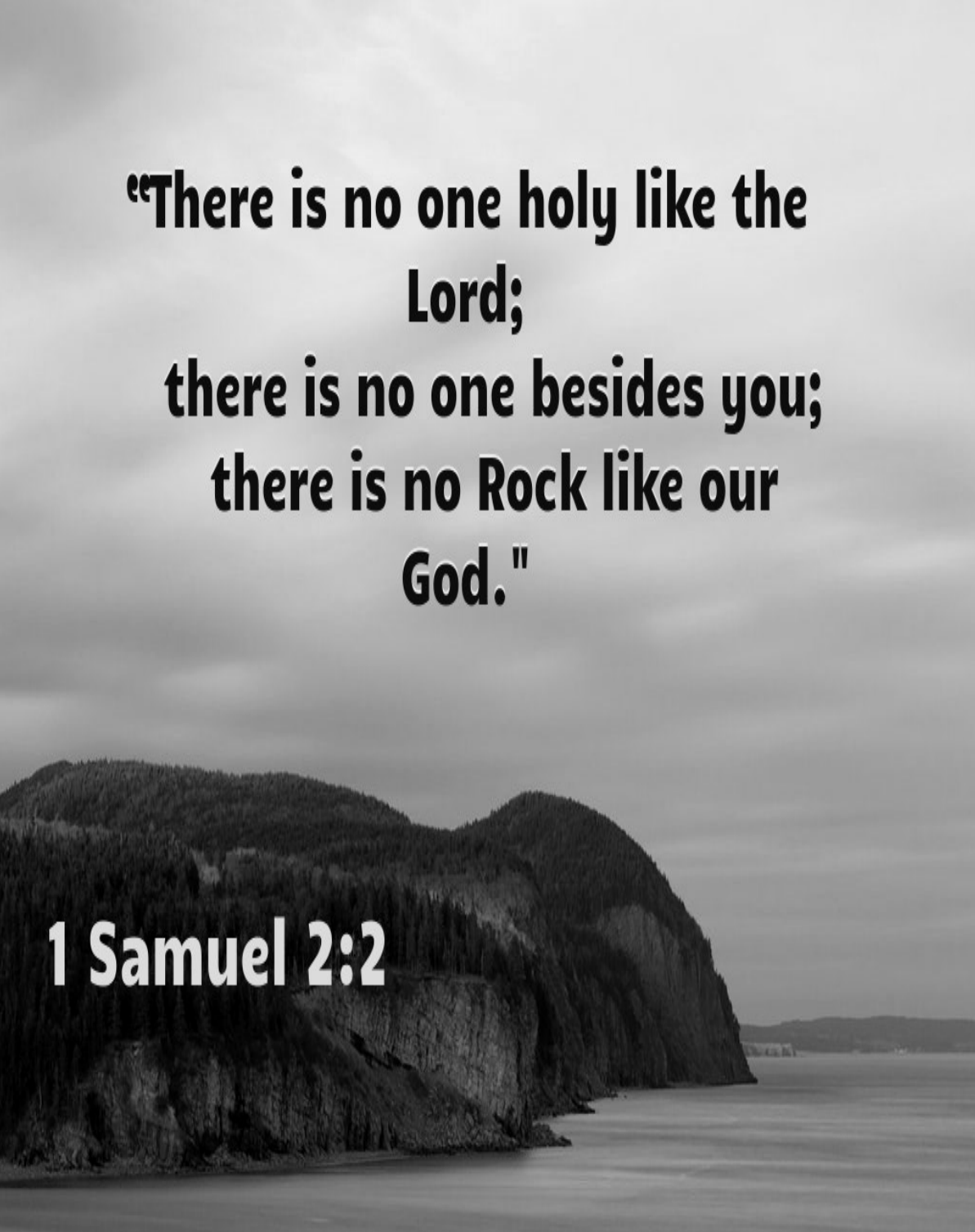
"Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them." Matthew 7:20

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



**"There is no one holy like the
Lord;
there is no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our
God."**

1 Samuel 2:2

Save the Date on Upcoming Events

Hymnal	The Word of God	BCP
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BIBLE STUDY GROUP-

“The Bible, What Speaks to your Heart”, A Woman's Bible study, that will be held November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 11am in the Parish Hall. For more info contact Roberta Mackey at (917) 696-6863

CHOIR PRACTICE-

Wednesdays @ 10:00 am

HEALING SERVECES-

Thursdays @ 10:00 am

ORDER OF ST. LUKE-

2nd Thursday of each month after Healing Service

PINELAND SYMPHONIC BAND-

Fridays @ 9:30 am (practice)

ARTS & CRAFTS-

Held every 3rd Thursday of the month, from 10-12am & 1-3pm
 See Gerry Vergona for more details

CONSECRATION SUNDAY-

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

VESTRY MEETING-

Monday, November 22nd (4th Monday of each month except August)

WHITING GARDEN CLUB -WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 AT 10AM-

Edie Hindermann shares her presentations on the Pine barrens, and Butterflies/Birds/and more

PINELANDS SYMPHONIC BAND CONCERT-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21 AT 2PM -

tickets are \$8 each. Buy in advance or at the door. Refreshments will be served

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE-

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

THANKSGIVING DAY TURKET DINNER - November 25th from 11aam—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



SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to everyone that shared a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. You have made a lot of children very happy in doing God's work on earth.

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!!!

FORWARD DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS

For November / December 2021 January 2022 is now available in regular & large print editions, See Stefanie.

ST. STEPHEN'S THANKSGIVING

FRENCH MACARON SALE

Delivery date is November 14th and will be distributed after the 8am and 10:15am Mass on that Sunday the 7th. Boxes include the following: Pumpkin, cranberry, Vanilla, Coconut and Chocolate Macarons. \$10:00 for each box please see Linda Chiappetta or call her at 609-276-3453 for your orders. YUM, YUM, YUM DON'T MISS OUT!

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. See *Stefanie*

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 28**

**November 14, 2021
8&10:15am**

Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

First Reading

First Book of Samuel 1:4-20

On the day when Elka'nah sacrificed, he would give portions to Penin'nah his wife and to all her sons and daughters; and, although he loved Hannah, he would give Hannah only one portion, because the LORD had closed her womb. And her rival used to provoke her sorely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. And Elka'nah, her husband, said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? And why do you not eat? And why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?" After they had eaten and drunk in Shiloh, Hannah rose. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. And she vowed a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thy maidservant, and remember me, and not forget thy maidservant, but wilt give to thy maidservant a son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head." As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was speaking in her heart; only her lips moved, and her voice was not heard; therefore Eli took her to be a drunken woman. And Eli said to her, "How long will you be drunken? Put away your wine from you." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman sorely troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. Do not regard your maidservant as a base woman, for all along I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition which you have made to him." And she said, "Let your maidservant find favor in your eyes." Then the woman went her way and ate, and her countenance was no longer sad. They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. And Elka'nah knew Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her; and in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."



First Book of Samuel 2

- 1 Hannah also prayed and said,
"My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in the LORD.
My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation"
- 2 "There is none Holy like the LORD,
there is none besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.
- 3 Talk no more so very proudly,
let not arrogance come from your mouth;
4 for the LORD is a God of knowledge,
and by him actions are weighed.
- 5 The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength.
- 6 Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger.
- 7 The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.
- 8 The LORD kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.
- 9 The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low, he also exalts.
- 10 He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,
11 to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.
- 12 For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,
and on them he has set the world.
- 13 "He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
for not by might does one prevail.
- 14 The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces;
against them he will thunder in heaven.
- 15 The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king,
and exalt the power of his anointed."



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!!!

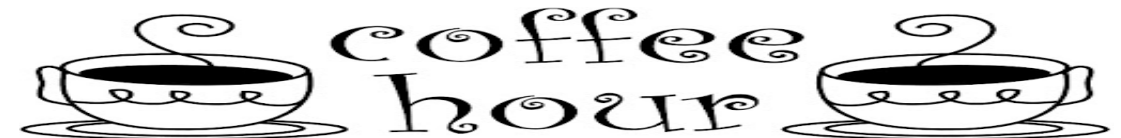
By William Bodine III

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-- November 11, and December 9, 2021.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



Second Reading

Letter to the Hebrews 10:11-25

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, then to wait until his enemies should be made a stool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their misdeeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way which he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Holy Gospel

Mark 13:1-8

And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another, that will not be thrown down." And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign when these things are all to be accomplished?" And Jesus began to say to them, "Take heed that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places, there will be famines; this is but the beginning of the birth-pangs.

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

As we draw to the close of the church year, the liturgy directs us toward the close of history. This “eschatological” emphasis (from the Greek *eschaton*, meaning “last things”) is a central—though not always a popular—part of the Christian proclamation. Today’s Gospel is a portion of Jesus’ discourse on the final consummation in Mark’s Gospel.

The reading from the First Book of Samuel brings us back where we began in our reading through the David history. Here we have the miraculous birth of Samuel who would become the great prophet who anointed David as king. In place of a psalm we use the song Samuel’s mother, Hannah, sang in thanksgiving for the boy’s birth. It is very similar to the Song of Mary in thanksgiving for the conception of Jesus.

The reading from Hebrews announces that the death and resurrection of Jesus has redeemed all of God’s people. Therefore, as our way of being prepared for the End, the author urges us to remain faithful to the work God has done in our baptism by continuing to share in the life, worship, and ministry of the people of God.

The liturgy is not only a remembering, so that the acts of God in the past become a present reality; it is also a looking forward to the consummation so that we have a foretaste of its grace now. Thus, the Eucharist is always a participation in the dying and rising of Jesus, and a participation in the Kingdom that is to come.

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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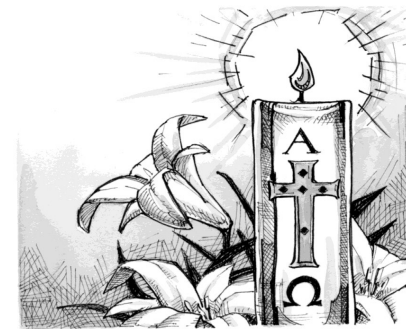
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Serving in the Liturgy today:

Lector 8:00 am	Mary Storey
LEM 8:00 am	Stefanie Rotsaert
Altar Guild 8:00 am	Debbie Fisher, Linda Chiappetta
Ushers 8:00 am	Mary Storey, Glenn Mortimer, Bill Bodine
Lector 10:15 am	Valerie Thompson
LEM 10:15 am	Susan Clarke
Altar Guild 10:15 am	Valerie Thompson, Karen Mauro
Ushers 10:15 am	Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle is given to
The Glory of God
Sans Memorial



Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers are given to the
Glory of God
In Memory of
Barbara Lyons
From her friend Sandy Gaskill

