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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*

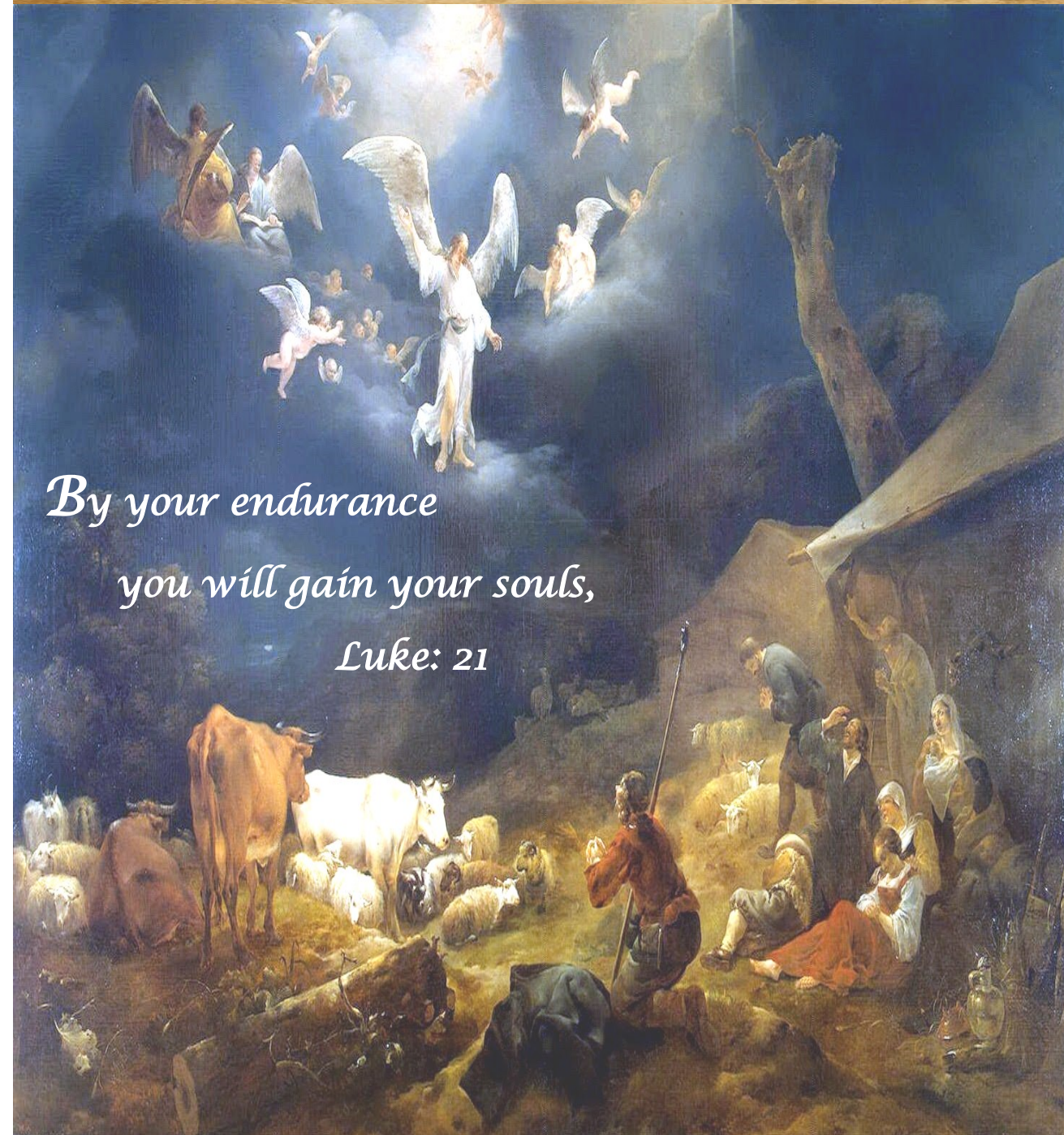
**Welcome to St. Stephen's Church!**

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.

# Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost



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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*

**Save the Date on Upcoming Events**

**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**

November 14th @10AM

**CHRISTMAS AT THE QUIGLEY'S** Mark your calendars!! The annual St  
Stephens Christmas Party at the Quigley's will be on December 10, 2022 begin-  
ning at 4 o'clock. Please sign up to attend at the church narthex or call the church  
at (732) 350-2121. **(Possible Date change may come due to a conflict, look for  
updates to come)**



## 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

### *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!*

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Presents

**"The Pinelands Symphonic  
Band Concert"**

**Sunday, November 20, 2022**

**at 2pm**

**Donation \$10.00**

*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*

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*

*Malachi 4:1-2a*

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

*The sun of righteousness will  
rise...*



*Malachi 4:2*

## Psalm 98

*Cantate Domino*

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.



## Second Reading

*2 Thessalonians 3:6-13*

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any



**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

help wanted



## **COFFEE HOUR**

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

## **ST. STEPHENS PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Will be meeting on this Sunday November 13th after both 8am and 10:15am services to start public relations with our parish online and throughout our community. We are looking for dedicated and organized ideas to help our St. Stephens grow and inform our parishioners on upcoming events and services. For more info, or, if you would like to have a meeting other than on the scheduled dates, please contact *Bill Bodine, Chair*





## 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



### 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

### 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.**

work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 21:5-19*

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."





*Serving in the Liturgy today:*

Lector 8:00 am	JoAnn Smithson
LEM 8:00 am	Richard Smithson
Altar Guild 8:00 am	Debbie Fisher, Dave Fisher
Ushers 8:00 am	Glenn Mortimer, Bill Bodine
Lector 10:15 am	Kay Karlick
LEM 10:15 am	Bill Bodine, Susan Clarke
Altar Guild 10:15 am	Valerie Thompson, Karen Mauro
Ushers 10:15 am	Al Thompson, Valarie Thompson

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  
 wedding anniversary on November 23  
 by Bill and Stefanie Bodine*

*Altar Flowers*

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

