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**Wardens and Vestry 2021**

Stefanie Rotsaert, Rector's Warden  
Richard Smithson, Property Warden  
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Pat Russo, Maryann Payne, Dottie Kaster  
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.

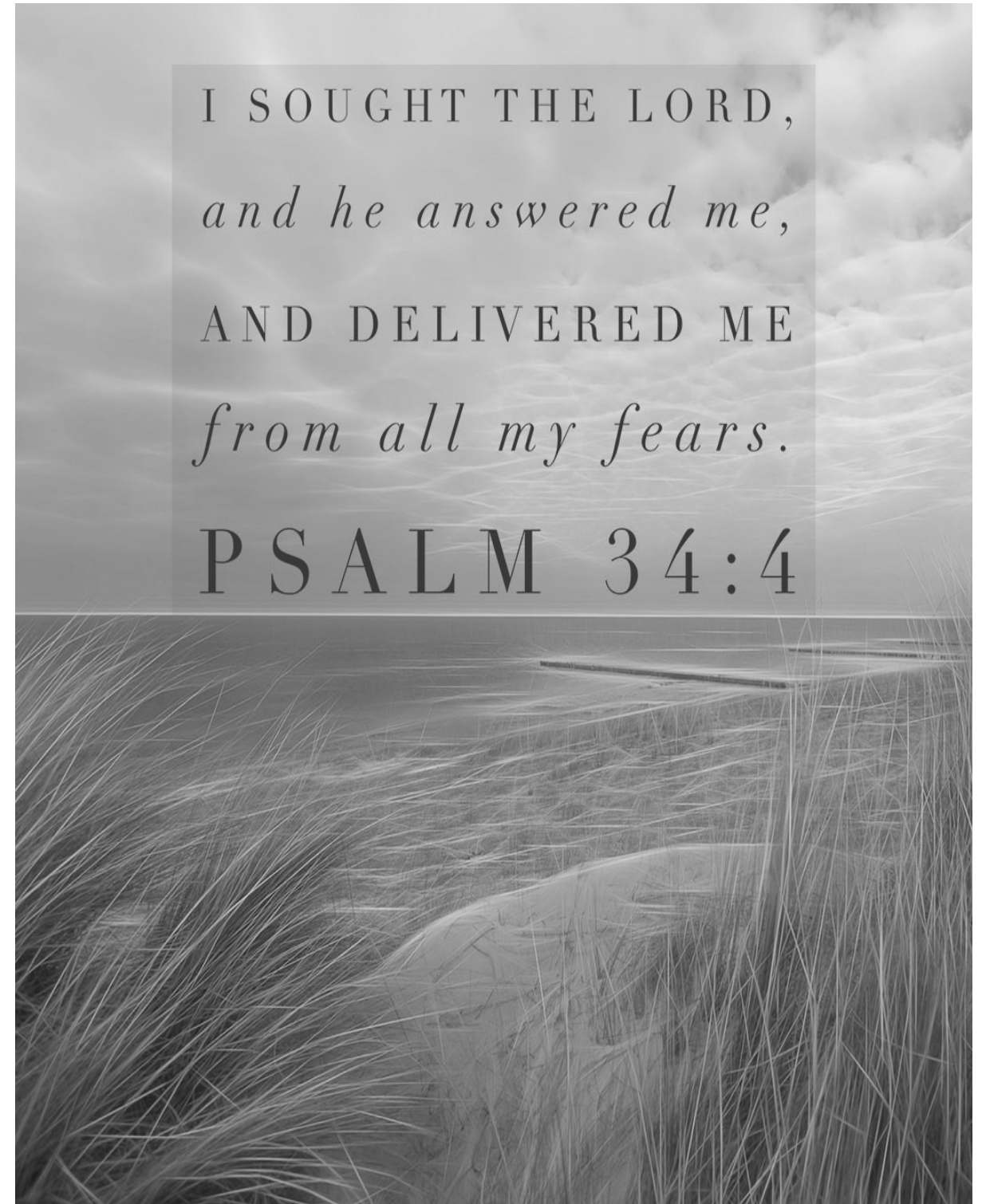
*"Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them." Matthew 7:20*

**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.



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## Save the Date on Upcoming Events

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, from 10-12am & 1-3pm  
See Gerry Vergona for more details

### BLESSING OF THE BIKES-

Saturday, October 23rd from 12pm -4pm

### VESTRY MEETING-

Monday, October 25th (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

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD ARE DUE ! -

Thursday, November 4 or before.

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

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

### THANKSGIVING SERVICE-

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



## **SPECIAL THANKS**

Thank you to all that helped with the Dollar Auction on October 9<sup>th</sup>, it was a fun day for all. We want to especially thank Tom and Beverly Larson for their time and dedication in organizing the event. We hope to see you all back next year for a wild and wacky, dollar crazed day!

BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS - thank you for supporting this fundraising event. We raised \$295. Hopefully, you enjoyed your shopping experience.

Thank you to everyone that supported CROPWALK with their donations. So far, they totaled \$307. Our Noisy Sunday totals from the 2 services were \$96.01. Total so far (10/17) is \$403.01. If you forgot your Noisy Sunday \$ (noisy or quiet \$) I can still accept the \$ into November .

The Whiting CROPWALK began nearly 30 years ago. Last year (in COVID), we collected a total of \$4475 for Whiting -- churches and business sponsors. In the 27 years of the walk in Whiting, \$218,745 has been collected. And donations go to both food pantries, and other CROPWALK projects all over the world. Thanks for caring and sharing. *Stefanie*

## **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.

## **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-Second Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 25**

**October 24, 2021  
8&10:15am**

## **Collect of the Day**

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*Amen.*

## **First Reading**

***Job 42:1-6, 10-17***

Then Job answered the LORD: "I know that thou canst do all things, and that no purpose of thine can be thwarted. 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' I had heard of thee by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees thee; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes." And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job, when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and ate bread with him in his house; and they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a ring of gold. And the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she-asses. He had also seven sons and three daughters. And he called the name of the first Jemi'mah; and the name of the second Kezi'ah; and the name of the third Ker'en-hap'puch. And in all the land there were no women so fair as Job's daughters; and their father gave them inheritance among their brothers. And after this Job lived a hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, four generations. And Job died, an old man, and full of days.

## Psalm 34

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; \*  
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; \*  
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, \*  
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in him!
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, \*  
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.
- 20 He will keep safe all his bones; \*  
not one of them shall be broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, \*  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- 22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust in him.



**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.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** ~ Shoeboxes and forms with all the details are available in the Narthex. The deadline is November 4. The box in front of the shoeboxes is for any additional items you want to share that do not fit in your shoebox. Stefanie will fill another box with these items. See Pat Russo or Stefanie with any questions.

### **COFFEE HOUR**

A new coffee hour sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. If you would like to share fruit, sandwiches, quiche, baked goods, sign up and help us. Everyone is so grateful for your help. It is also nice to chat after the services. Any questions, contact Stefanie.

*Stefanie Rotsaert (732) 350-2904*



## **SPECIAL CONVOCATIONAL MEETING VIA ZOOM TONIGHT**

If you are one of our six parish Convocational Representatives, you should have received this information from our Convocational Dean. If you have not received this information, please review this and make sure to be online for this special meeting October 24 at 7:00pm. If you have any questions please contact Fr. Paul after today's service for information.

### **MEETING DETAILS**

**Date:** October 24

**Time:** 7:00 PM EST

**Format:** ZOOM

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84278986111>

## **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 7:23-28*

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

## **Holy Gospel**

*Mark 10:46-52*

And they came to Jericho; and as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great multitude, Bartimae'us, a blind beggar, the son of Timae'us, was sitting by the roadside. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; rise, he is calling you." And throwing off his mantle he sprang up and came to Jesus. And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Master, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

## Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Gospel reading, Jesus heals a blind man. It is the man's faith which gives him his sight. The rules of religion understood blindness to be caused by sin, so this man was excluded from the life of the people. Jesus, however, welcomes him, heals him, and includes him among his followers.

Job hears God's reply that God is unknowable. Realizing how small and weak he is and how presumptuous he was to question God, Job now repents. God's response is to undo all the trouble Job had and to restore him and his family to their former good fortune. This little fictional story represents a deepening of the Jewish conception of God during the last few centuries before the time of Jesus.

Our second reading continues the letter to Jewish Christians. This was probably written after Jerusalem and its Temple were destroyed, thus there were no more sacrifices offered. The writer reminds his readers that Jesus' own self-offering makes continued sacrifices of animals by fallible human priests no longer necessary. Jesus' one sacrifice of himself is eternally effective for all humanity.

In the Eucharist, our use of physical bread and wine as the elements of spiritual communion with God remind us of this truth. We become part of the once-for-all sacrifice of Jesus so that we can live in his life eternally. We cannot live apart from God or apart from moral responsibility to all people. In baptism, our spiritual blindness is healed, and we are called to grow into a Body of people committed to justice, reconciliation, and righteous living.

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
PROPER 25

OCTOBER 24, 2021

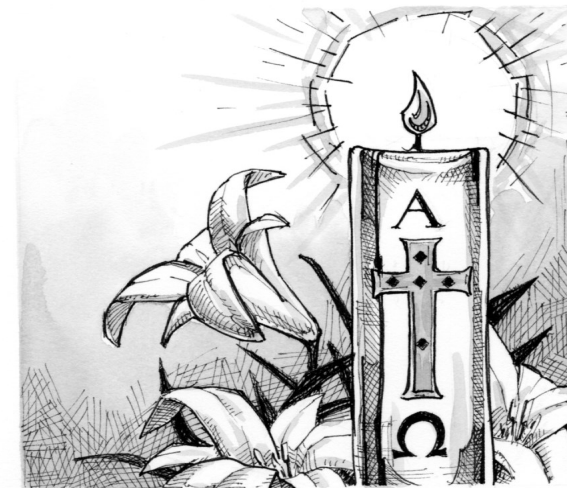
Serving in the Liturgy today:

Lector 8:00 am	Greta Pearl
LEM 8:00 am	Stefanie Rotsaert
Altar Guild 8:00 am	Mary Storey, Debbie Fisher, Dave Fisher
Ushers 8:00 am	Mary Storey, Glenn Mortimer, Bill Bodine
Lector 10:15 am	Valerie Thompson
LEM 10:15 am	Robert Virtue
Altar Guild 10:15 am	Valerie Thompson
Ushers 10:15 am	Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson

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### 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**  
*Dottie Wolcott*

