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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.

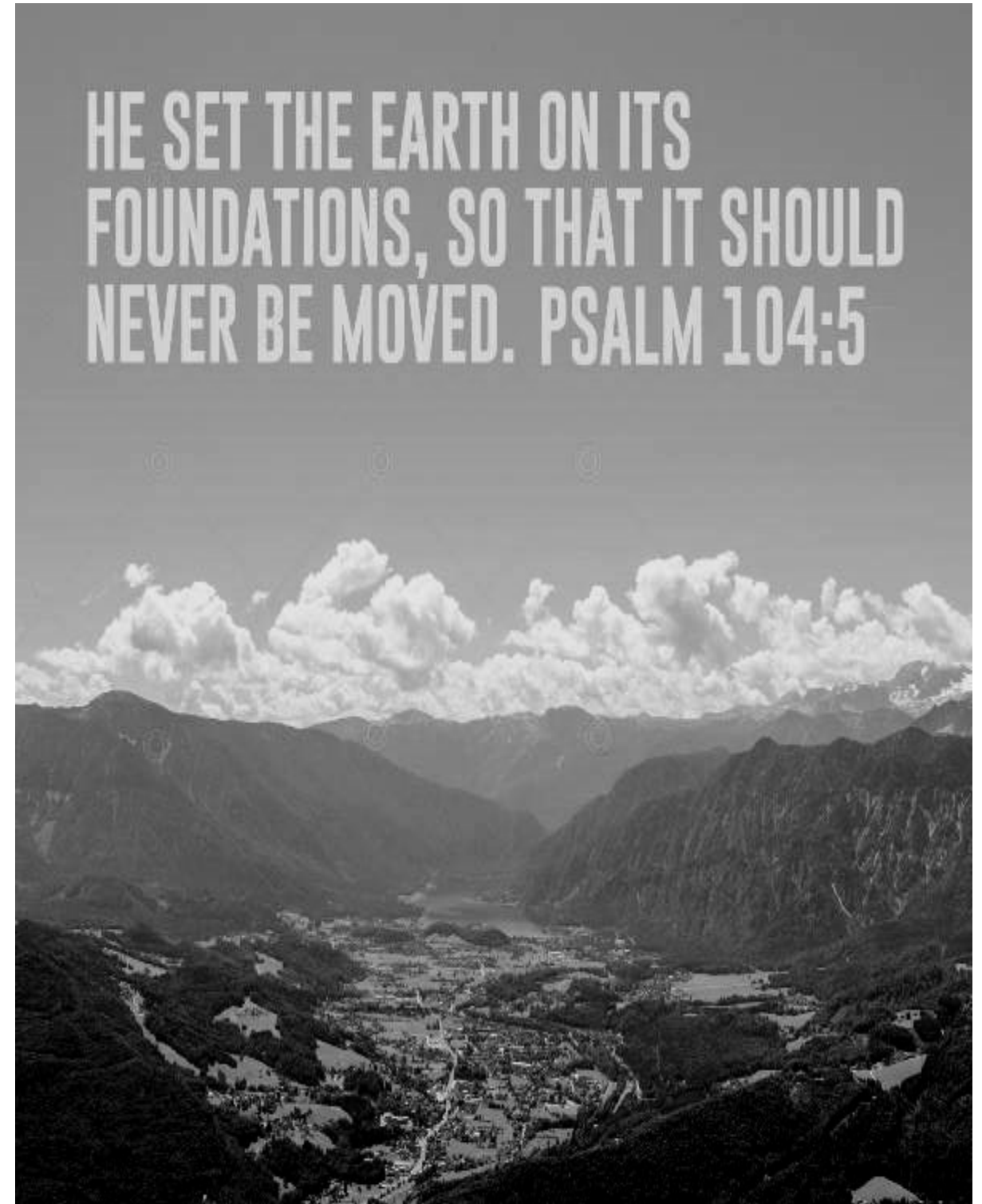
"Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them." Matthew 7:20

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.



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Save the Date on Upcoming Events

BIBLE STUDY GROUP:

“The Bible, What Speaks to your Heart”, will be held Starting in November, Mondays at 11 am 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)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

Pick up a shoebox on the table in the Narthex.

CROPWALK:

Sunday Oct, 17th 1:30PM at St. Stephen's, walkers needed. For info See *Stefanie Rotsaert*

BOSCOV’S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS:

Wednesday October 20th at Store. Buy a coupon from Stefanie for \$5 each.

ARTS & CRAFTS:

Thursday October 21st from 10-12am & 1-3pm and is held every 3rd Thursday of the month. See Gerry Vergona for more details

25th ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE BIKES:

Saturday, October 23rd, 12-4pm, Blessing will be at 2:00 pm Rain or Shine

VESTRY MEETING:

Monday, October 25th (4th Monday of each month except August)



FATHER PAUL
WELCOMES YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR
25th ANNUAL
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SATURDAY OCTOBER 23RD
2021

HOURS 12 TO 4 RAIN OR SHINE

BIKES WILL BE BLESSED AT 2 pm

BY: *FATHER PAUL VAN SANT*

Donation \$15 per person

Proceeds to benefit St. Stephen's Ministry

NO CHARGE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 10



SUNDAY
Oct 17th 1:30PM
at St. Stephen's, Episcopal Church
walkers needed

For info See Stefanie Rotsaert

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 24

October 17, 2021
8&10:15am

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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 38:1-7, 34-41

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements--surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, that a flood of waters may cover you? Can you send forth lightnings, that they may go and say to you, 'Here we are'? Who has put wisdom in the clouds, or given understanding to the mists? Who can number the clouds by wisdom? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cleave fast together? "Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert? Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?"

Psalm 104

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; *
O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness!
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.
- 2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak *
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.
- 3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; *
you make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind.
- 4 You make the winds your messengers *
and flames of fire your servants.
- 5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, *
so that it never shall move at any time.
- 6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; *
the waters stood higher than the mountains.
- 7 At your rebuke they fled; *
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
- 8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, *
to the places you had appointed for them.
- 9 You set the limits that they should not pass; *
they shall not again cover the earth.
- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 37b Hallelujah!




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.

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 



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.

Second Reading

Letter to the Hebrews 5:1-10

For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchiz'edek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard for his godly fear. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and being made perfect he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchiz'edek.

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

And James and John, the sons of Zeb'edee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

The liturgy today centers on two themes of the Christian message about Jesus. Both are found in today's Gospel: Jesus' messiahship is revealed not in his power but in his life of serving others and his suffering and death, and he calls us to a like ministry of self-giving love.

The Old Testament reading is again from Job. Last week we heard this innocent sufferer complaining that he cannot face God and seek an answer to his suffering. Suddenly God speaks, but God is the questioner. Who are you to question the source of the entire universe? God will explain his actions and plan only if Job can explain God, clearly an impossible task.

Today's passage from the Epistle to the Hebrews expresses the redemptive suffering of Christ as his eternal priestly sacrifice, which replaces the sacrifices of the temple. We are assured that our own suffering and our own self-giving ministry receive redemptive value by virtue of our baptismal union with Jesus' own sacrifice.

We, the people of God, gather to celebrate the Eucharist, which is one aspect of our work. In song, story, word, and Sacrament, the dying and rising of Jesus and his ministry to us are revealed and made present. We become sharers in his life by our participation, and are prepared and enabled to carry out the other aspect of our work in sacrificial, servant ministry to others.

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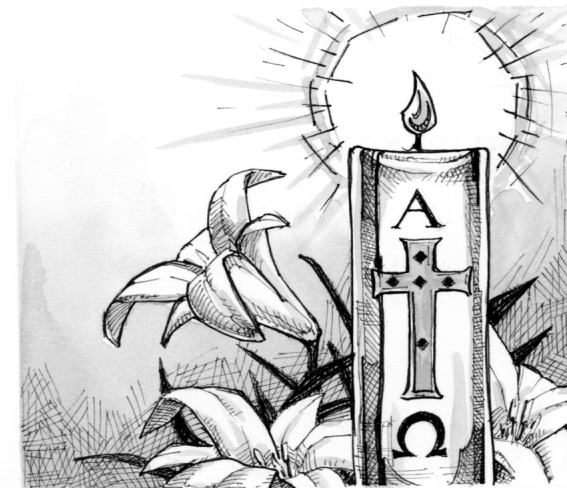
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Serving in the Liturgy today:

Lector 8:00 am	Mary Storey
LEM 8:00 am	Bill Bodine
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	Robert Virtue
LEM 10:15 am	Stefanie Rotsaert
Altar Guild 10:15 am	Valerie Thompson
Ushers 10:15 am	Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson

Sanctuary Candle

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



Altar Flowers

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