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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.

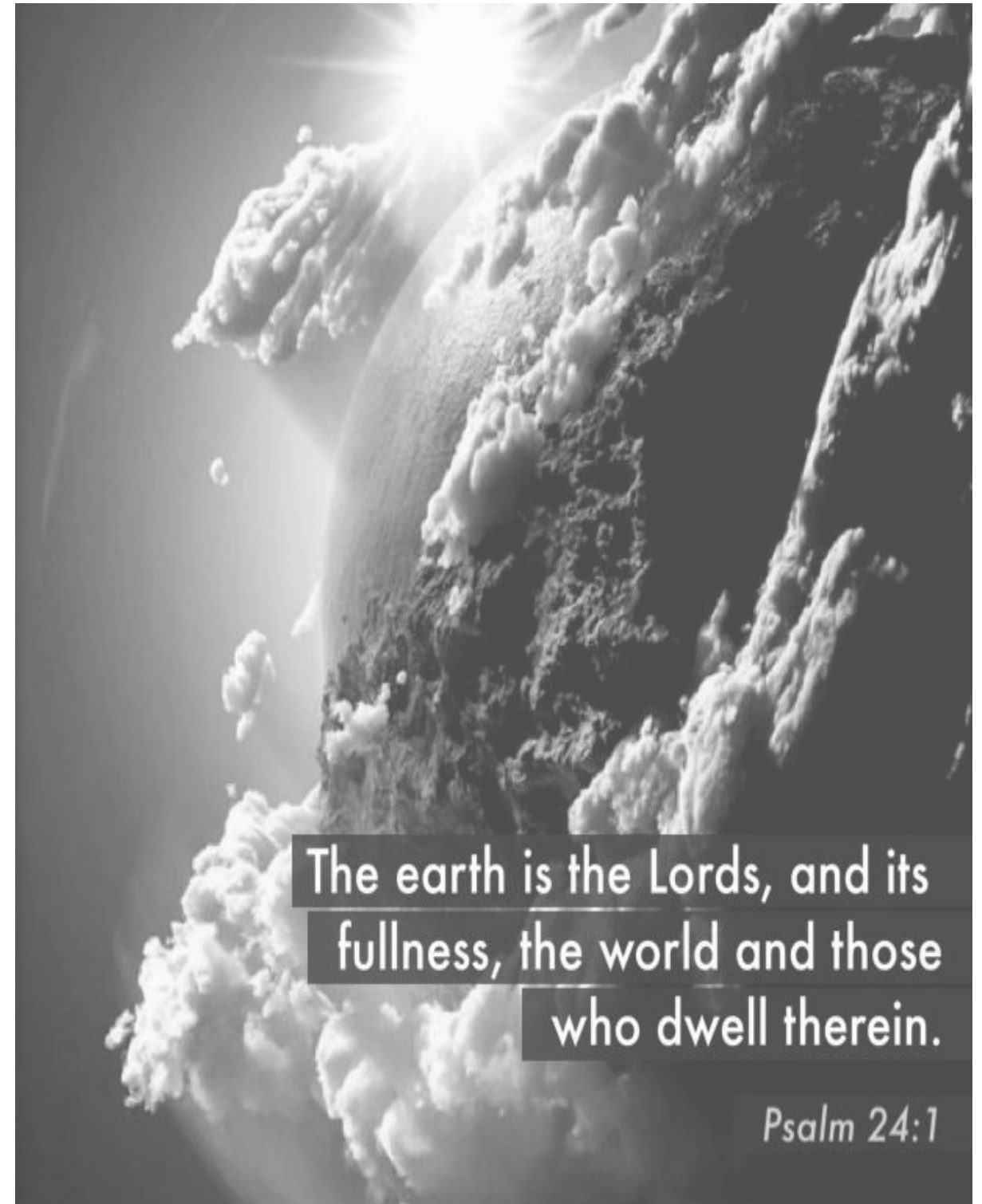
"Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them." Matthew 7:20

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.



**The earth is the Lords, and its
fullness, the world and those
who dwell therein.**

Psalm 24:1

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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

VESTRY MEETING-

Monday, November 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 SHOEBOXES 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

Thanks to Al and Val Thompson, Ken Seda, Joy Frey, Roberta Mackey, Lydia Kremer, Bob Virtue, Gerrie Vergona, Tom and Beverly Larson, Linda Chiappetta, Anna Albanese, Sue Quigley, Esther Graham, Priscilla Van Sant, Estelle Pizzuti, Stefanie Rotsaert, JoAnn Smithson, Deb Fisher, Maryann Payne, Dennis Lacey, Fr. Paul, Greg, --for helping, by making food, getting door prizes, and tickets, selling and making the day a success.



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-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 26**

**October 31, 2021
8&10:15am**

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

Amen.

First Reading

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be an affliction, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of men they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his elect, and he watches over his holy ones.

Psalm 24

- 1 The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? *
and who can stand in his holy place?"
- 4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 "Who is this King of glory?" *
"The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle."
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory."



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.

help wanted

COFFEE HOUR

Additional help is needed for the rest of the year. 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

Revelation 21:1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away." And he who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

Holy Gospel

John 11:32-44

Then Mary, when she came where Jesus was and saw him, fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled; and he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb; it was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. I knew that thou hearest me always, but I have said this on account of the people standing by, that they may believe that thou didst send me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Laz'arus, come out." The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with bandages, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

The church's celebration of all the saints centers on baptism. It is in baptism that we have become members of the communion or fellowship of saints. Therefore we will join in renewing our baptismal promises along with those being baptized today.

The term *saint* means "a holy person." The church's teaching about the saints is not that they are a few exceptional Christians who were holy in themselves; instead, it is that no one can become holy without the indwelling of God's Spirit. The saints are all those who have received the Spirit of God, who leads them into holiness. Thus, the festival of All Saints' Day is the celebration of all baptized people, for we have all been given the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The first reading reflects on the condition of those who have died. While the world thinks they are gone, they instead now live with God and with God rule the universe. God continues to care for all the elect.

The Gospel reading is the story of the raising of Lazarus. All of us, the baptized saints of God, also hear Jesus call out our name and command us to come out of death and into life. Today's liturgy celebrates the two primary ways in which we become holy people. First, we receive God's Spirit in baptism. Second, we are renewed in God's Spirit each time we celebrate the Eucharist.

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PROPER 26

OCTOBER 31, 2021

Serving in the Liturgy today:

Lector 8:00 am	Susan Quigley
LEM 8:00 am	Richard Smithson
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	Susan Clarke
Altar Guild 10:15 am	Kay Karlick
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
Dottie Wolcott
From her friend Sandy Gaskill



Daylight Savings Time is almost here!

On November 7th, it is
time to "TURN BACK" your clocks for that extra
hour of well needed rest!

