

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints' Day
Saturday November 2, 2025

Voluntary

“Solemn Melody”

Walford Davies

Hymn 287

“For all the saints” (*stanzas 1-6*)

Sine Nomine

Opening Acclamation *(page 1 in the booklet)*

The Collect

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 Lesson Daniel 7:1-3,15-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

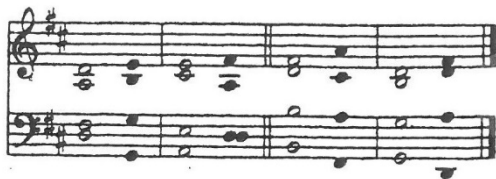
As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 149 (sung by all)

Cantate Domino



1 Hallelujah!

Sing to the Lord a new **song**; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the **faithful**.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his **Maker**; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their **King**.

3 Let them praise his Name in the **dance**; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and **harp**.

4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his **people** *
and adorns the poor with **victory**.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in **triumph**; *
let them be joyful on their **beds**.

6 Let the praises of God be in their **throat** *
and a two-edged sword in their **hand**;

7 To wreak vengeance on the **nations** *
and punishment on the **peoples**;

8 To bind their kings in **chains** *
and their nobles with links **of iron**;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

The Gospel Luke 6: 20-31

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets." "But woe to you who are rich, for you have

received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley

Affirmation of Faith *(page 2 in the booklet)*

The Prayers of the People *(page 2 in the booklet)*

As we discern our next bishop – we give thanks for the search and transition teams, and bishop candidates: Susan, Marcus and Miguelina. We also pray for: Ken, Keith, Marcus, Sokpha, Dren; A.J, Judy, Robertine, Steph, Paul, Craig, Glen, Thom, Mike, Jay, Linda, Evan, Haley, Eve, Barbara, Ted, Sophia, Sue, Marjorie, Natasha, Philip, Brady, Amy; Stephen; Scott; the Slonski family; a just peace for Ukraine, and those affected by the violence in the Middle East and Sudan.

Those who have died: *Brodie Slonski*

Confession *(page 4 in the booklet)*

Peace *(page 5 in booklet)*

Offertory Anthem "Give us the wings of faith" James Whitbourn

Give us the wings of faith to rise within the veil,
and see the saints above,
how great their joys,
How bright their glories be.

We ask them whence their victory came:
They, with united breath,
Ascribe the conquest to the Lamb,
Their triumph to his Death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod,
His zeal inspired their breast,
And, following their incarnate God,
They reached the promised rest.

Isaac Watt

The Great Thanksgiving *(page 5 in booklet)*

Those who have died this past year: *(Please add your own intercessions.)*

Margaret (Tommie) Coles

Frances Hills

Harriet Cuyler

Susan Rock

William (Bill) Engle

Naoma Sammons

Donald George

Arlene Stockley

Fraction Anthem *(page 8 in booklet)*

Communion Anthem “Spirit of the Lord, come down” *John Harper*

Spirit of the Lord, come down,
spreading your protective wing over all that you have made,
over every living thing.

Come in storm – wind, cleansing fire,
sweeping through a world unclean,
come in every gentle breeze.
Breath of God, unheard, unseen.

Holy Spirit, blessed Light,
guide and strengthen mind and will;
comfort every grieving heart,
and our inmost being fill.

Through the Father and the Son,
by who blood our life was bought,
fill our empty hands with gifts:
come with grace unearned, unsought.

Stanbrook Abbey

Announcements

Post Communion Prayer *(page 9 in the booklet)*

Hymn 293 “I sing a song of the saints of God” *Grand Isle*

Voluntary “Trumpet Tune in D Major” *David Johnson*

PARISH NOTICES

WHO ARE WE? St. Stephen’s Parish is a community of people who together seek to serve our community, drawing strength and joy from worshipping together. We don’t all believe the same, act the same, vote the same, or dress the same – but we strive to love the same, as Christ loved and served all people.

ST. STEPHEN'S TABLE - Gifts may be made by sending a donation to the church or through our website. On the website, select "Give," to find the link to the online giving page. Select "St. Stephen's Table from the Fund menu.

KNIT & SIP will meet on Tuesday, November 4th at 5:00 p.m. in the Guild Room.

MEET AND GREET WITH THE CANDIDATES FOR BISHOP

will be held at St. Stephen's on Wednesday, November 5 at 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY FUNDAY – November 9, 9:45a.m. Gather in the Sears Room.

THE THANKSGIVING ANGELS THANK John Garinther, Roy Sutton, and Chris & Nikki Plankey who went to Walmart on Monday and loaded 2,500 boxes of corn bread mix into their vehicles, drove to United Church of Christ and unloaded the boxes so they can be packaged for the Thanksgiving Angels clients. All additional donations will go towards turkey purchases. Questions - contact Joan Evans 413-822-0889.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP will once again make deliveries for the Thanksgiving Angels. Sign up soon through the Thanksgiving Angels or United Way websites. Please contact Colin Behnke for more information.

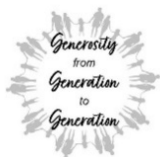


GIVING TO ST. STEPHEN'S IS EASY – Scan the QR code to find our giving form, or text "giviststephens\$youramount" to 73256 (example: giviststephens\$25 will donate \$25.) Message and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.

FIRST FRIDAY PAINT & SIP FOR KIDS AT ST. STEPHEN'S on Friday, November 7 from 5 – 7 p.m.. Volunteers are needed to make this event a success! Please contact Kim Gritman, kgritman@downtownpittsfield.com

Bottles/Cans Toter –Chris Plankey

Cardboard Breakdown- Don Phipps



VOLUNTEERS MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE

We thank Chris Plankey for his remarks today about why he shares his time and his considerable talents to enrich our parish community. If you are interested in learning more about a volunteer opportunity, we invite you to complete the form enclosed in today's bulletin and place it in one of the offering baskets found at the church entrances. Thank you for thinking of new ways you may wish to serve.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Worship: Wednesday, November 5, Compline at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom
Saturday November 8, 5p.m. & Sunday, November 9, 10 a.m.

St. Stephen's Table: Thursday & Friday, Grab and Go, 4:30 p.m.

ESL Classes: Monday & Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Meetings: AA: Friday at 6:30 p.m.; Saturday at 10:00 a.m. NA: Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, 6:30 p.m. Dining Room

MINISTERS OF THE CELEBRATION

CELEBRANT	The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley
LECTORS	Don Phipps, Kathryn Jensen
LAY MINISTERS	Jim Cawse, Chris Plankey
ALTAR GUILD	David Nevin
GREETERS	Paula Morey, Laura Kelly
VESTRY GREETER	Chris Perry
CRUCIFER	Christine Furcinite- Reynolds

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THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

See page 3, Prayers of the People, for Parish Prayer List

We pray for those serving in the armed forces and their families:

MAJ Andrew B., CPT Nichols P., 1LT Curran J.D., Lance CPL Chad L., SPC
Amanda D., Pvt. Corey F.D., Army Ranger Sean J., Micah H.

We pray for our community

Habitat for Humanity in Pittsfield.
Department of Mental Health
Government of the United States

In Our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for:

Trinity Church, Whitinsville;
Stewardship & Planned Giving
"Messy Church" Ministry

In our Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for:

Sunday the Church of the Province of West Africa
Monday: Diocese of Portsmouth (England)
Tuesday Diocese of Pretoria (Southern Africa)
Wednesday Diocese of Puerto Rico (The Episcopal Church)
Thursday: Diocese of Pune (North India)
Friday: Diocese of Pungue River (Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique & Angola)
Saturday: Diocese of Pyay (Myanmar)Pyay (Myanmar)

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Sunday Sexton Roy Stillman

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The Rt. Rev. Douglas Fisher

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Welcome to Worship at St. Stephen's

We are delighted to have you with us today as we worship together. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is an inclusive parish welcoming all people - regardless of ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or creed. God loves you, and so do we!

All Are Welcome to Receive from God's Table.

Each week we share the bread and the wine: the gifts of God, given for the people of God. We invite you to receive communion, but, if you'd rather receive a blessing, please come forward and indicate that by crossing your arms across your chest.

Receiving Communion:

The bread - When you come forward hold your hands out together, palm up. The clergy person will place a wafer in your hands, and say, "The body of Christ." Your response: "Amen." (Please let the clergy know if you'd prefer a gluten free wafer.)

The wine - is offered by chalice bearers on either side of the aisle in front of the altar area. Those sitting on the right should choose the right side chalice, those sitting on the left, choose the left side chalice. The chalice bearer will offer the wine, saying, "The Blood of Christ." Your response: "Amen." You may receive the wine by taking a small sip from the chalice, or by dipping your wafer in the wine, taking care not to touch the wine with your fingers. You may also choose to hear the words and respond without choosing to partake of the wine.

Children are always welcome at worship!!

Families are welcome to sit wherever they wish. There are child-friendly books in a bookshelf near a coloring station in the back, on the right side of the sanctuary. There's a second coloring station on the front left, where there is also our **Kids' Own Space activity area**. There's a Nursery Nook in the Guild Room for caregivers of infants and toddlers who need to take a break during worship. Caregivers, please come and go as your child needs to - for their safety, **we ask that children be accompanied at all times**. Sunday school is offered on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, September through May.

Collection Plates are located at each entrance. All gifts gratefully accepted.

Restrooms are located in our Parish House: Exit the sanctuary via the doors on either side of the altar, follow the signs.