

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Saturday November 8, 5 p.m. &
Sunday November 9, 2025, 10 a.m.

Voluntary

“Give me Jesus”

Robert Billingham

Hymn 390

“Praise to the Lord”

Lobe den Herren

Opening Acclamation *(page 1 in the booklet)*

The Collect

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson Haggai 1:15b-2:9

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

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

Thanks be to God.



- 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**.

The Gospel Luke 20: 27-38

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In

the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.”

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, Drew; A.J, Judy, Robertine, Steph, Paul, Craig, Glen, Thom, Mike, Jay, Linda, Evan, Haley, Eve, Ted, Sophia, Sue, Marjorie, Natasha, Philip, Brady, Stephen; Scott; Charley; Doug; a just peace for Ukraine, and those affected by the violence in the Middle East and Sudan.

Celebrant adds: A Prayer for Heroic Service, and For Those in the Armed Forces of Our Country.

Confession *(page 4 in the booklet)*

Peace *(page 5 in booklet)*

Offertory Anthem “He watching over Israel” *from St. Paul*
Felix Mendelssohn

He watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps;
Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish;
He will quicken thee.

The Great Thanksgiving *(page 5 in booklet)*

Fraction Anthem *(page 8 in booklet)*

Communion Anthem “Nobody knows the trouble I’ve seen”
Spiritual/Henry Burleigh
 (Refrain) Nobody knows the trouble I’ve seen,
 nobody knows but Jesus,
 Nobody knows the trouble I’ve seen,
 Glory hallelujah!

Sometimes I’m up sometimes I’m down.
 Oh yes, Lord!
 Sometimes I’m almost to the ground;
 Oh yes, Lord! (Refrain)
 If you get there before I do,
 Oh yes, Lord!
 Tell all my friends I’m coming too,
 Oh yes, Lord! (Refrain)
 Traditional

Announcements

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

Hymn 620 “Jerusalem my happy home” *Land of Rest*

Voluntary *Deo Gracias* François Couperin

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.

THE THANKSGIVING ANGELS Your generosity has allowed St. Stephen’s to meet its 2025 goal of supplying 1250 boxes of corn bread mix.! 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.

QUARTERLY GIVING STATEMENTS were emailed from Realm last week. If the office does not have your email address, your statement was mailed. If you cannot access your electronic statement, please contact the office.

CONVENTION DELEGATES WANT TO KNOW YOUR CHOICE for the next bishop of western Massachusetts. The delegates are Rev. Nina, John Garinther, David Nevin and Chris Perry.



GIVING TO ST. STEPHEN’S IS EASY – Scan the QR code to find our giving form, or text “giveststephens\$youramount” to 73256 (example: giveststephens\$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.

Paper Toter –Roy Sutton	Cardboard Home- Jeff Pringle
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How can we increase the vibrancy of our parish? The answer lies with us! You are warmly invited to use the “invitation cards” found at the sanctuary entrances to ask a family member, friend, neighbor or co-worker to join us at an upcoming service! Many people are just waiting to be asked - if you need more cards, let the office know!

PLEDGE PACKETS FOR 2026 are being mailed. If yours has not arrived by next Sunday, extras may be found in the Narthex. In-Gathering is Nov. 23.

MINISTERS OF THE CELEBRATION

CELEBRANT 5p.m. & 10 a.m.	The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley
LECTOR 5p.m.	Al Symonds
LAY MINISTER 5p.m.	Lois Symonds
LECTORS	Nancy Travis, Renee Kaley
LAY MINISTERS	Brendan Dillon Harmon, Nichole Plankey
ALTAR GUILD	Claudia A. Curry, Jim Brennan
GREETERS	Nancy Lamoureaux, Diane Forsyth
VESTRY GREETER	Leah Luczynski
CRUCIFER	Jim Alden
COFFEE HOUR	Cathy Carchedi, Dot Lambert

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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

Worship: Wednesday, November 12, Compline at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom
Sunday, November 16, 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

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

In our Parish prayers, we pray for: Ken E.; Keith C.; Marcus; Sokpha; Drew; AJ R.; Steph M.; Robertine M.; Judy; Paul A.; Craig S.; Glen M.; Mike E.; Thom S.; Jay G.; Linda H.; Evan C.; Haley; Eve; Ted K.; Sophia; Sue C.; Marjorie C.; Natasha L.; Philip R.; Brady W.; Stephen L; Scott E; Charley S.; Doug D.; a just peace for Ukraine, those affected by the violence in the Middle East and Sudan; and all those affected by gun violence.

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

The Elizabeth Freeman Center.

Pittsfield Area Council of Congregations

Members of Congress

In Our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for:

Christ the King-Epiphany, Wilbraham;

Secretary of Convention, Wende Wheeler

North Berkshire Community Action

Pioneer Valley Project

In our Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for:

Sunday the Church in the Province of the West Indies

Monday: Diocese of Qu'Appelle (Canada)

Tuesday Diocese of Quebec (Canada)

Wednesday Diocese of North Queensland (Australia)

Thursday: Diocese of Raiwind (Pakistan)

Friday: Diocese of Rajasthan (North India)

Saturday: Diocese of Rayalaseema (South India)

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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.