

Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Sunday January 18, 10 a.m. 2026

Voluntary	“Beautiful Savior”	arr. Dale Wood
Hymn 390	“Praise to the Lord”	<i>Lobe den Herren</i>
Opening Acclamation	(page 1 in the booklet)	
The Gloria	(page 2 in the booklet)	

The Collect

Redeemer of Israel, you called us from before our birth to follow in your ways: meet us in our searching and turn our eyes and hearts to the one who gives his life for the world; through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Isaiah 49: 1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,

 while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword,

 in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”
But I said, “I have labored in vain,

 I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;

yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.”

And now the LORD says,

 who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my

 strength-- he says,

“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant

 to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel;

I will give you as a light to the nations,

 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers,

“Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,

 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 40: 1-12

(Please read responsively)

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- 1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God; *
**many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the LORD.**
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, “Behold, I come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
**‘I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.’**
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
**behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O LORD, you know.**
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
**I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from
the great congregation.**
- 12 You are the LORD;
do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

The Gospel John 1: 29-42

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according John
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit

descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

**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 3 in the booklet)*

We also pray for: Ken, Keith, Marcus, Sokpha, Drew; Judy, Robertine, Steph, Paul, Craig, Glen, Thom, Mike, Jay, Linda, Evan, Haley, Eve, Ted, Sophia, Natasha, Philip, Stephen; Scott; Charley; David; Susan; Jane; Henry; Shirley; Todd; Bill; the family of Stephen Momrow; the family of Michael Laurin; the family of Marjorie Cahill; a just peace for Ukraine, those affected by the violence in Minneapolis; the Middle East; Sudan, Venezuela and Iran.

Those who have Died *Stephen Momrow; Michael Laurin; Marjorie Cahill*

Confession *(page 5 in the booklet)*

Peace *(page 5 in booklet)*

Offertory Anthem “And I saw a new heaven” Malcolm Archer

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:
for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;
and there was no more sea,

for the first heaven and the first earth was passed away.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
coming down from God out of heaven
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
and there shall be no more death,
neither sorrow, nor crying,
neither shall there be any more pain:
for the former things are passed away.

Revelation 21: 1-2, 4

(This anthem is sung in memory of choir member Stephen Momrow.)

The Great Thanksgiving (*page 6 in booklet*)

Fraction Anthem (*page 8 in booklet*)

Communion Anthem Lord, lead us still" Johannes Brahms

Along the varied paths of life,
through hours of joy and sorrow keen,
In grim temptation's mortal strife,
In doubt or confidence serene,
Lord, lead us still, O lead us still.

Through all the changes of the years,
Whatever of good or ill betide,
In laughter gay or bitter tears,
O keep us ever at Thy side;
Lord, lead us still, O lead us still.
And when at last the tale is told,
The victory won by God's good grace,
May we thy glory Lord behold,
In that blest Homeland see thy face;
Lord, lead us still, O lead us still.

Helen Dickinson

Solo *Pie Jesu* from *Requiem in D minor* Gabriel Fauré

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem. Merciful Jesus, grant them rest.
Dona eis Domine, sempiternam requiem. Merciful Jesus, grant them
everlasting rest.

Post Communion Prayer & Blessing

Announcements

Hymn 493

“O for a thousand tongues to sing”

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Voluntary

“Alleluias”

Robert Lau

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. *This week’s Gifts to the Table are given in memory of beloved choir member Stephen Momrow*

BENDING TOWARD JUSTICE, JANUARY 19, 10 AM, CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL - Worship and Service in honor of Dr. King

SUNDAY FUNDAY - next meeting: January 25, gather in the Sears Room at 9:50 a.m..

BASIC BRUNCH JANUARY 25 AFTER WORSHIP – Join your fellow parishioners for a potluck brunch in the Dining Room.

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE TUESDAY, JANUARY 29 – email to smorrison@ststephenspittsfield.org,

THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026, DURING THE 10:00 AM SERVICE.
(Snow Date: February 15)



GIVING TO ST. STEPHEN'S IS EASY – Scan the QR code to find our giving form, or text “giveststephens\$youramount” to 7325(example: giveststephens\$25 will donate \$25.) Google Pay accepted. Message and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.

Paper Toter- Brendan Dillon Harmon

Carboard Home-Jeff Pringle

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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

Worship: Compline: Wednesday, January 21, 6:30 p.m., Zoom
Sunday, January 25, 10 a.m.

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

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

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Sarah Novak, *soprano*

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THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

In our Parish prayers, we pray for: Ken E.; Keith C.; Marcus; Sokpha; Drew; 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.; Natasha L.; Philip R.; David J; Stephen L; Scott E; Charley S.; Susan W.; Jane M.; Henry; Shirley; Todd G.; Bill T; the family of Stephen Momrow; the family of Michael Laurin; the family of Marjorie Cahill; a just peace for Ukraine, those affected by the violence in Minneapolis; the Middle East; Sudan, Venezuela and Iran.

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

Local Food Programs

Pittsfield City Government

The Governor of Massachusetts

In Our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for:

St. John's, Ashfield;
For repose of the souls of our Bishops in glory
President for the House of Deputies

In our Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for:

Sunday Iglesia Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Monday: Reformed Episcopal Church of the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (Extra Provincial)
Tuesday Diocese of Spokane (The Episcopal Church)

Wednesday Diocese of Springfield (The Episcopal Church)

Thursday: Diocese of Port Dudan(Sudan)

Friday: Diocese of Su Occidental (Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil)

Saturday: Diocese of Sunyani (West Africa)

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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.