

Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Saturday January 24, 5p.m. Sunday January 25, 10 a.m. 2026

Voluntary "Alleluia, song of gladness" Robert Farlee

Hymn 657 "Love divine, all loves excelling" *Hyfrydol*

Opening Acclamation (*page 1 in the booklet*)

The Gloria (*page 2 in the booklet*)

The Collect

God of all people, you sent your Son into our shadowed world. May his dawning light give hope to the broken, the persecuted, the alien and the excluded, so that we might feel the kingdom drawing near and turn to follow him; through Jesus Christ, the morning star. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Isaiah 9: 1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

Psalm 27: 1, 5-13 *(Please read responsively)*

Dominus illuminatio

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

The Gospel Matthew 4: 12-23

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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, Eran, Haley, Eve, Ted, Sophia, Natasha, Philip, Stephen; Scott; Charley; David; Susan; Jane; Henry; Shirley; Todd; Bill; a just peace for Ukraine, those affected by the violence in Minneapolis; the Middle East; Sudan, Venezuela and Iran.

Confession *(page 5 in the booklet)*

Peace *(page 5 in booklet)*

Offertory Anthem “Arise, shine, for your light has come” Allen Pote

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Arise, arise, and shine like the sun
and all nations shall come,
and all kings will be drawn to the brightness of your rising.

The sun shall no longer be your light,
nor the brightness of the moon by night.
But the Lord shall be your everlasting light,
your God will be your everlasting light.
Arise, shine for your light has come. Amen.

Isaiah 60: 1,3,19

The Great Thanksgiving (*page 6 in booklet*)

Fraction Anthem (*page 8 in booklet*)

Communion Anthem “Savior, like a shepherd lead us” Charles Dupree

Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us;
for our use thy fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus.
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Early let us seek thy favor,
early let us learn thy will;
do thou Lord, our Savior,
with our love thy bosom fill.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus!
thou hast loved us, love us still.

Dorothy Ann Thrupp

Announcements

Post Communion Prayer & Blessing

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WLP Hymn 758 “You have come down to the lakeshore” *Pescador*
(*Green Hymnal*)

Voluntary “Angelic Songs” Robert Powell

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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.

SUNDAY FUNDAY - next meeting: today 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 THURSDAY, 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.

Bottles/Cans Toter- Chris Plankey

Carboard – Breakdown Don Phipps

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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

Worship: Compline: Wednesday, January 28, 6:30 p.m., Zoom
Sunday, February 1, 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

MINISTERS OF THE CELEBRATION

CELEBRANT 5p.m. & 10a.m.	The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley
LECTOR 5p.m.	Angie Moon
LAY MINISTER 5p.m.	Angie Moon
LECTORS 10a.m.	Sarah Novak, Kathryn Jensen
LAY MINISTERS 10a.m.	Andrea Stasiowski, Susan LeBourdais
ALTAR GUILD	Joan Evans, Sandy Soule
GREETERS	Jennifer Townsend, Sandy Soules
VESTRY GREETER	Caleb Dillon-Harmon
CRUCIFER	Anne Williams

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

In Our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for:
St. John's, Athol;
Church without Walls, Springfield;
Spouses of deceased clergy
The House of Deputies;
Jubilee Ministries

In our Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for:
Sunday Iglesia Anglicana de Chile
Monday: Diocese of Sur (Iglesia Anglicana de Chile)
Tuesday Diocese of Del Sureste (Mexico)
Wednesday Diocese Swansea and Brecon (Wales))
Thursday: Diocese of Sydney (Australia)
Friday: Diocese of Tabora (Tanzania)
Saturday Te Pihopatanga o Te Tai Tokerau (Aotearoa, New Zealand, Polynesia)

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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.