

**The Day of Pentecost**  
**Holy Eucharist and Baptism**  
**Sunday May 24, 2026, 10:00 a.m.**

**Voluntary**                                    “Pastorale and Aviary”                                    Myron Roberts

**Hymn 511**                                    “Holy Spirit, ever living”                                    *Abbot's Leigh*

**Welcome**

**The Opening Acclamation**    (*page 1 in the booklet*)

**Collect**

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**First Lesson:** Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is

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only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.  
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.  
And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

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

**Psalm 104: 25-35, 37**      *(please read responsively)*      *Benedic, anima mea*

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*

**in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.**

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
**creatures both small and great.**

27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
**which you have made for the sport of it.**

28 All of them look to you \*  
**to give them their food in due season.**

29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
**you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.**

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
**you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.**

- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
**and so you renew the face of the earth.**
- 32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*  
**may the Lord rejoice in all his works.**
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
**he touches the mountains and they smoke.**
- 34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*  
**I will praise my God while I have my being.**
- 35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
**I will rejoice in the Lord.**
- 37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. \*  
**Hallelujah!**

**Second Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

**The Gospel** John 7: 37-39

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

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” Now he said this about the Spirit, which

believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ**

**Sermon** The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley

**The Baptism**

**Presentation of the Candidate** *(page 1 in the booklet)*

**The Great Thanksgiving** *(page 9 in the booklet)*

**Offertory Solo** “If with all your hearts” Felix Mendelssohn

**Communion Solo** “As the deer” Martin Nystrom/Wagner

**Post Communion Prayer** *(page 12 in the booklet)*

**Blessing**

**Announcements**

**Hymn 513** “Like the murmur of the dove’s song” *Bridegroom*

**Voluntary** “Come, Holy Spirit” Heinrich Scheidemann

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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** today is the year-end celebration! See you in September..

**DEEPER WELL** - Rev. Nina, Rev. Jenny and Pastor Joel are collaborating to offer an opportunity for quiet, intentional prayer in the middle of our busy lives. Wednesdays at 5 pm in the Common Room at Zion - join us for space to take a deep breath for our souls. Jazz Vespers, 6 pm June 3. All are welcome!!!

**IS THERE A 2026 GRADUATE IN YOUR FAMILY?** - Please let the office know the name of both the graduate and their school so we can honor their achievement.

**YOUR VOICE MATTERS** - A St. Stephen's Parish Survey relating to ongoing efforts to discern how best to steward our resources is available today from members of the *Finding the Gap* group. The survey can also be found online at <https://tinyurl.com/42zdh2hp> or use the QR code.



**CELEBRATE PENTECOST WITH A POP UP STAND OUT MOMENT FOR JESUS VALUES** - Following this morning's 10 am worship service - we hope you'll join us!

**MONTHLY LABYRINTH WALK:** Join us after the service on the first Sunday of the month for a meditative labyrinth walk. Doors open from 11:15-12:30. Second floor auditorium. 6/7, 7/5, 8/2, 9/6.

**LAUNDRY LOVE, STILL GOING STRONG, CAN ALWAYS USE YOUR SUPPORT.** The program, which was started at St. Stephen's, has been administered by Zion Lutheran since 2019. Donations can be made through St. Stephen's, by cash check or online. When donating by check or cash please note that the money is for Laundry Love. The office will ensure your donation is recorded and sent along to Zion.

**PLAN AHEAD FOR THE 2026 PRIDE CELEBRATION** – Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> annual celebration and St. Stephen's will be there! The parade steps off at 11 am followed by a festival on The Common. Please contact David Nevin if you'd like to help out.



**GIVING TO ST. STEPHEN'S IS EASY** – Scan the QR code to find our giving form, or text “giviststephens\$youramount” to 7325(example: giviststephens\$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 –Roy Sutton

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### **THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

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

*Worship:* Compline: Wednesday May 27, 6:30 p.m. , Zoom  
Sunday May 31, 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 10 a.m.	The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley
LECTORS 10 a.m.	Bill Frazier, Diane Forsyth
LAY MINISTERS 10 a.m.	Chris Plankey, Jim Alden
ALTAR GUILD	David Nevin, Jim Alden
GREETERS	Theresa Latini, Diane Forsyth
VESTRY GREETER	Chris Plankey
CRUCIFER	Anne Williams
COFFEE HOUR	Angie Moon

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## THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

***In our Parish prayers, we pray for:*** Ken, Keith, Marcus, Drew, Robertine, Paul, Glen, Thom, Ted, Charley, Bill; Natasha; Sue; Mike; Don; Pat; Jason; Heather; Mary; Evan; Caleb; Aloha; Sharon; Beth Anne; just peace for Ukraine; those affected by the violence in the Middle East and Sudan.

***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:***

St. John's, Millville;  
Clergy living beyond the diocese;  
Reclaiming Hope: the commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
Episcopal Women's History Project;  
New England Synod of the ELCA

***In our Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for:***

Sunday: Episcopal Church in the Philippines  
Monday Diocese of Zonzibar  
Tuesday Diocese of Zaria (Nigeria)  
Wednesday Diocese of Central Zimbabwe (Central Africa)  
Thursday: Diocese of Ziwa Rukwa (Tanzania)  
Friday: Diocese of Zonkwa (Nigeria)  
Saturday: Diocese of Zululand (Southern 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.