Last Sunday after Pentecost
Christ the King
Sunday November 22, 2026 10a.m.

Voluntary "Thanks be to Thee" G.F. Handel

Hymn 290 "Come, ye thankful people, come" *St. George's Windsor*

Welcome

The Opening Acclamation *(page1 in the booklet)*

Collect
Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Collect for Thanksgiving
Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

First Lesson Acts 2: 42-47
Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.
Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.
Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

New to St. Stephen's? You will find useful information on the back of this leaflet.

Psalm 100 *(sung by all)* *Jubilate Deo*



1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you **lands**; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a **song.**

2 Know this: The Lord himself is **God;** *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his **pasture.**

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with **praise;** *
give thanks to him and call upon his **Name.**

4 For the Lord is good;
his mercy is ever**lasting**; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to **age.**

Gospel Matthew 25: 31-46
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited

you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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, Robertine, Paul, Glen, Ted, Charley, Craig; Natasha; Sue; Mike; Don; Heather; Caleb; Angelo; Linda; Sharon; Julie; Penny; Jay; Will; Tammy; Leona; Pat; Susan; a just peace for Ukraine; those affected by the violence in the Middle East and Sudan.

Confession *(page 4 in the booklet)*

Peace *(page 5 in the booklet)*
(Collection Plates are located at each Entrance)

Offertory Anthem "Hark! ten thousand harps and voices" Robert Powell

Hark, ten thousand harps and voices sound the note of praise above!
Jesus reigns, and Heaven rejoices, Jesus reigns, the God of love;
See, He sits on yonder throne; Jesus rules the world alone.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen!

Jesus, hail! Whose glory brightens all above, and gives it worth;
Lord of life, Thy smile enlightens, cheers, and charms Thy saints on earth;
When we think of love like Thine, Lord, we own it love divine.

King of glory, reign forever! thine an everlasting crown.
Nothing from Thy love shall sever those whom Thou hast made Thine own:
Happy objects of Thy grace, destined to behold Thy face.

Savior, hasten Thine appearing; bring, O bring the glorious day,
When, the awful summons bearing heaven and earth shall pass away;
Then with all the saints we'll sing, glory, glory to our king!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen!

Thomas Kelly

The Great Thanksgiving *(page 5 in booklet)*

Sanctus *(Sung by all)* *(page 6 in the booklet)*

The Fraction *(Sung by all)"* *(page 8 in the booklet)*

Communion Anthem "Let the same mind be in you" Thomas Pavlechko

Let the same mind be in you that was in Jesus Christ:
Who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited:
But emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness:
And being found in human form, he humbled himself,
and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
Therefore, God also highly exalted him,
and gave him the name that is above every name:
so that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bend,
in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth;
And every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen! Amen!

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

Blessing

Announcements

Blessing Our Gifts

Hymn 291 "We plow the fields, and scatter" *Wir pflugen*

Voluntary "Now thank we all our God" Anton Leopold

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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.

SHARING OUR PLENTY!-In-Gathering Sunday is today – a joyous day, when your pledge cards -- as well as all the gifts that have been so freely given to St. Stephen's Table, the Cathedral of the Beloved and The First -- will be blessed at the altar. We give thanks to *each and every* parishioner for *each and every* gift, knowing that *each and every* one makes a difference! If you've forgotten your pledge card, please know that they are gratefully received at any time, but are most appreciated before December 31. This timing helps the Vestry when planning the annual budget.

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 *Gifts for the table are given by Nancy Ambrosi, in loving memory of her parents Jack & Elsie Browne, and her brother Jack W. Browne*

SUNDAY FUNDAY –today November 22, Children in Kindergarten through 4th grade gather before the 10:00 a.m. Service in the Sears Room.

SEND-OFF FOR SARAH - In the dining room after the service today.

THANKSGIVING ANGELS – Once again we're collecting funds for our neighbors in need so they may have a healthy home cooked Thanksgiving meal. You may donate directly, Thanksgiving Angels has a website with donation information, or through St. Stephen's. Be sure to include a note with your donation so the office knows to direct it to Thanksgiving Angels.

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.) Google Pay accepted. Message and data rates apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.

Paper Toter – Roy Sutton	Cardboard-Home – Chris Plankey

THIS WEEK"S SCHEDULE

Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday, 9 a.m.– 4 p.m.
Worship: Compline: Wed. November 25, 6:30 p.m. Zoom,
Saturday November 28 5p.m. Sunday November 29, 2026 10a.m.

St. Stephen's Table: No meals this week.

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

MINISTERS OF THE CELEBRATION

CELEBRANT	Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley
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THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

In our Parish prayers, we pray for: Ken, Keith, Marcus, Robertine, Paul, Glen, Ted, Charley, Craig; Bill; Sue; Natasha; Mike; Don; Pat; Mary; Heather; Caleb; Angelo; Linda; Jay Sharon; Julie; Penny; Will; Tammy: Leona; Susan; a 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:
Local Food Programs
Pittsfield City Government
The Governor of Massachusetts

Our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for:
All Saint's, Worcester;
Church School teachers & Christian Educators
Vergers' Guild;
Integrity USA

In our Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for:
Sunday: Church of England
Monday: Diocese of Clogher (Ireland)
Tuesday Diocese of Coast (Nigeria)
Wednesday: Diocese of Cochin (South India)
Thursday: Diocese of Coimbatore (South India)
Friday: Diocese of Colombia (The Episcopal Church)
Saturday: Diocese of Colombo (Ceylon)

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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.