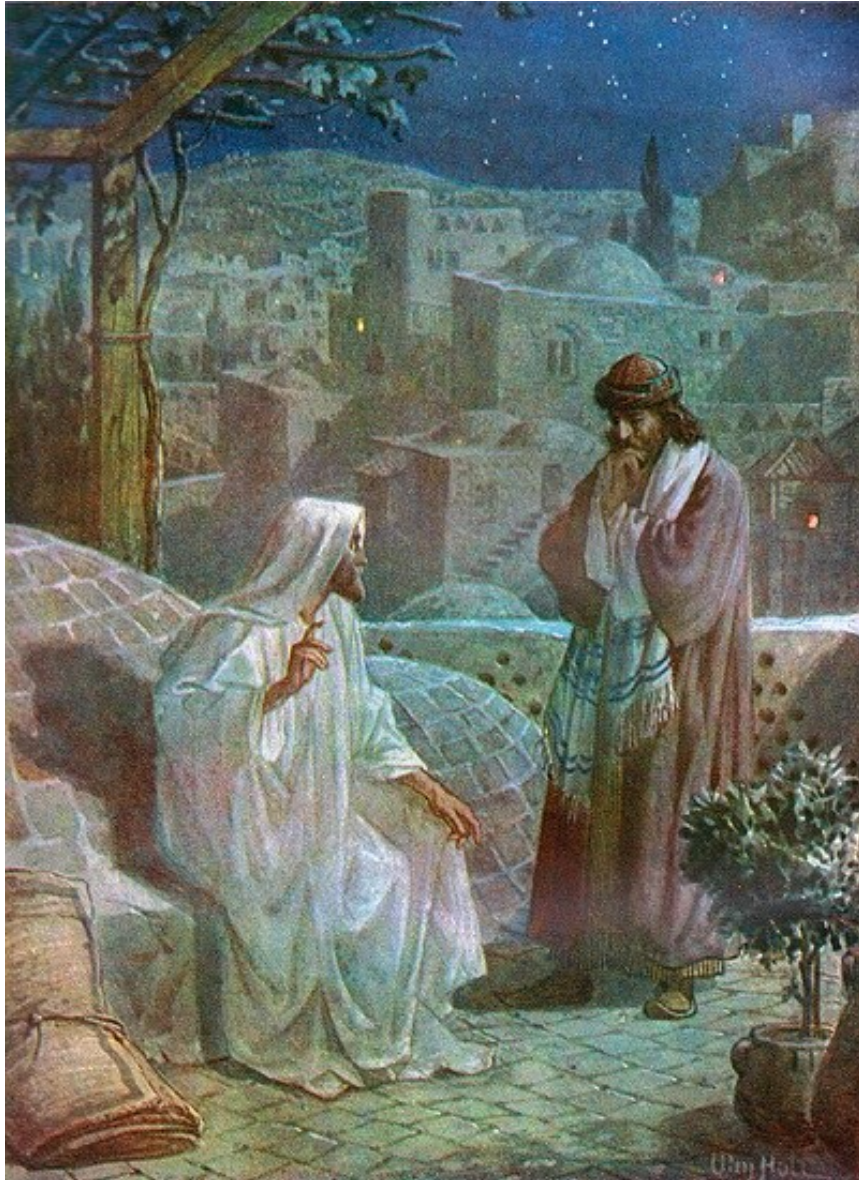


# St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

*All Are Welcome!*

## The Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026, 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship Services



*Jesus and Nicodemus*

## Welcome to St. Stephen's!

It is a joy to have you worship with us today. We believe everyone who worships with us is sent to us by God. So, welcome.

As we gather for worship, we want to remind everyone of a few important items:

- Please turn off or silence your electronic devices.
- We strongly encourage you to enter the sanctuary in silence as you prepare for worship.
- Before worship begins, we encourage you to speak to God. During worship, be ready for God to speak to you.
- After worship, we invite you to fellowship with one another, especially those God has brought to us — our visitors.

## Why Are You Here?

As you come in this morning and settle into your seat, I invite you to think about the following:

- ❖ Wherever we go, we have a reason for going there. What is your reason for being here today?
- ❖ God is merciful and kind to us each and every day. What thanksgiving do you bring to God today?
- ❖ Because each day brings many challenges, what concern(s) do you bring to God today?
- ❖ As your Rector, I have come with thanksgiving for God's grace and mercy and to worship Him; because today is a reminder to me that another week has ended and a new week has begun. It is my hope that you have come to do the same. I encourage you to join me as we call upon our God and worship Him.

***Canon Wilmot—a son of God***

✠ *This symbol represents the point at which we sign ourselves with the sign of the cross during worship.*

Prelude

***Toccata Per Elevazione***

G. Frescobaldi

*Please stand.*

Opening Hymn

***The God of Abraham Praise***

Hymnal 401

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love;  
the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed:  
we bow and bless the sacred Name for ever blest.

He by himself hath sworn: we on his oath depend;  
we shall, on eagle-wings upborne, to heaven ascend:  
we shall behold his face, we shall his power adore,  
and sing the wonders of his grace for evermore.

There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Righteousness,  
triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
on Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,  
and, glorious with his saints in light, for ever reigns.

The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,  
and "Holy, holy, holy," cry, "Almighty King!  
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:  
eternal Father, great I AM, we worship thee."

The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;  
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry;  
hail, Abraham's Lord divine! With heaven our songs we raise;  
all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

*The People standing, the Celebrant says:*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People**     ***His mercy endures for ever.***

*The Celebrant and People say*

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Jesus said: "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

**People**     ***Amen.***

*Celebrant*     Lord, have mercy.

**People**     ***Christ, have mercy.***

*Celebrant*     Lord, have mercy.

## **The Collect for The Second Sunday in Lent**

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.

**People**     ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant*     Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

**People**     ***Amen***

*Please be seated.*

## **The Lessons**

May we hear the Word of God through these words.

*A Reading from the Book of Genesis 12:1–4a*

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

The Word of the Lord

***People      Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 121** *To be read responsively by the Lay Reader and Congregation.*

L     I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
      from where is my help to come?

**C     My help comes from the LORD, \*  
      the maker of heaven and earth.**

L     He will not let your foot be moved \*  
      and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

**C     Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
      shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

L     The LORD himself watches over you; \*  
      the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

**C     So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
      nor the moon by night.**

L     The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
      it is he who shall keep you safe.

**C     The LORD shall watch over your going out  
and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.**

*Celebrant and People*

**Glory to the † Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

May we hear the Word of God through these words.

*A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Romans 4:1–5, 13–17*

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The Word of the Lord

**People     *Thanks be to God.***

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
 Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:  
 Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,  
 Faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
 Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:  
 One with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
 Thankfully now God's praise we sing.

*When the Gospel is being announced, a cross is made,*

✝ (on the forehead) in my mind to understand it,

✝ (on the lips) on my lips to proclaim it, and

✝ (over the heart) in my heart to live it.

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 3:1–17*  
**People    *Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord

***People Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Sermon Hymn

LEVAS 121

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
Marked with the sign of Christ our King:  
Born of one Father, we are his children,  
Joyfully now God’s praise we sing.

❖ Sermon Bishop Terry ❖

*Please use this time to silently reflect on what the Lord has spoken to you.*

*Please stand.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God**, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ**, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation

*We bow for the following two lines in bold.*

**he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.** For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit**, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

✝ We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
*Amen.*

*Please sit or kneel for The Prayers of the People.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

BCP 389

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

*Leader*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      ***And also with you.***

*Leader*      Let us pray.

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People*      ***Lord have mercy***

For Sarah, The Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, Ruth our Bishop, Bishop Terry our visiting Priest, Wilmot our Priest, Cathy our visiting Deacon, and for all Bishops and other Ministers; and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People*      ***Lord have mercy***

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People*      ***Lord have mercy***

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People*      ***Lord have mercy***

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People*      ***Lord have mercy***

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People*      ***Lord have mercy***

For those in positions of public trust, especially for Donald our President, Henry our Governor, and Jay our Mayor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People*      ***Lord have mercy***

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People**      **Lord have mercy**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People**      **Lord have mercy**

For this *congregation*, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People**      **Lord have mercy**

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People**      **Lord have mercy**

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People**      **Lord have mercy**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People**      **Lord have mercy**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People**      **Lord have mercy**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed St. Stephen, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

**People**      **Lord have mercy**

Let us pray for God's people throughout the world, especially the Anglican Communion, The Episcopal Church, and The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina. Today we are praying for: St. David's Episcopal Church, Cheraw, The Rev. Michael Bye, Priest-in-charge, and *The Nippon Sei Ko Kai*.

Lord, in your mercy.

**People**     **Hear our prayer.**

*\*Additional Prayers*

**LET US GIVE THANKS FOR OUR VISITORS.**

**LET US PRAY FOR TRAVELERS THIS WEEK.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:** Chris Benson (3/1), Ed Walton (3/4), Kip Molnar (3/6), Eloise Perry (3/6), Joan Saunders (3/6).

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:** Celia & Mickey Lienau (3/2), Sarah Austin & Christopher Caldwell (3/4).

**LET US PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY.**

**INTERCESSORY AND THANKSGIVING PRAYER.** As we continue to hold one another up in prayer in this parish, this week we are praying for: **Louise** Bracero, **Will** Bridges & **Glenda** Scherer, **Veronica** Brown, **Jane** Buckner, **Peter & Kate** Buswell, **Sandy** Buzzerd, **Claudia** Calcutt, **Beth** Callaway, **Diane** Castrodale, **Marion** Catanzaro.

*Celebrant and People*

**Gracious and most loving God, we join them in committing to you whatever concerns they may have, asking you to let your will be done for them. We also join them in giving you thanks, for your many blessings bestowed upon them and their loved ones. We praise you and thank you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

*The Celebrant continues*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**People     Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## The Peace

Jesus said, *Peace I leave with you; my Peace I give to you . . .* John 14:27

*Celebrant*    The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People**       **And also with you.**

*At the conclusion of the peace the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant*    **God is Good!**

**People**       **All the Time!**



*Please sit.*

## The Holy Communion

Offertory

8:00 am *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* R. Rowland-Raybold

10:30 am *Rock of Ages* S. Strite

*Please stand.*

*Doxology*

*Old Hundredth*

**From all that dwell below the skies**

**let the Creator's praise arise!**

**Let the Redeemer's Name be sung**

**through every land, by every tongue!**

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;**

**praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:**

**praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving and Sanctus

### Eucharistic Prayer B

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* ***We lift them to the Lord.***

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People—to be said  
Bow during the underlined text*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please sit, kneel, or remain standing.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Stephen, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**People     Amen.**

And now as our Savior Christ taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**



**The Breaking of the Bread** *Celebrant and People ~ to be said.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

*The Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith,  
with thanksgiving.

*This is the Lord's table, not of the church, but of the Lord.  
It is made ready for those who love Him  
and for those who want to love Him more.  
So come, you who have much faith and you who have little;  
You who have been here often and you who have not been here long;  
You who have tried to follow and you who have failed;  
Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.  
It is His will that those who want Him should meet Him here.*

*Please join in singing our Communion Hymns.*

***Break Thou the Bread of Life***

LEVAS 146

Break thou the bread of life,  
Dear Lord, to me,  
As thou didst break the loaves  
Beside the sea;  
Beyond the sacred page  
I seek thee, Lord;  
My spirit pants for thee,  
O living word!

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord,  
To me, to me,  
As thou didst bless the bread  
By Galilee;  
Then shall all bondage cease,  
All fetters fall,  
And I shall find my peace,  
My all in all.

Teach me to live, dear Lord,  
Only for thee,  
As thy disciples lived  
in Galilee;  
Then, all my struggles o'er,  
Then, vict'ry won,  
I shall behold thee, Lord,  
The living one.

## My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Hymnal 691

My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day  
be wholly thine.

May thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire;  
as thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be,  
a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread,  
and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide;  
bid darkness turn to day;  
wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray  
from thee aside.

*The People join in saying this prayer*

**Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant gives the blessing*

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and your loved ones far and near, and remain with all of you for ever.

**People      Amen**

*~Please be seated for a brief announcement.~*

**Benediction** *to be sung*

**God be with you till we meet again;  
By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you,  
God be with you till we meet again.**



How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
 is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
 What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
 to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!  
 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
 the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
 for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
 and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
 my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
 thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

“The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,  
 I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
 that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,  
 I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

*The Celebrant dismisses the people.*

*Celebrant* We are called to be one with God and each other in Christ.

***People*** ***By living the Gospel with love and compassion.***

*Celebrant* Let us go in peace to love and serve God and one another.

***People*** ***Thanks be to God.***

## **THE WORSHIP HAS ENDED. LET THE SERVICE BEGIN.**

“... what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8)

### *This Week*

- Monday, 9:00 am, Property Commission, PHCR.
- Monday, 11:00 am, Yarns & Threads, Parish Hall.
- Monday, 5:00 pm, Lenten Study with Bishop Terry, Parish Hall.
- Monday, 6:30—8:30 pm, Parish Hall and PHCR in use.
- Tuesday, 9:00 am, Rummage Ministry.
- Tuesday, 4:00 pm, Parish Hall in use.
- Wednesday, 9:00 am, “R.O.M.E.O.’s” Men’s Breakfast, Mama Jean’s.
- CANCELLED—Wednesday Public Service of Healing & Holy Eucharist.
- Wednesday, 12:00 noon, Community Lenten Journey at Little River United Methodist Church.
- Wednesday, 5:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room.
- Wednesday, 6:30—8:30 pm, Parish Hall and PHCR in use.
- Rummage Saturday, 9:00 am—12:00 noon.
- Saturday, Parish Life Coffee Hour Preparation, Kitchen.
- Saturday, Outreach Feeding Ministry, Kitchen.

God is good! All the time!

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## 2026 Lenten Study with Bishop Terry Dance

Mondays Beginning March 2,  
5:00—6:30 pm, Parish Hall

Our Lenten program this year will be a contextual study of the words and actions of Jesus which led him to a cross at Golgotha.

- What was the meaning in the historic, cultural and biblical context of Jesus' life and mission?
- What do they say to us as we follow in the way of Jesus in our own time and place?
- What challenges emerge?
- What demands do they make on our lives?

Our conversations should give us an opportunity to both deepen our own understanding, and to listen to what is in the hearts of those around us. I look forward to journeying with you through this most sacred time of the year.

*Bp. Terry*



### *Community Lenten Journey*

Wednesdays, 12:00 noon

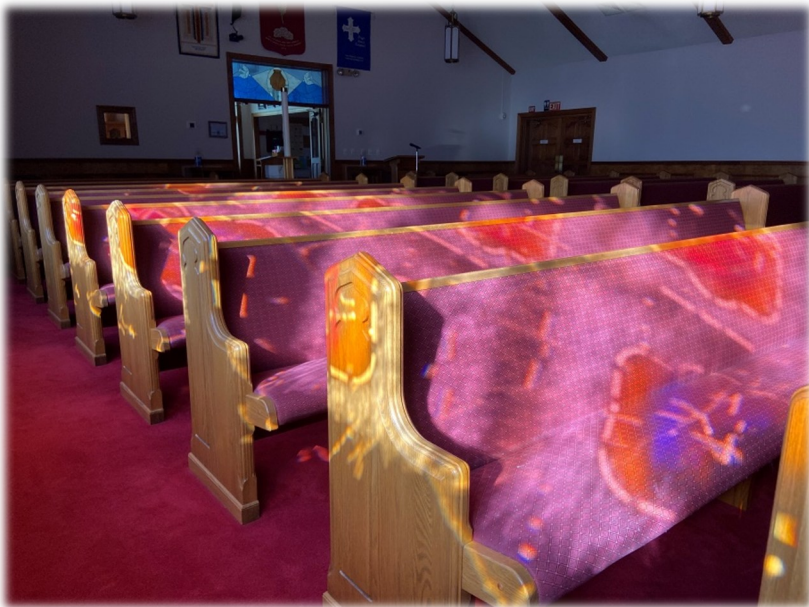
Little River United Methodist Church

March 4, Rev. Christina Johnson

March 11, Rev. Tony Adams

March 18, Bishop Terry Dance

March 25, Rev. Gene Aiken



### **Our Mission**

is to be one with God  
and humanity in Christ  
by living the Gospel  
with love and  
compassion.



### **Our Vision**

is to become  
comfortable with Jesus  
Christ and  
boldly proclaim Him.

## ***PARTICIPANTS IN THE CELEBRATION AT ST. STEPHEN'S***

Ministers: The Congregants of St. Stephen's, Family, Friends and Visitors

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Terry Dance

Deacon: The Rev. Catherine A. Harper

Dir of Music: Roberta Rowland-Raybold, c.a.g.o.

Vergers: Robert Dunn

### ***MINISTERS AND LAYLEADERS***

The Most Rev. Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church

The Right Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley, Bishop, The Diocese of SC

The Very Rev. Canon Dr. Wilmot T. Merchant, II, Rector

### ***Vestry Members***

- ❖ Sue Crouch, Senior Warden (2026) ❖ Chris Welborn, Junior Warden (2027)
- ❖ Robert Dunn (2026) ❖ Wayne Mumford (2026) ❖ Mike Raley (2027)
- ❖ Tracy Thompson (2027) ❖ Pete Barr (2028) ❖ Dean Graves (2028)
- ❖ Richard Martin, Jr. (2028).

### ***Associate Vestry Members***

- ❖ Joe Lenhard (2026) ❖ Glenda Scherer (2026) ❖ Bill Simpson, Jr. (2026)

### ***Vestry Officers***

- ❖ Bill Mann, Treasurer ❖ Kathy Finch, Assistant Treasurer
- ❖ Jane Buckner, Interim Parish/Vestry Clerk