



# ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*All Are Welcome!*

## The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026, 8:00 and 10:30 am Worship Services



*Jesus said, "I will not leave you orphaned."*

*John 14:18a*

## 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 a reminder:

- 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.

## WHY ARE YOU HERE?

As you come in 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 this 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.***

*St. Stephen's Episcopal Church*

Prelude

***Prelude on "Dix"***

M. Burkhardt

**The Word of God**

*Please stand.*

Opening Hymn

***For the Beauty of the Earth***

Hymnal 416

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,

*Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light,

*Refrain*

For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight,

*Refrain*

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild,

*Refrain*

For the Church which evermore  
lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore  
thy pure sacrifice of love,

*Refrain*

*The People standing, the Celebrant says:*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People      The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The Celebrant and People say*

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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.**

*Song of Praise, all standing*

***O How I Love Jesus***

LEVAS 95

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;  
It sounds like music in mine ear, The sweetest name on earth.

*O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus, Because He first loved me!*

It tells me of a Savior's love, Who died to set me free;  
It tells me of His precious blood, The sinner's perfect plea.

*Refrain*

It tells me what my Father hath In store for ev'ry day,  
And though I tread a darksome path, Yields sunshine all the way.

*Refrain*

It tells of one whose loving heart Can feel my deepest woe,  
Who in each sorrow bears a part, That none can bear below.

*Refrain*

## **The Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, 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 Acts of the Apostles 17:22–31*

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord

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

### **Psalm 66:7—18**

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

L Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

**C Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.**

L For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

**C You brought us into the snare; \*  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

L You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

**C I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my vows, \*  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

L I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats.

**C Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

L I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
and his praise was on my tongue.

**C If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
the Lord would not have heard me;**

L But in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

**C Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld his love from me.**

*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 Peter 3:13–22*

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord

**People      *Thanks be to God.***

*Please stand.*

Gradual Hymn

***Trust and Obey***

LEVAS 205

When we walk with the Lord  
In the light of His word,  
What a glory He sheds on our way!  
While we do His good will,  
He abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey.*

Not a shadow can rise,  
Not a cloud in the skies,  
But His smile quickly drives it away;  
Not a doubt nor a fear,  
Not a sigh nor a tear,  
Can abide while we trust and obey.

*Refrain*

*Please remain standing for the Gospel.*

*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 14:15—21*  
**People     *Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

Sermon Hymn

LEVAS 205

Not a burden we bear,  
    Not a sorrow we share,  
But our toil He doth richly repay;  
    Not a grief nor a loss,  
Not a frown nor a cross,  
    But is blest if we trust and obey.

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey.*

When in fellowship sweet  
    We will sit at His feet,  
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;  
    What He says we will do,  
Where He sends we will go,  
    Never fear, only trust and obey.

*Refrain*

❖ Sermon

*The Rev. Sarah Quinney* ❖

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

*Please stand.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

**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 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 Prayer 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-elect Wilmot our Priest, Sarah our Supply Priest, 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, 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 [for those who are present, and for those who are absent], 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 Stephen, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

**People      *To you, O Lord our God***

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. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Charleston, The Rev. Adam Shoemaker, Rector, The Rev. Will Berry, Associate Rector for Families & Formation, The Rev. Julia Madden, Associate Rector for Pastoral Care & Parish Life, The Rev. James Pecoy, Deacon, *and The Church of Pakistan (United)*.

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:** Luke Uzun (5/13), Rodney Foushee (5/14), Sondra Taylor (5/14), Gina Benson (5/16), Erin Bosse (5/16), Theresa Duke (5/16), Miriam Tramonti (5/16).

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

**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: **Maureen Miller, Tommy & Gayle Mizell, Judy Mohr, Kip & Victoria Molnar, Wayne & Sue Mumford, Bud Nelson, Jean Oliver, Jane & Frank Panarella, Sally Peace, Deborah & Michael Pelt.**

*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

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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 be seated.*

## The Holy Communion

Offertory

*Hymn of Promise*

N. Sleeth

*Please stand.*

*Doxology—to be sung*

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
O Praise Him! Alleluia!**  
**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
O Praise Him! O Praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving and Sanctus Eucharistic Prayer C

*Please remain standing, as you are able.*

*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.***

*Celebrant* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of  
glory and praise.  
*People* ***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

*Celebrant* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of  
interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,  
and this fragile earth, our island home.  
*People* ***By your will they were created and have their being.***

*Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People* ***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

*Celebrant* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People* ***By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.***

*The Celebrant continues*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Celebrant and People*  
*Bow during the underlined text*

S130

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

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please sit, kneel, or remain standing.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**People**     ***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**People**     ***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

**People**     ***Amen***

And now, let us sing in thanksgiving the prayer our Savior Christ taught us,

*Celebrant and People*

**Our Father, which 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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever. *Amen.***



**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant and People ~ to be sung*

S154

**Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.  
Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us;  
There-fore let us keep the feast.  
Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.**

*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.

***Baptized in Water***

Hymnal 294

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.

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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you  
***People And also with you.***  
Celebrant Let us Pray

*The People join in saying this prayer*

**Almighty and everliving 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*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and your loved ones far and near and remain with all of you for ever.

**People      Amen.**

**Benediction** *To be sung—please stand.*

**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.**



All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voices, let us sing:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Bright burning sun with golden beams,  
pale silver moon that gently gleams,

*O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Great rushing winds and breezes soft,  
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,  
O praise him, Alleluia!

Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,  
stars nightly shining, find a voice,

*Refrain*

Swift flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,  
you give to us both warmth and light,

*Refrain*

Dear mother earth, you day by day  
unfold your blessings on our way,  
O praise him, Alleluia!

All flowers and fruits that in you grow,  
let them his glory also show:

*Refrain*

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

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

**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)

The Altar Flowers are given

“In memory of Amanda Hope Parker Truesdale,  
by her loving mother.”

*Kathy Ingalls*

God is good! All the time!

*Happy Mother's Day*

Special Blessings to all Mothers and Mother-Figures  
who love, nurture, and support us.

Wishing you a special day filled with everything good!

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### **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 Rev. Sarah Quinney  
Dir of Music: Roberta Rowland-Raybold, c.a.g.o.  
Verger: 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)

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