



ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL
CATHEDRAL & SCHOOL
OCTOBER 25, 2026, AT 10:15 A.M.
THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST — PROPER 25
HOLY EUCHARIST & BAPTISM

Welcome to your Cathedral!
St. Stephen's Mission Statement:
***We are a diverse community of Christians welcoming all into the Episcopal tradition,
seeking and sharing God's grace with our lips and in our lives.***

Prelude

(At the sound of the bell, please stand and turn to face the processional cross.)

Opening Hymn All hail the power of Jesus' Name! **Hymnal 450, v. 1-3 & 6**

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The celebrant then continues:

 There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Word of God

Reader: The **First Reading** is from the **Book of Leviticus** [19:1-2, 15-18].

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1*Beatus vir qui non abiit***BCP 585**

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Reader: The **Second Reading** is from the **First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians** [2:1-8].

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

How lovely is thy dwelling-place

Hymnal 517

Celebrant: The **Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ** according to **Matthew** [22:34-46].

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest

and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’?”

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Very Rev. Joshua Saxe

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents: I present Lucia Rosalie Bosman-Jue to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents:

I will, with God’s help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents:

I will, with God’s help.

To the Parents and Godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children:

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate

Celebrant: Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send her into the world to witness your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever.

All: Amen.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

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

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their

bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water:

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The Celebrant pours water upon the Candidate.

Celebrant: Lucia, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Then the Priest places a hand on the child's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism:

Celebrant: Lucia, you are marked and sealed as Christ's own forever.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Beloved, receive the light of Christ as a sign that you have passed from darkness into light. Shine as Christ's light in the world.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your child the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace *(All stand.)*

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(Then the Ministers and People may greet one another.)

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory

People: **All that we are and all that we have comes from God. Let us offer our best to God in thanksgiving, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver.** *(2 Cor. 9:7)*

Offertory Hymn

Singing songs of expectation
Requested by Debbie Robelen.

Hymnal 527

Doxology

Hymnal 380, v.3

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

(The people remain standing.)

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Sanctus

Hymnal S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, _____ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, _____ hea - ven and earth are

full, _____ full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes _____

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

(The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues...)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

(The Celebrant continues...)

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day, bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 forever.

The Great Amen

Hymnal S-147



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

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

(The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.)

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-154

Four staves of music in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4, B3, A3, G3, F#3, E3, D3, C3. The lyrics are: '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 lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes.

Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Behold what you are.

People: **May we become what we receive.**

(The ministers receive the Sacrament.)

All baptized persons, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Wait for an usher to call your pew to come forward. Then you will have the choice of wine from a common cup or a personal chalice. Once at the rail you will be handed a wafer by a priest (gluten-free wafers are available) and then offered wine by a lay server. Receiving the bread alone is a valid way to share in the Eucharist. Parents may decide if their children receive the bread and/or wine or consecrated non-alcoholic wine. Anyone may instead signal their desire to be blessed by the priest by crossing their arms over their chest.

The Bread and Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

Communion Anthem

Tantum Ergo

Anton Bruckner

Anton Bruckner's setting of the "Tantum Ergo" was composed in 1845. The text was written in 1264 by St. Thomas Aquinas as a commission for the newly established Feast of Corpus Christi.

Tantum Ergo Sacramentum

Therefore so great a Sacrament,

Veneremur cernui

Let us venerate with bowed heads

Et antiquum documentum

And let the ancient practices

Novo cedat ritui

Give way to the new ritual

Praestet fides supplementum

May faith provide a supplement

Sensuum defectui

For the defect of the senses

Genitori, Genitoque

To the Father, and to the Son

(the One who generates and the one who is generated)

Laus et jubilatio,

Praise and jubilation,

Salus, honor, virtus quoque

Salvation, honor, strength also

Sit et benedictio

Be a blessing

Procedenti ab utroque

To the One proceeding from both (Holy Spirit)

Compar sit laudatio.

Be equal praise.

Amen.

Amen.

(After Communion, the Celebrant says...)

Let us pray.

All: Eternal Giver of love and life: you have nourished us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and with one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and earth. Now send us into the world with the power of your Spirit, to preach your redeeming love, to do your justice, and to act with courage, in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit — be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

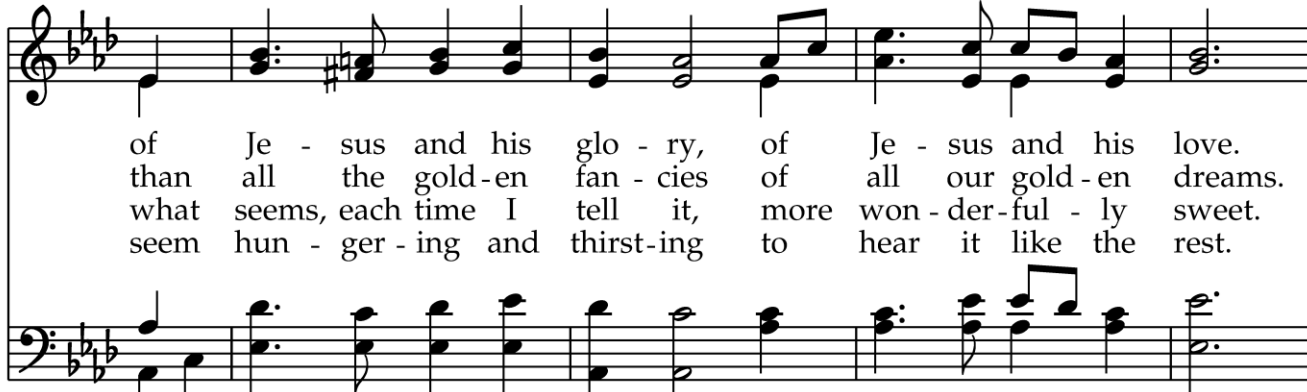
Closing Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story

VF 125



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it seems
3 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
4 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
than all the gold - en fan - cies of all our gold - en dreams.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet.
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, it did so much for me;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
and that is just the rea - son I tell it now to thee.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in glo - ry,
to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Words: Katherine Hankey (1834–1911).

Music: Hankey, William G Fischer (1835–1910).

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Please take this bulletin with you and share it with your siblings-in-Christ.

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Lectors: John Cline, Christopher Orchard
Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Helen Delano, Kate Newton, Caroline Robelen
Acolyte: Caroline Robelen
Parking Attendant: Scott Monroe

*Being baptized today is Lucia Rosalie Bosman-Jue,
daughter of Victoria Bosman and Victoria Jue.*

*The Communion Elements are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the 5th
birthday of David Bryan Garber from his sister, Elizabeth Garber.
The Cathedral Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of David Edmonds on
his birthday by his mother, Peggi Edmonds.*

Please remember in your prayers those who have requested our intercession: Jayne Abrams, Anthony Alexander, Lois Anderson, Sharon Arnold, Barbara, Deborah Blakistone, Tessa Blenman, Rick Breach, Susan Brubaker, Camille, Crawford, Maydell DuBose, Nate Ebeling, Ed, Glenn Elliott, Erica, Sharon Farley, Gerry Fritz, Rosanne Fritz, Susan Garber, Rob Gardner, Ann Garst, Gwen Gilroy, Tel Gilroy, Lizzie Gutekunst, Judith Hoyt, Roy Knupp, Susanne Knupp, Barry Konkle, Claire Miggins, Fred Miller, Charles Montgomery, Nelson, Stephanie Pasenelli, Chris Penny, Sharyn Peterson, Rachel, Judith Rauch, Rich, Dolores Rizzuto, Lane Schultz, Mike Shaffer, Cindy Shortall, Marty Shortall, Regis Snyder, Rosemary Snyder, Tom, and Dean Wanderer.

Please remember those who are serving our country: Blythe, John, Tyler, and Kenny.

IT'S HAPPENING AT ST. STEPHEN'S

EVERY WEEK:

Saturdays

5 p.m. — Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Sundays

8 a.m. — Contemplative Eucharist (Nave)

9 a.m. — Adult Forum (Bishop's Parlor)

10:15 a.m. — Holy Eucharist (Nave and live on Facebook)

11:15 a.m. — Coffee Hour

1 p.m. — Warming/Cooling Shelter (Undercroft)

Sundays (second and fourth)

10:15 a.m. — Kids Sunday Formation (various classrooms)

Mondays-Saturdays

8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

Mondays-Fridays

9 p.m. — Compline (dial-in via Zoom)

Mondays

6:45 p.m. — Monday Bible Study (via Zoom)

Wednesdays

Noon — Noonday Prayer (Nave and live on Facebook)

12:30 p.m. — Lunch or Later Food Ministry (outside Cathedral)

7 p.m. — Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursdays

12:10 p.m. — Eucharist with Healing (Nave)

Thursdays (second and fourth)

7 p.m. — “Going Deeper” Book Study (Bamboo Room)

- **Morning Prayer** can be accessed via our Facebook page.

- **Compline (Ancient Night Prayer)** can be accessed by calling

(301) 715-8592, tapping in Meeting ID 473-817-2249, and pressing the pound (#) sign.

THIS WEEK:**Sunday, Oct. 25**

10:15 a.m. — Kids’ Sunday Formation (various classrooms)

11:30 a.m. — Halloween-themed Coffee Hour Hosted by Youth (Bishop’s Parlor)

11:30 a.m. — Play Practice (Nave)

Saturday, Oct. 31

9 a.m. — Fall Cleanup (Cathedral Grounds)

REMINDER FOR PLAY PARTICIPANTS: There will be a practice read-through for participants in the “What Does It Mean?” play **today** following 10:15 a.m. worship. The dress rehearsal will be held **Sunday, Nov. 8**, at the same time.

SHARE NAMES FOR ALL SAINTS’ DAY: Next weekend we celebrate All Saints’ Day. Please send names to be included in our bulletins’ printed necrologies by **Wednesday, Oct. 28**, to the cathedral office (aebeling@ststep.org).

HELP WITH FALL CLEANUP: On **Saturday, Oct. 31**, from 9 a.m. to noon, we will do our fall cleanup on the campus and within the Nave, as we prepare for an exciting weekend of bishops’ visits and bicentennial celebrations. Please come with your favorite tools — rakes, leaf blowers, dusters, etc. Many hands make for light work!

BOOK CLUB ANNOUNCES NEXT READ: Our Cathedral Book Club's new selection is "Yesteryear" by Caro Claire Burke. The club next meets **Wednesday, Nov. 4**, at 7 p.m. via Zoom. For the Zoom link, email Bart Carpenter at a.bart.carpenter@gmail.com.

NOVEMBER MEN'S BREAKFAST SCHEDULED: Calling all men of St. Stephen's! You're invited to attend breakfast at 8:45 a.m. on **Saturday, Nov. 14**, at the Front Street Diner, 4003 N. Front St., Harrisburg. Join us for food and fellowship! Contact Rick Breach at rabreach@comcast.net for more info.

HELP TO FILL THANKSGIVING BASKETS: St. Stephen's Episcopal School is once again collecting items to fill Thanksgiving baskets for our neighbors in need. Please consider making a donation by **Sunday, Nov. 15**, of any of the following items: laundry baskets; \$25 turkey gift certificates (Weis or Giant); cans of corn, green beans, cranberry sauce, gravy, and cream of mushroom soup; boxes of mashed potatoes and stuffing; muffin or biscuit mix; non-perishable desserts; or any extras (toiletries, paper goods, etc.) of your choice. Items can be placed in the wagon in the Cloister. Thank you!

DON'T MISS 'WHAT DOES IT MEAN?': All are invited to the Rev. Fred Miller's play "What Does It Mean?" on **Sunday, Nov. 15**, at 3 p.m. in the Nave. The dramatic reading features dozens of St. Stephen's members. Monetary donations will be received at the performance to help feed SSES students in need.

'MUSIC BY THE RIVER' ANNOUNCES NEW SEASON: St. Stephen's annual concert series premieres **Saturday, Dec. 5**, at 7:30 p.m. with a free and festive performance by Voices of the Valley. For more information about the entire 2026-27 lineup and how you can become a sponsor, visit www.musicbytheriver.org.

ALL INVITED TO MONDAY ONLINE PRAYERS: The Episcopal Church Center invites all to join an online service each Monday at 11:45 a.m. focusing on the prayers released weekly by the church's Office of Government Relations. The 15-minute service is led by members of the Community of Francis and Clare, a contemporary vowed community of religious siblings within The Episcopal Church and its communion partners, as well as the Anglican Communion. Participants may add intercessions in the chat. Join the meeting via Zoom at:
<https://zoom.us/j/91927421793?pwd=iLmJlBNlaj8MgPEXsoHcsIdlZ6W3XC.1>.

FEED IMMIGRANT NEIGHBORS: We continue the appeal for red and green lentil beans and rice for Church World Service Harrisburg's food pantry. Place donation items in the white basket located inside the Cloister door.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR WOMEN'S AND NONBINARY PERSONS' SUNDAY SHELTER: Community Connections needs six-packs of Nissan Cup Noodles (Chicken)

or other to soup that can be microwaved in a cup. Place donations in the marked basket located by the Cloister door entrance.

BICENTENNIAL: 1826-2026

DEEP ROOTS, STRONG FUTURE

REFLECTIONS ON ST. STEPHEN'S HISTORY

from Debbie Robelen, Cathedral Archivist & Bicentennial Committee Member

Our Thompstontown Legacy

In the days before the railroad system in Pennsylvania, the state's canal system provided a mode of travel for cargo, passengers, and mail. The canal "packet" boats held approximately 150 passengers and were pulled along a towpath by three mules. A mule stable, located on board, allowed for the change of mules every eight miles. In the mid-1820s, the Rev. John B. Clemson, rector of St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg, travelled the arduous 40 miles on the Susquehanna canal network to reach a small congregation in Thompstontown, Pa.

The Rev. Clemson devoted one-fourth of his time visiting Thompstontown. In the 1827 Convention Journal of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, Clemson reported, "A spirit of love to the church and solicitude for her welfare, pervades the people." He honored the church with the name St. Stephen's, after our own St. Stephen's Church.

A notable landmark, St. Stephen's in Thompstontown is recognized as the oldest church in Juniata County and the seat of the county's only Episcopal congregation. It now is yoked to Church of the Nativity in Newport. The current rector of the Church of the Nativity & St. Stephen is the Rev. Ryan Tobin, a St. Stephen's Cathedral family member whose ordination was supported by our Harrisburg congregation.

The cathedral is forevermore tied to the historic Juniata County church because of the Rev. Clemson's tireless and unwavering faith.

The Celebration of St. Stephen's 200th Anniversary Continues!

*Join us **Sunday, Nov. 1**, for:*

■ **All Saints' Day Holy Eucharist, 10:15 a.m., Nave**

The Rt. Rev. Audrey C. Scanlan, bishop of the Diocese of the Susquehanna, leads worship, with the Rt. Rev. Michael W. Creighton, retired bishop of the former Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, and St. Stephen's youth participating

■ **Evensong, 4 p.m., Nave**

Choral celebration with guest preacher the Rt. Rev. Nathan D. Baxter, retired bishop of the former Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

■ **Celebratory Reception, 5:30 p.m., the Harrisburg Civic Club's Overlook Mansion**

*Seated hors d'oeuvre reception and program honoring our 200-year heritage
(supervised children's activities and supper in the mansion's River Room)*

Seating is limited for the free reception.

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