

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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A parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey

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Mission Statement

To proclaim the faith that our years have engendered: to use the diversity of our Episcopal experience while working toward a common goal; to teach the young about Jesus and to reach out and affect the lives of those in the community.

"Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them." Matthew 7:20

Welcome to St. Stephen's Church!

We thank you for joining us for worship today. Please stay for coffee hour, and sign our guest book at the podium in the Narthex. If you are looking for a church home, you have just found it. We would love to have you at St. Stephen's. Arrangements for weddings and baptisms can be made by speaking directly with the Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr., Rector.

To Report Illness, Hospitalization, etc.

Greta Pearl for prayer requests: 732-350-7584

Please notify the church office 732/350-2121 of any illnesses or hospitalizations.

If it is an emergency you may also reach Carl Laursen, Rector's Warden at 732-350-1259 or

Father Paul at his home 609-268-2864.



*Be still in the presence of
the Lord, and wait
patiently for him to act.*

Psalm 37:7

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST-PROPER 22
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

**OCTOBER 6, 2019
10 am
BCP**

Hymnal The Word of God

Patriotic Hymn: 717 V4
360 Processional Hymn: *"Only begotten, Word of God eternal"*
Open Acclamation
Collect of the Day
First Lesson: ***Book of Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4***
Psalms 37
Second Lesson: ***Second Letter to Timothy 1:1-14***
Gradual: "Word of God, Speak"
Gospel: ***Luke 17:5-10***
Sermon — The Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr.
PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE
Examination of the Candidate
The Baptismal Covenant
Prayers for the Candidate
Thanksgiving over the Water
THE BAPTISM
Welcoming the newly Baptized
The Peace
Announcements
Offertory Anthem
Doxology: "All things come of thee O Lord"

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HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving
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S125 Sanctus
S136 Memorial Acclamation 368
The Lord's Prayer 364
Breaking of the Bread
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Communion Hymns:
655 "O Jesus, I have promised"
671 "Amazing grace! How sweet the sound"
610 Post Communion Hymn "Lord, whose love through humble service"
Post Communion Prayer 365
Blessing
535 Recessional: "Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim"
Dismissal

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost Proper 22 OCTOBER 6, 2019
Serving in the Liturgy today:

Lector 8:00 AM	Greta Pearl
LEM 8:00 AM	Krupa Abbott
Altar Guild 8:00 AM	Mary Storey, Betty Carino, Debbie Fisher
Ushers 8:00 AM	Mary Storey, Glenn Mortimer, Bill Bodine, Peter Quigley
Lector 10:00 AM	Valerie Thompson
LEMs 10:00 AM	Bill Bodine, Susan Clarke
Altar Guild 10:00 AM	Valerie Thompson, Beverly Larson
Ushers 10:00 AM	Bob Axon, Jim Mason

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF

October 6, 2019–October 12, 2019

Today	Holy Eucharist	8:00 & 10:00am
	AA Meeting	8:00 pm
Monday	Office Open	9:00 am—2:00 pm
Tuesday	AA Meeting	2:00 pm
Wednesday	Closed AA Meeting	3:00 pm
	<i>Blessing of the Animals</i>	Noon
Thursday	Healing Service	10:00 am
	Choir Practice	2:00 pm
Friday	Pineland Symphonic Band	9:30 am
Saturday	AA Meeting	8:00 pm

Everyone is welcome to come to the coffee hour after worship.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion at our Lord's Table, regardless of your church affiliation. We encourage you to share with us in this sacrament.



Anti-racism Training: Fall 2019

Sponsored by the Diocese of New Jersey

at Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church 180 Route 539 Whiting NJ 08759

(1 mile south of Route 70) In Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 4, 5:30 to 9:00 PM

Saturday, 5, 8:30 to 4:30 PM

Saturday, October 12, 8:30 to 4:30 PM

Registration Fee is \$50 per person and includes all meals

Scholarships are available through Fr. Paul

For further information and to register go to <https://dioceseofnj.org/antiracism>

Or call Fr. Paul at the church office, (732) 350-2121

Blessing of the Animals

Will be held at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, *October 9th*

At St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in the Courtyard by the Labyrinth.

All types of animals are welcome..



For questions or further information
Call the Church office at 732-350-2121

Monday-Thursday 9 a.m-2 p.m.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 6, 2019

Proper 22

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Book of Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The oracle of God which Habak'kuk the prophet saw. O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and thou wilt not hear? Or cry to thee "Violence!" and thou wilt not save? Why dost thou make me see wrongs and look upon trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law is slacked and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous, so justice goes forth perverted. I will take my stand to watch, and station myself on the tower, and look forth to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. And the LORD answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain upon tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its time; it hastens to the end--it will not lie. If it seem slow, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Behold, he whose soul is not upright in him shall fail, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

Psalm 37

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the LORD, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the LORD *
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

HEALING SERVICE Thursday 10:00 am

CHOIR PRACTICE: Thursdays 2:00 pm

ORDER OF ST. LUKE: 2nd Thursday of each month after Healing Service

PINELAND SYMPHONIC BAND: Fridays 9:30 am



CHAPEL CLOTHES LINE sells well to groups and meeting at our church. Now accepting **LADIES Fall/Winter clothes ONLY** in **TOP** condition, (clean, with no missing buttons, tears or stains). Also, continue to use the **FOUR BINS** in our parking lot for *out of season clothing, all men's wear*, and other items. We are very appreciative of your kind donations to, and purchases from, this fundraising project.

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED There is an **URGENT** call out for Lay Eucharistic Ministers for both our 8:00 and 10:00a.m. services.



ST. STEPHEN'S PRAYER CHAIN is in need of additional members. The Prayer Chain is a dedicated group of parishioners who will pray for any who are in need. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact Greta Pearl at 732/350-7584 for details. Greta is the contact when placing, on the Prayer Chain, your name or the names of family, neighbors, or friends who would like prayers for healing, comfort, or any other purpose.



CARE GIVERS VOLUNTEERS JoAnn Smithson is the Congregational Coordinator for Care Givers Volunteers here at St. Stephen's. Please continue to use the mailbox in the Office to put in your hours. JoAnn's phone number is 732-408-5351.

HEALING PRAYERS The Order of St. Luke provides prayers of healing to anyone after Holy Communion on the last Sunday of the month at each service. Members are also available every Sunday after the services. Look for a member near the baptismal font if you would like a prayer of healing after any service.

YOUR PERSONAL ESTATE PLANNING Prayerfully consider making an endowment gift to St. Stephen's as part of your estate plan.

RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND Thank you to all who have donated. There are parishioners as well as other members in our community who benefit greatly from this valued fund. If you wish to contribute, please use the basket on the back table.

Pasta & More Dinner

Sponsored by the Men's Club and E.C.W.



Saturday October 19

3:00 to 5:00 PM

Donation: \$15.00 each

Appetizers - Salad Bar - Entrees

Dessert - 50/50 - Treasure Auction

Door Prizes

Call (732) 350-2121 for tickets

Crop Walk 2019

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church at 180 Route 539 Whiting New Jersey will host this year's annual event as it enters it's 50th year.

Whiting walkers have raised over \$200,000.00 in the 25 years walkers have been in Whiting.

More information will follow as we gather closer to OCTOBER 20th.



STEWARDSHIP

“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body”

1 Corinthians 6:16-20

Way of Saint Paul

“O my Strength, I will sing praises to thee, for thou, O God, art my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love.”

Psalms 59:17



Second Reading

Second Letter to Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life which is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I thank God whom I serve with a clear conscience, as did my fathers, when I remember you constantly in my prayers. As I remember your tears, I long night and day to see you, that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lo'is and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you. Hence I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control. Do not be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago, and now has manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, and therefore I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus; guard the truth that has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us.

Holy Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" And the Lord said, "If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this sycamine tree, 'Be rooted up, and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Will any one of you, who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep, say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down at table'? Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and gird yourself and serve me, till I eat and drink; and afterward you shall eat and drink'? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that is commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Today's liturgy focuses on faith. In the gospel reading, the disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith. His response is to teach that faith is expressed by being God's obedient servants, not doing so in expectation of a reward.

The prophet Habakkuk, writing at a time when powerful enemies threatened the very existence of Israel, also speaks of faith. After describing the terrible power of their foes, he brings a message from God that the day is coming when God will intervene on the people's behalf. The prophet says that, while the proud will be destroyed, the righteous will live by their faith.

The second reading is from the second letter to Timothy. The writer, after reminding Timothy of his heritage of a faithful family, speaks of his own vocation. Paul as a herald, apostle, and teacher has persevered, certain that God will be faithful to the promise to all people.

We gather as people on pilgrimage toward God. Like our forebears, the outcome of our journey cannot be seen now, but we trust that it will bring us to our true home with God. Faith is not merely a vague yearning for God, nor is it summed up in believing the correct doctrines about God. It is remaining true to God's call as we persevere in the journey as obedient servants.

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Announcements

October 6, 2019

Prayer to send out LEMs with the Sacrament:

Celebrant: N. we send you out to share Communion this week with those who have been entrusted to your care.

People: May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this Sacrament of Christ's presence.

Celebrant: Continues with a closing prayer.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the Glory of God

In Thanksgiving for the 40th Anniversary of Fr. Paul & Priscilla Van Sant



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God

In Thanksgiving for

The Anniversary of Krupa and Roger Abbott

ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNION SERVICES

The Pines

1st Sunday of each month at 9:30 am

Arista-Care

1st Monday of each month at 2:00 pm

The Arbors

2nd Monday of each month at 2:00 pm

The Pines

3rd Monday of each month at 2:00 pm