

# ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*All Are Welcome!*

## The Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 26, 2025, 8:00 and 10:30 am Worship Services



## 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 ***Trios I and II*** J. Rheinberger

Opening Prayer

*Please stand.*

Opening Hymn ***O Zion, Haste*** Hymnal 539

O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling,  
to tell to all the world that God is Light;  
that he who made all nations is not willing  
one soul should fail to know his love and might.

*Publish glad tidings:  
tidings of peace,  
tidings of Jesus,  
redemption and release.*

Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation  
that God, in whom they live and move, is Love:  
tell how he stooped to save his lost creation,  
and died on earth that all might live above.

*Refrain*

Send heralds forth to bear the message glorious;  
give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;  
pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious  
till God shall bring his kingdom's joyful day.

*Refrain*

He comes again! O Zion, ere thou meet him,  
make known to every heart his saving grace;  
let none whom he hath ransomed fail to greet him,  
through thy neglect, unfit to see his face.

*Refrain*

**The Word of God**  
Opening Acclamation

*The People standing, the Celebrant says:*

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

**People**     ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

*The Celebrant and People continue*

**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*

***To God Be the Glory***

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To God be the glory, great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!*

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

*Refrain*

## **The Collect for the Third Sunday After Epiphany**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; 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 Book of Nehemiah 8:1—3, 5 -6, 8—10*

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The Word of the Lord

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 19**      *To be read responsively by the Lay Reader and Congregation.*

L      The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**C      One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

L      Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,

**C      Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.**

L      In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**C      It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

L      The law of the LORD is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**C The statutes of the LORD are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the LORD is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.**

L The fear of the LORD is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.

**C More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.**

L By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**C Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

L Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.

**C Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

*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 Corinthians 12:12—31a*

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of the Lord

**People      Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*



Spread, O spread, thou mighty word,  
spread the kingdom of the Lord,  
that to earth's remotest bound  
all may heed the joyful sound;

Word of how the Savior's love  
earth's sore burden doth remove;  
how forever, in its need,  
through his death the world is freed;

*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 Luke 4:14–21*

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

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

### Sermon Hymn

Word of how the Spirit came  
bringing peace in Jesus' name;  
how his never-failing love  
guides us on to heaven above.

Word of life, most pure and strong,  
word for which the nations long,  
spread abroad, until from night  
all the world awakes to light.

❖ Sermon Wilmot Merchant ❖

*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**

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

*Leader*      The Lord be with you.

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

*Leader*      Let us pray.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;

***People***      ***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***People***      ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for The Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, Ruth our Bishop, Wilmot our Priest, Kim our Deacon, and for all Bishops and other Ministers;

***People***      ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, for our Donald our President, Henry our Governor, and Marilyn our Mayor;

***People***      ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***People***      ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***People***      ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest;

***People***      ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***People***      ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of our loved ones and others, for the men and women who are serving in the armed forces, and all others who serve to preserve and protect lives, and those who have asked us to remember them in our prayers, especially our families, friends, and loved ones.

Lord in your mercy

***People***      ***Hear our prayer.***

Let us pray for the people in disaster and troubled areas and those affected by acts of violence here at home and all around the world. Let us also pray for the many volunteers who are working to assist our brothers and sisters in those areas that have been devastated either by man-made or natural disaster.

Lord, in your mercy.

**People     *Hear our prayer.***

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. Alban's, Kingstree, Mr. Bubber Jenkinson, Sr. Warden, *and The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria.*

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:*** Tracy Thompson (1/26), Will Bridges (1/27), Pam Matthews (1/29), Glenda Scherer (1/30), Bea Norris (2/1).

***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:*** Bill & Kathy Finch (1/29).

***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: **Theresa Duke, Rick Dunn & Cathy Kathl-Dunn, Robert & Kaaren Dunn, Deborah Dushko, Larry & Rosalie Dye, Jack & Debby Early, Ernie & Sandie Ellis, Buster & Sharon Elrod, Pat Esposito, Keith & Jeanne Fairfax.**

*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

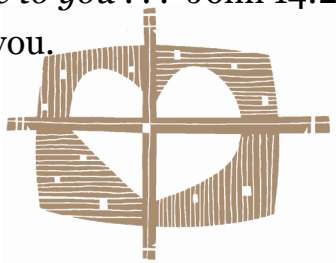
*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*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

***Healer of Our Every Ill***

M. Haugen

*Please stand.*

*Doxology*

**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 A**

*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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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

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**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.*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**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 for ever.

**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*

**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.*

### ***They'll Know We Are Christians***

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love*

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land

*Refrain*

We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride

*Refrain*

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son  
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one

*Refrain*

***Have Thine Own Way, Lord!***

LEVAS 145

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Thou art the potter, I am the clay!  
Mold me and make me after thy will,  
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Search me and try me, Master, today!  
Purer than snow, Lord, wash me just now,  
As in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!  
Power all power surely is thine!  
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!  
Fill with thy Spirit 'til all shall see  
Christ only, always, living in me!

*After Communion, the Celebrant says: 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*

May Christ, the Son of God be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; 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 you for ever.

**People      Amen.**

*Please sit 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.**



As with gladness men of old  
did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright;  
so, most gracious Lord, may we  
evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped  
to that lowly manger-bed;  
there to bend the knee before  
him whom heaven and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet  
ever seek the mercy-seat.

Holy Jesus! every day  
keep us in the narrow way;  
and, when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright,  
need they no created light;  
thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
thou its sun which goes not down:  
there for ever may we sing  
alleluias to our King.

*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.***

Postlude

***Trumpet in Dialogue***

L-N Clerambault

**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*

God is good! All the time!

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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 Very Rev. Canon Dr. Wilmot T. Merchant II, Rector  
Deacon: The Rev. Kim Hoop  
Dir of Music: Roberta Rowland-Raybold, c.a.g.o.  
Vergers: Cathy Fellows and Robert Dunn

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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***

❖ Will Bridges, Senior Warden (2025) ❖ Richard B. Martin, Jr. (2024)  
❖ Mike Raley (2024) ❖ Bill Simpson, Jr. (2024) ❖ Veronica Brown (2025)  
❖ Marrjo Shattuck (2025) ❖ Sue Crouch (2026) ❖ Robert Dunn (2026)  
❖ Wayne Mumford (2026).

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

❖ Barbara DiMartini (2024) ❖ Bud Nelson (2024)

### ***Vestry Officers***

❖ Bill Mann, Treasurer ❖ Cheri Spence, Assistant Treasurer  
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