# St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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## THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### June 14, 2026

Holy Eucharist, Rite II at 10:00 am

Welcome to St. Stephen's Church. We are delighted that you are here.

The second Sunday of the month we have our "Second Sunday Intergenerational Service." Our children and youth join us for the entirety of the service, with some serving as liturgical ministers. We use child specific resources for some of the readings and prayers, and make other changes so the liturgy is more accessible to the younger among us.

All of what you need to join us is in this bulletin or in one of two hymnals:

**Hymnal 1982 (the blue book)**
"H" followed by a number indicates hymns.
"S" followed by a number indicates selections that appear in the front section of the blue hymnal.

**St. Stephen's Hymnal (the red spiral bound book):**
"SSH" followed by a number indicates hymns.

**PRELUDE**

**Gather**

*We come together to praise God.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GATHERING HYMN**

H 377 (st. 1-3) All people that on earth do dwell *Old 100th*




## WELCOME

### Word

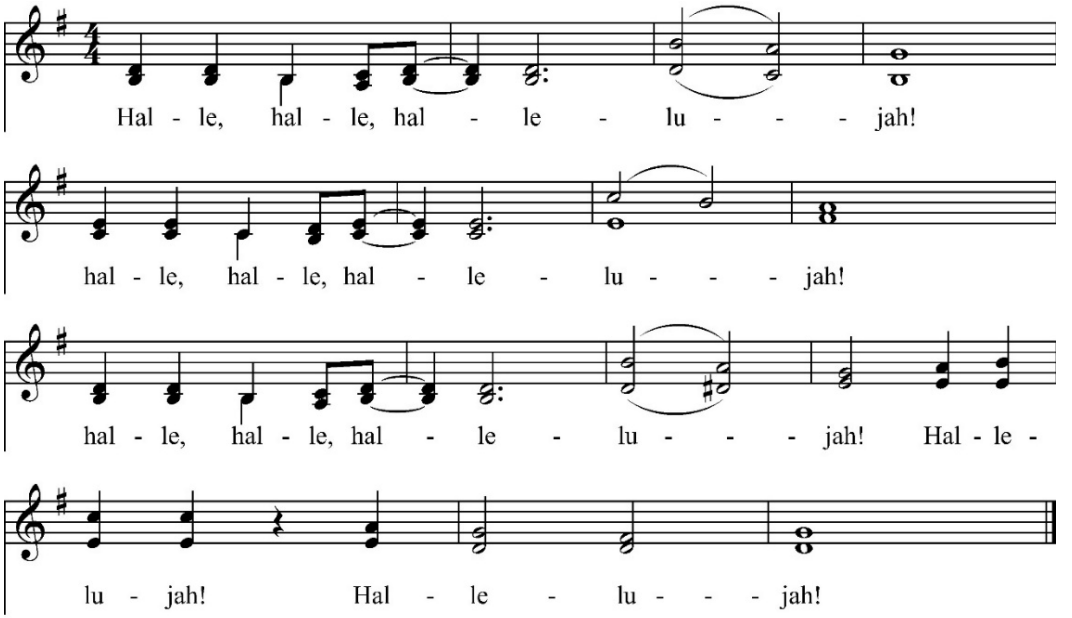
*We hear and respond to the story of God's liberating acts.*

Blessed are you, holy and living One.
**You come to your people and set them free.**

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.**

## THE GLORIA

Halle, halle, hallelujah! *Traditional Caribbean*




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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE LESSON

Our lesson is a reading from the Book of Genesis. 18:1-15 *GWMV*

God appeared to Abraham one hot day as he was sitting near his tent. Abraham looked up and saw three men coming toward him. He got up to meet them, saying, "Please, stay here a little while and rest. Let me bring you water to wash your feet, and offer you some good food." So they said, "Thank you. That would be very nice." Abraham ran into the tent and told Sarah to make some cake. He told his servant to prepare an excellent meal. They all sat down together in the shade of the tree and ate together.

One of them asked, "Where is your wife, Sarah?" Abraham said, "She's there in the tent." The man replied, "I'll be back this way this time next year. She'll have a son in her arms when I come back. Sarah was listening to this from the tent.

Abraham and Sarah were way too old to have children. So when Sarah heard this, she laughed to herself, thinking, "Really? Now that I'm old and my husband is even older, now I'm going to have a baby?"

The man asked, Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh at what I said? Is anything too difficult for God? I tell you, by the time I come back next year, she will have had a son."

Sarah said, "I didn't laugh."

The man said, "Oh yes you did. I heard you. You laughed."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
**Thanks be to God.**

## THE RESPONSE

Psalm 116:1, 10-17 *GWMV (adapted)*

Let us read responsively from Psalm 116.

I love God, because God knows my voice and always listens to me.
**Can I ever repay you, God, for all the good things you've done for me?**

My cup of salvation is full and I lift it up to offer God a toast. Everything I vowed to do for God I will do, and everyone will know that God is good.
**Can I ever repay you, God, for all the good things you've done for me?**

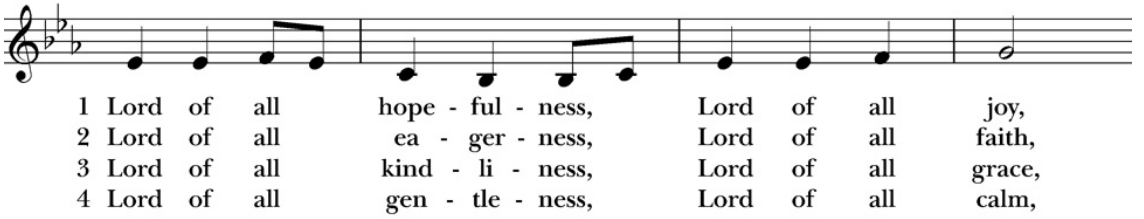
I know I will always be precious to God, even when I die. God, I owe you my life. You have cut me loose from the ties that were holding me back.
**Can I ever repay you, God, for all the good things you've done for me?**

Thank you, God. I can't thank you enough. I've promised to do good in your name among your people.
**Can I ever repay you, God, for all the good things you've done for me? Hallelujah!**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

H 482 Lord of all hopefulness *Slane*






## THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. 9:35-10:8 *GWMV*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went all over the place proclaiming God's Good News and curing sick people. When he saw the crowds of people, his heart went out to them, because they were anxious and helpless, like sheep who have no shepherd to guide them. "So much work to do, so few workers. Let's ask God for more helpers."

Jesus sent out his twelve disciples with the power to cure sick people and cast out demons. Here are the names of his disciples: Simone Peter and his brother Andrew; James and John, sons of Zebedee; Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James and Thaddaeus; Simon and Judas, the one who betrayed him.

Jesus sent them out with these marching orders: "First, go to your own people. As you go, tell people the Good News about the kingdom of heaven being near. Cure sick people. Raise dead people. Make the lepers whole again. Cast out demons. Give much, as you have been given.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE SERMON *The Rev. Paula J. Toland*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THE CREED

*Enriching Our Worship*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, 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 he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf (adapted)*

Gracious God, give us boldness, justice, and compassion, as we offer our prayers, responding, "Lord have mercy."

Open our eyes to see the stranger in our midst, offering hospitality and companionship, believing that the Holy Spirit visits us through those we do not know; let us pray.
**Lord have mercy**.

Reveal the fruits of suffering to all who are heavy laden with despair, that they may receive your endurance, grow in character, and live in hope; let us pray.
**Lord have mercy**.

Strengthen our hands and voices to proclaim the good news of Christ through the daily events of our lives, and to those we encounter in the course of the day; let us pray.
**Lord have mercy**.

Increase vocations to the various ministries of our Church, especially our Religious Communities, whose members hold the Church, her mission and peoples, in prayer, and who work for the joy of the gospel; let us pray.
**Lord have mercy**.

Bless our nation, our President and members of Congress; give them wisdom in their deliberations, that legislation and programs may serve the best interests of the common good and the needs of the global community; let us pray.
**Lord have mercy**.

Hold in your arms of mercy those who are ill, and grant to those who have died a room prepared by your own hands;

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| Mary Ruth Stone | James K. | Carol McManus |
| Kris Hunt | Walter | Ambika Bedi |
| Aldaiza DaSilva | Ron G. | David Cabush |
| Antonio DaSilva | Sue and Larry H | Paul Moran |
| Martha Lipowski | Maggie Holland | Karen Eberhardt |
| Boyd Hunnaman | Celine Ghiara. | |

Let us pray.
**Lord have mercy**.

Let us endure faithfully in the practice of intercession, as we continue our petitions.

Strengthen the bonds of affection with our siblings near and far; in the Diocese of Newark, let us pray for the ministries of the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Kaeton, the Rev. Briggett Keith, the Rev. David Kern, and the Rev. Deacon Gail Kertland, as well as churches in the Evelyn Underhill Regional Ministry Network and our ministry partners; in the Anglican Communion, let us pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia.
**Lord, have mercy.**

Help us to relinquish our dependence on violence to resolve conflicts and enable us to welcome the stranger and those with whom we disagree with love, mercy, compassion, and hope; let us pray.
**Lord, have mercy.**

Embolden us to advocate for human and civil rights in ways that uphold the dignity and worth of every human being. Help us to be thankful for the parishes in the diocese who minister to and with immigrant communities; let us pray.
**Lord, have mercy.**

Accept our gratitude for all who serve in our worship, formation, hospitality, outreach, administrative ministries, and the preschool staff whose devotion and creativity enrich the life of our community; let us pray.
**Lord, have mercy.**

*The Presider offers a concluding Collect.*

Holy One of blessing, you are the source and giver of all good things, hear the prayers of our hearts, minds, and lives; and give us the wisdom and grace to embody your way of love each and every day. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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

## THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
**And also with you.**

## Table

*We offer our gifts, give thanks, and we gather at Christ's banquet*

*Please be seated.*

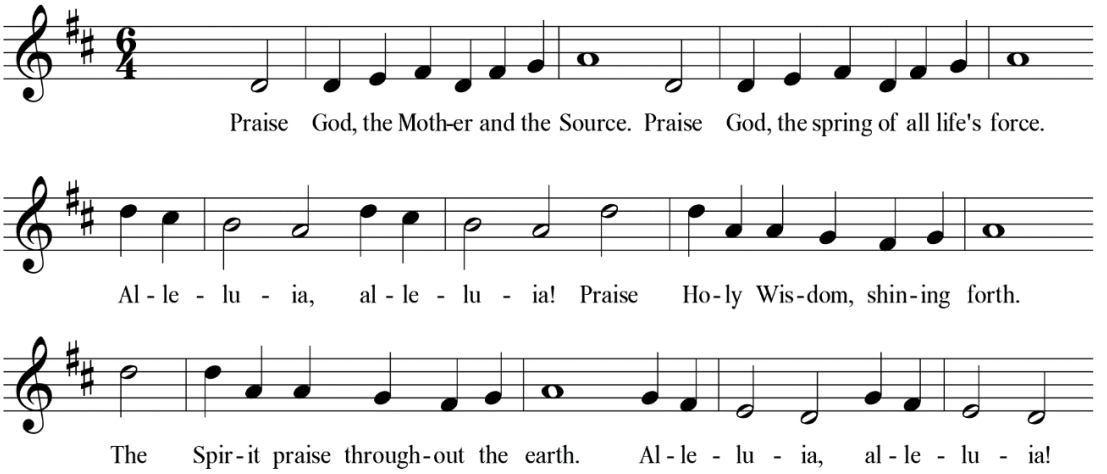
## AT THE OFFERTORY

How can I keep from singing? *Traditional Quaker hymn*
*Kim Williams, soloist*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, the Mother and the Source *Jody L. Caldwell*






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Tune: *Lasst uns erfreuen,* melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesaeng,* 1623.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 3 *EOW I*

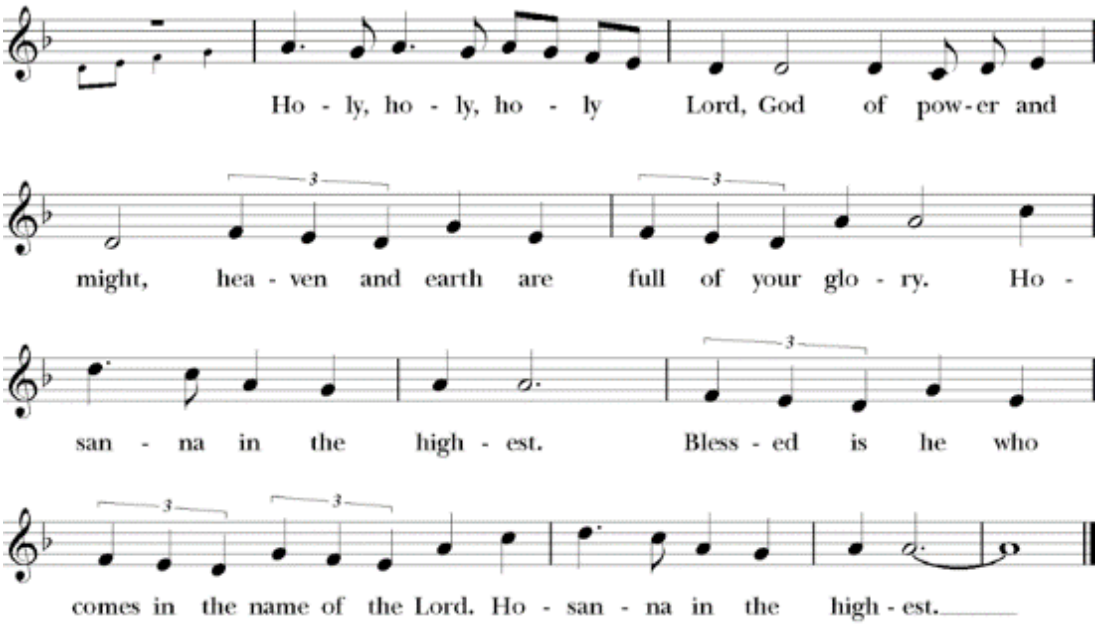
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

## SANCTUS

S 129 Holy, holy, holy Lord *Robert Powell*



Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**
**Rising, you restored our life.**
**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.

Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed St. Stephen and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

**Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Our Father, our Mother, 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 INVITATION

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
**We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Whoever you are, where ever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome at Christ's table.

*All are welcome at God's table to receive Communion or a blessing. Gluten-free hosts are available. Please use the hand sanitizer available in the pew before coming forward.*

## AT COMMUNION

*Organ meditation*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us in Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people on heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

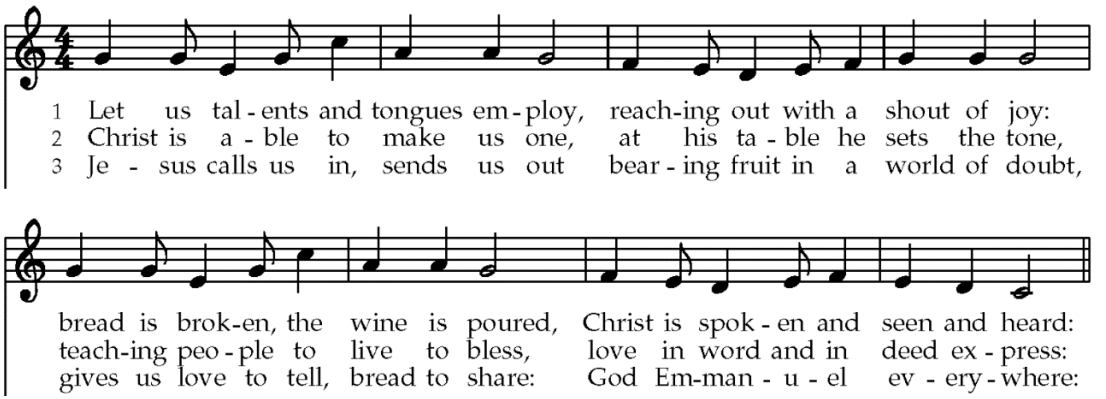
## BLESSING

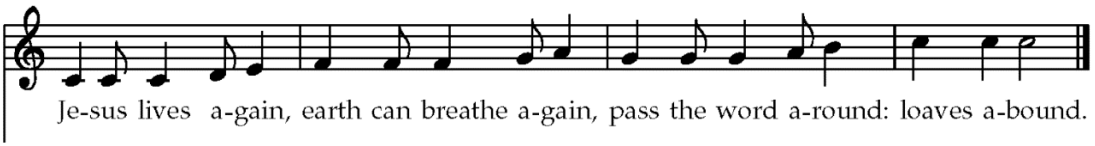
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God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, and the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

SSH 42 Let us talents and tongues employ *Linstead*






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## DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, enlivened and emboldened by God's Holy Spirit.
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## POSTLUDE

## LITURGICAL STEWARDSHIP

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| *Officiant:* | The Rev. Paula J. Toland |
| *Deacon:* | The Rev. Deacon Karen Eberhardt |
| *Minister of Music:* | Kim Williams |
| *Organist:* | John Schucker |
| *Altar Guild:* | Julia, Maria N. |
| *Chalicer/Crucifer/Acolyte:* | Eric, Clara, Martin |
| *Reader/Intercessor:* | Rosie, Isabella |
| *Oblations Bearer/Offering:* | Alex, Ava |
| *Greeter/Usher:* | Irene, Jennifer |
| *Tech Verger:* | Ron |
| *Coffee Hour:* | Ava |

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## Upcoming Events

*Details can be found in the weekly e-newsletter, which is available on our website.*

| DATE | TIME | DESCRIPTION |
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| 6/14 | 10:00 AM | Intergenerational Sunday Worship |
| | 1:00 PM | AA Meeting |
| 6/15 | 7:30 PM | MA Meeting |
| 6/17 | 7:30 PM | Finance Committee Meeting |
| 6/18 | 6:30 PM | Preschool Committee Meeting |
| 6/21 | 10:00 AM | Sunday Worship |
| | 11:30 AM | Vestry Meeting |
| | 1:00 PM | AA Meeting |

**NORTH JERSEY PRIDE FESTIVAL –** The festival is on Sunday, June 14th from 12:00-6:00pm at Memorial Park in Maplewood. St. Stephen's has sponsored a booth again this year, so stop by, lend a hand, or just say hello!

## ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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