

(38) Pantry: Thanks to our dedicated Pantry supporters who continue to make it possible for us to provide full bags of groceries to our food challenged friends coming to the church for assistance. Right now we need peanut butter, jelly, and pasta sauce. If you can help with these items, please leave them in the cloakroom in the box marked for the Pantry. Your kindness is appreciated. *Tom Ryan and Jim Phillips*

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar are given by Jeremy and Meredith Perkins to the glory of God and in honor of the birthdays of their children, Justin and Elizabeth.

Bulletin Recycle Bins: New recycling bins are now available for our congregation to place unused bulletins and bulletin inserts into these bins for recycling paper only. Recycling bins are now located near the Sanctuary Entrances. We encourage everyone to use them.

Do You Need Prayer? You are invited to ask for prayers this morning or call for a wider prayer through our Prayer Chain. Contact Roger Hartman, Rue Nunnally, or the Church Office if you are interested or in need of the Prayer Chain.

Support in Times of Need and Other Difficulties: Care is offered through the Stephen Ministry, which has trained caregivers, and the Shepherd Ministry, a network of St. Stephen's neighbors caring for one another. Contact Kevin Maisel, Nancy Dubiell, or the Church Office for the Stephen Ministry, or the Church Office for the Shepherd Ministry.

If You or Someone You Meet Is in Need: We know that people in our church and community are in need. One way we try to help is through the Emergency Assistance Fund. If you or someone you encounter is in financial need, please contact the office to set up an appointment for prayer, and, if we can, financial assistance. This may also help if someone approaches you in our parking lot and you think St. Stephen's can help.

Christian Stewardship is putting faith into action...

OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Giving for Operations and Mission Needs
Gifts for the week of March 1, 2020: \$20,992

Attendance for March 1, 2020
8:30 73 9:45 83 11:00 103 6:30 32



Scan here to give.

LAY VISITOR: Art and Beth Jones OFFICE STAFF: Jack Stone
WELCOME CENTER: Girl Scouts

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 8

Daylight-Saving Time Begins
HYPOTHERMIA SHELTERING
(FH/FF/M9/K/M18-20/M16/M30)
8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service (S)
9:30 AM Cherub Choir (C42)
9:30 AM Sr. High Sunday School Class (K)
9:45 AM Contemporary Worship (S)
9:45 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Children's Choir (FS)
11:00 AM Classic Worship Service (S)
12:15 PM Mustard Seed Ministry (S)
12:30 PM Eagle Scout Project (outside)
2:00 PM ESL (FS)
3:00 PM Lenten Bible Study (C41)
6:30 PM Evening Chapel: A Youth Led Worship Service (WC)

Monday, March 9

HYPOTHERMIA SHELTERING
(FH/FF/M9/K/M18-20/M16/M30)
9:15 AM Where Moms Connect (C40)
3:00 PM Youth Study Hall (offsite)
7:00 PM Betty Whitehurst Circle (C40)
7:00 PM Bible Study for Women (M8)
7:00 PM Chancel Choir (M10)
7:00 PM Orchestra (WC)
7:30 PM Mighty Peals of Joy (S)

Tuesday, March 10

HYPOTHERMIA SHELTERING
(FH/FF/M9/K/M18-20/M16/M30)
8:00 AM Preschool (FH)
9:30 AM Maranatha Singers (M10)
11:00 AM Staff Meeting (M5)
4:00 PM Donuts With Daisy (offsite)
7:00 PM Source Band (S)
7:30 PM Girl Scout Service Unit 54-15 (FS)

Wednesday, March 11

HYPOTHERMIA SHELTERING
(FH/FF/M9/K/M18-20/M16/M30)
6:30 AM Coffeemen Community Group (Peet's)
8:00 AM Preschool (FH)
9:30 AM Wednesday Women's Bible Study (M8)
11:00 AM Creative Hearts/Creative Hands (M9)
6:45 PM Boy Scouts #1131 (FS/WC)
7:00 PM Cmmte: FIT (C40)
7:30 PM Cmmte: Church & Society (C41)
7:30 PM Stephen Ministry (C58)

Thursday, March 12

HYPOTHERMIA SHELTERING
(FH/FF/M9/K/M18-20/M16/M30)
9:30 AM Nancy Allen Circle (M8)
5:15 PM Girl Scout Troop 1186 (FS)
6:30 PM Cmmte: Music (M5)
7:00 PM Bits & Pieces (M10)
7:00 PM Boy Scout Round Table (WC/FS)
7:45 PM Mostly Men Choir (M10)

Friday, March 13

HYPOTHERMIA SHELTERING
(FH/FF/M9/K/M18-20/M16/M30)

Saturday, March 9

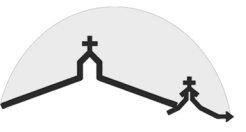
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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Rob Robertson Senior Pastor
Rev. Jiyeon Kim Associate Pastor for Children and First Impressions
Rev. Forrest Teague Associate Pastor for Youth, Young Adults, and Outreach
Tammy Lydon Director of Music Ministries

Please visit our website, ststephensfairfax.org, for our full staff list and contact information.

St. Stephen's



United Methodist Church

8:30 AM Traditional 9:45 AM Contemporary
11:00 AM Classic 6:30 PM Evening Chapel

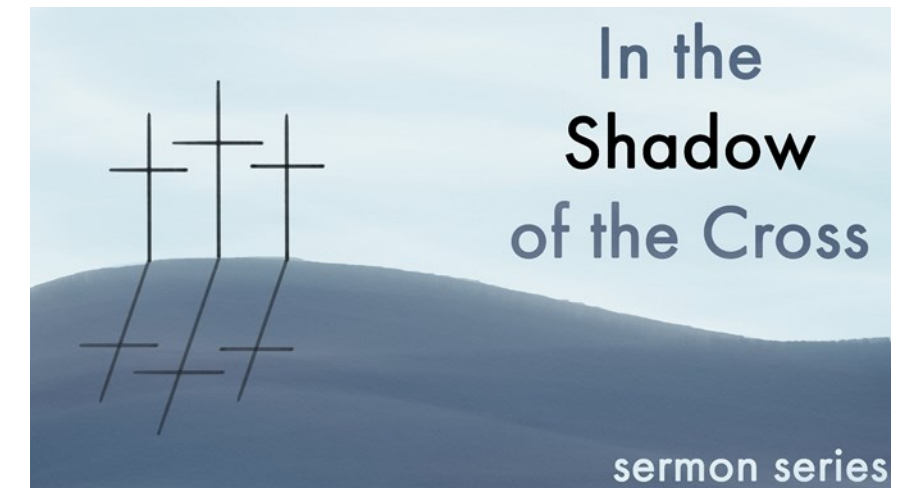
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Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

VISION STATEMENT

- **Receive** Christ as the key to life, awake and alive, growing in knowledge and love of God.
- **Reflect** Christ as the catalyst for community, inclusive and engaged, igniting mission and service for all.
- **Relay** Christ as the call for a new generation, convinced and committed, sharing faith and hope with others.

March 8, 2020
8:30 & 11:00 am
Second Sunday in Lent



Welcome to St. Stephen's UMC! We are so glad you joined us today for worship. Please feel free to stop by the **Welcome Desk** for a free gift and the **Welcome Center** either before or after worship for a cup of coffee and light refreshments.

Our **Nursery (C46)** and **Cry Room (M4, near the Sound Booth)** are available during all worship services. The nursery is open to all infants and toddlers and is staffed by our loving and professional nursery attendants.

Godly Play (PreK - 2nd grade) is available after the **Children's Moment** or **Birthday Blessings** in the 11 am service. Parents may pick up their child(ren) after worship directly from Room C43.

9:45 am **Sunday School** for all toddlers, children, teens, and adults.

Specific room locations are available at the Welcome Desk.

Large print hymnals and hearing assistance devices are available upon request. Please ask an usher for assistance. **American Sign Language (ASL)** interpretation is offered at 9:45 am service. The first few rows in front of the pulpit are reserved for those who need the interpretation.

Order of Worship

March 8, 2020

8:30 and 11:00 am

Welcome to worship! Please use the time during the Prelude for quiet meditation and prayer.
The sounding of the chimes signals the beginning of our service.
Lines marked with an * indicate the congregation may stand.
Bold text may be read or sung in unison.

PRELUDE Tammy Lydon, organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are called to follow Jesus.

All: But following Jesus isn't easy.

One: No. It will demand our dedication and our energy.

All: It will change our whole lives.

One: Teach us your ways, O Lord,

All: Help us to grow in newness of life.

*PROCESSIONAL *To God Be the Glory* Purple Hymnal #98

*OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we have come this day to hear your words of healing love, and to ask you to teach us to find new life through your Son. Keep us from sin and help us live by your commandment of love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE Pastor Jiyeon

WORSHIP IN SONG (8:30) *Hymn of Promise* Purple Hymnal #707

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Rob

ANTHEM (8:30) *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* Gospelaires

SPECIAL MUSIC (11:00) *Wade in the Water* Cherub Choir
Inscription of Hope St. Stephen's Children's Choir

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00) Pastor Jiyeon

Following the Children's Moment, children ages 3 years old through 2nd grade are dismissed to Godly Play. Pickup is in Room C43 following the service.

PRAYER CHORUS *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* Black Hymnal #2200

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Pastor Forrest

THE LORD'S PRAYER Purple Hymnal #895

*HYMN (8:30) *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* Purple Hymnal #277

SCRIPTURE John 3:1-17

MESSAGE *In From the Shadows* Pastor Rob

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Together, as the body of Christ, we affirm and declare Jesus Christ to be the Son of God, the Word of God in flesh, the love of God personified, the mercy of God in action, the power of God at work. In his extraordinary incarnation, life, death and resurrection, Jesus lived in perfect obedience, showing us who God is and what God is like in every attitude, word and deed. Therefore, we seek to imitate Christ by yielding to his love, that we might be transformed and renewed in his likeness. Amen.

OFFERTORY *Open My Eyes That I May See* Tammy Lydon, piano
Oh How He Loves You and Me Chancel Choir (11:00)

*DOXOLOGY Purple Hymnal #95

*CLOSING HYMN *Amazing Grace* Purple Hymnal #378

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Tammy Lydon, organ

TELL ME MORE

For more information about or to RSVP for a particular ministry or announcement, write the corresponding number on your Connect Card. Please stop by the Welcome Desk after worship if you have any questions. One of our members will be happy to help and give you a small token of our appreciation if this is your first time with us!

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| (1) Starting Point/I'm New Here! | (6) Outreach/Service Ministries |
| (2) Children's Ministries | (7) Hospitality/Food Ministries |
| (3) Youth Ministries | (8) Prayer/Support Ministries |
| (4) Young Adult Ministries | (9) Adult Learning and Small Groups |
| (5) Music Ministries | (10) Communications and Media |

CONNECT

(11) Young Adult Meetups: The Young Adults meet at 7 pm every first Tuesday for trivia at Auld Shebeen in Fairfax and every third Sunday at 12:15 pm for brunch at Brion's Grill (March 28).

(12) Coffee with Pastor Jiyeon: All parents having children, infant through 6th grade, and volunteers of Children's Ministry, you are invited to this personal time with Pastor Jiyeon. Time slots vary from Monday, March 9 through Thursday, March 19. On your way going to work, grocery store or coming back home from work, stop by Peet's in the Kings Park Shopping Center. You are welcome to stay for a quick chat with her or just grab a cup of coffee or tea for yourself. No obligation to stay. To get a sign-up link, please write #12 down on your Connect Card or check Children's Weekly e-News.

GROW

We offer a variety of Sunday School classes for both children and adults. Please visit the Welcome Desk for more information about our current classes.

(21) Let's Get Together: All children in 3rd-6th grades and their parents are invited to have fun and build up relationships with others TODAY, Sunday, March 8, 12:15-1:15 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Activities include a light lunch, information/wisdom sharing, encouragement and fellowship among parents. Childcare available.

(22) A New Bible Study: A new Bible class is being formed, meeting today at 11:00 in M8 taught by Rev. Deborah Austin and Dahlia Orleans-Pobee. We meet the first and third Sundays. We're learning the backstory of the New Testament.

(23) Young Adult Small Group: A small group meets at 7 pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at Pastor Forrest's house.

(24) St. Stephen's Summer Camps: We'll have 4 amazing camps available this summer: "M&M" Mini VBS, for 4 year-olds through rising 1st graders, June 15-17; "The Lion King" Music Theatre Camp, for rising 3rd through 8th graders, June 22-26; "Team Spirit" Sports Camp, for rising 2nd through 6th graders, June 29-July 2 (4 days); "Knights of North Castle" VBS, for 5 year-olds through rising 6th graders, July 13-17. More details online, registration open now!



Youth Events

Sunday School 9:45 am Sr. High in M30, Jr. High in M9

Youth Group Sundays at 5:30 pm

Evening Chapel Sundays at 6:30 pm

Monday Study Hall 3-5 pm at King's Park Peet's

Wednesday Wings 8:30-10 pm in the Youth Room (16+)

(Follow us on Instagram @saintstephensyouth)

(26) Lenten Bible Study: A six-week Bible study is offered on Sundays at 3 pm, February 23 through March 29, led by Kate Theodore, in C41. We will explore events from the Last Supper through the Crucifixion using Adam Hamilton's *24 Hours That Changed the World* video as a resource for discussion. No "homework" readings are necessary. Childcare available.

(28) City of Peace Book Discussion: All are invited to the next Frances Allen Circle meeting, March 12 at 9:30 am here at St. Stephen's. We'll be discussing *City of Peace* by Henry G. Brinton, Senior Pastor at Fairfax Presbyterian Church. Rev. Brinton will join us to talk about his book, which is about a Methodist minister who has suffered a tragic loss. The book is a fast-paced mystery that will engage people politically and spiritually, leaving them with fresh insight into how they can overcome polarizing divisions. The book is available on Amazon in all formats including audio.

(29) Love, Sex, & You: A free communication seminar for youth and their parents, facilitated by Melany Burill will be March 22 from 1:00-8:00pm. Food included. Write 29 on your Connect Card or talk to Pastor Forrest for more information.

(30) Two Perspectives: A Conversation with Tom Berlin & Keith Boyette: concerning **General Conference 2020** will be held on **March 11 at 7:00pm** at Annandale United Methodist Church, 6935 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003. This event is designed to help laity hear from two perspectives about the issues facing the United Methodist Church as we head toward General Conference in Minneapolis, MN from May 5 – 15. Revs. Tom Berlin and Keith Boyette will offer remarks and participate in a Q&A, including information on the Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation. **You are encouraged to register to attend this free event at <https://novaumc.org/two-perspectives>.** If you are interested in carpooling with someone or you can drive others to the event, please sign-up using #30 on your Connect Card.



SERVE

(35) Mission Possible Kids (MPK): All in 3rd-6th grade are invited to come and be part of March MPK, Friday, March 20 from 6-8 pm in room M9, exploring bees and the benefits they provide to our lives and to the environment. The program includes service project, games, food, and fellowship. RSVP encouraged.

(36) Summer Camp Counselor: Children's Ministry is looking for summer camp counselors, youth (at least 16 years old) or young adults, during the following camps: Music Theatre Camp (June 22-26) and Sports Camp (June 29-July 2, 4 days). Love and passion for children, full week commitment, and Camp Training Session are required. Stipend will be provided. Application form including detailed requirement is available. Application deadline is April 5.

(37) Hypothermia Shelter: Volunteer to help during our week to host the Hypothermia Prevention Shelter – Beginning tonight until March 15 : St. Stephen's will be serving as a shelter for 25 to 40 homeless men and women again this year. Many volunteers are needed. Please sign up in the Gathering Space or online to help cook and serve dinner, set up, clean, drive vans, visit, stay overnight, and more. We're also collecting travel size toiletries; gently used adult coats; adult socks, underwear, gloves, and hats; and \$5 McDonalds gift cards. We'll be working with FACETS staff. Guests will arrive each day about 5:30pm and leave around 7am. Thanks to all who have signed up. **Evening and overnight volunteers are still especially needed.**