



The St. Stephen's Sunday Bulletin

October 10, 2021

9 a.m. Outdoor Service;

11 a.m. Indoor Service & Livestream

9203 Braddock Road, Burke, Virginia, 22015

www.ststephensfairfax.org

703-978-8724

Welcome to St. Stephen's!

We are glad you chose to worship with us today.

First time visitors are invited to stop by the Welcome Desk for a gift before or after one of today's services. Our nursery for infants and toddlers is open during both services. Children's and Youth Sunday School classes begin at 10 a.m.

For more information or to view our 11 a.m. service at your convenience, please visit

www.ststephensfairfax.org .

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



St. Stephen's will be holding a Blessing of the Animals, today at 4 p.m., outdoors. All pets (and humans) welcome. To ensure everyone's safety, pets should either be on leashes or in the carrier you would use when visiting your vet.

Inside

Page 2 - 9 a.m. order of worship

Page 3 - 11 a.m. order of worship

Page 4 - Happenings at St. Stephen's

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021 • 9:00A.M. • 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME

Pastor Rob

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 36:5-7

Pastor Jiyeon

One: Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,

All: Your faithfulness to the skies.

One: Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,

All: Your justice like the great deep.

One: You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.

One: How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!

One: People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

All: We celebrate your incredible love today.

OPENING SONG

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Jiyeon

We come today united not by blood, race or nationality but by love — a love that places the “you” and “we” above the “I” and “me.” A love so great it must originate from the source of all love. We, your people, O God, come seeking your love. A love more powerful than all our hurts, all our pain. A love that meets us where we are and calls us to more than we can imagine. A love that can change our lives forever. Amen.

SONG

We'll Understand It Better By and By

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 13 NRSV

MESSAGE

No! Not Clanging Cymbals

Pastor Rob

HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor Forrest

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our heavenly Father, who by your love you made us, and through your love have kept us, and in your love would make us perfect: We humbly confess that we have not loved you with all our heart and soul and mind and strength, and we have not loved one another as Christ loved us. Your life is within our souls, but our selfishness hinders your work in and through us. We have not lived by faith. We have resisted thy Spirit. Forgive what we have been; help us to amend what we are; and in thy Spirit direct what we shall be; that you may come into the full glory of thy creation, in us and in all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE

One: Friends, hear this good news. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. If any one sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

SPECIAL MUSIC

Eat This Bread

BENEDICTION

Pastor Rob

POSTLUDE

We'll Understand It Better By and By

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021 • 11:00AM • 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING MUSIC Touch the Sky Source Band
Unashamed Love

WELCOME Pastor Rob

CALL TO WORSHIP Pat Sawhney

One: Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,

All: Your faithfulness to the skies.

One: Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,

All: Your justice like the great deep.

One: You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.

One: How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!

One: People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

All: We celebrate your incredible love today.

OPENING PRAYER Pat Sawhney

We come today united not by blood, race or nationality but by love — a love that places the “you” and “we” above the “I” and “me.” A love so great it must originate from the source of all love. We, your people, O God, come seeking your love. A love more powerful than all our hurts, all our pain. A love that meets us where we are and calls us to more than we can imagine. A love that can change our lives forever. Amen.

OPENING SONG Praise to the Lord, the Almighty UMH #139, vs.1, 5

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him;
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly forever adore Him.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Pastor Jiyeon

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Pastor Forrest

LOVE GIVES TESTIMONY Mike, Patti and Ross Keppler

OFFERTORY Power of Your Love Source Band

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 13 NRSV

MESSAGE No! Not Clanging Cymbals Pastor Rob

AFFIRMATION Pastor Jiyeon

We believe in the power of faith, hope and love.

We believe that the greatest of these is love. A love that places “you” before “I”. A love that is patient and kind. A love that isn’t boastful or rude. A love that doesn’t get angry or record mistakes but praises truth. A love that protects, hopes and endures through hard times. We believe in a love so great that when everything else is gone, even when heaven and earth are no more, love will remain.

CLOSING SONG

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

UMH #557, vs. 1-2

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

BENEDICTION

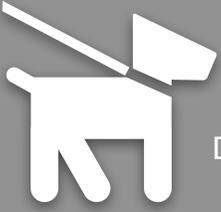
Pastor Rob

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Tammy Lydon, organ
Esther Lee, piano

Happening at St. Stephen's Church



Today, October 10th

St. Stephen's will be holding a Blessing of the Animals, today, Sunday, Oct. 10, at 4 p.m., outdoors at St. Stephen's. (Rain Date Oct. 17th.) All pets (and humans) welcome. To ensure everyone's safety, pets should either be on leashes or in the carrier you would use when visiting your vet's office.



Would you like to view this entire bulletin (with clickable links and lyrics for our outdoor service) on your tablet or PDA? Visit <https://bit.ly/SSUMCBulletin>

THE
EASE OF
ONLINE
GIVING



St. Stephen's offers a variety of ways to easily give online call the church office at 703-978-8724.

St. Stephen's offers a variety of Sunday school classes for adults. Everyone is encouraged to take part. For a listing visit www.ststephensfairfax.org/adultsundayschool



For more information on how to get involved at St. Stephen's, use your phone to photograph this QR Code



Love Music?

Read the latest **Music Notes** from music director Tammy Lydon at www.ststephensfairfax.org/grow/music/



Our stewardship worship series, "Love Gives" based upon John 3:16a, "For God so loved the world that he gave..." begins today. The series will focus on both the love of God that is revealed most completely through the gift of the Son and the calling of God on each of our lives to respond in faith to the unconditional, radical love of God by loving one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us."

Next Sunday, Oct. 17th Fall Fellowship Event that will include food, music and games starting at 11:45 am.



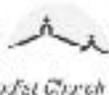
Grace Ministries is seeking clothing donations and volunteers. Learn more at www.ststephensfairfax.org/grace-ministries



This week's altar flowers are in honor of Tom Bradley's significant birthday on October 6, by Sandra Gregory

You can now watch our 11 a.m. Livestream on YouTube and on Facebook Live!

St. Stephen's



United Methodist Church

www.ststephensfairfax.org
703-978-8724