

Welcome to St Stephen's

BELVEDERE

To believe that God creates the world makes a difference in how you look at everything, at cats or peregrine falcons, at sea otters, at the woman sitting next to you waiting for the light to turn, at music. Faith makes a difference in what you say to a magnolia waving at you in our Memorial Garden, or at the Gate showing off from Vista Point. It's not that you sit back and say, *That's interesting*, or even, *That's beautiful*. You say, *That shows me where to put my foot down next*. If you're an organist playing Bach's Fugue in C, it means the thing you're looking at will tell you where to put your foot down next, actually.

Art is serious because at its heart art is joyous, playful, and yet demanding as well, whether we're talking about the poetry of WH Auden or William Byrd's *Mass in Four Voices*. Art takes us by the elbow. It slows us down. We see the Most High coming towards us. So does a Minister of Music, and so does a Choir. Welcome to St Stephen's.

To our visitors, newcomers, and seekers:

- The Bishop's Office requests that, indoors, the congregation wear masks. They may be removed to receive the Sacrament of Communion.
- If you're new, please email office@ststephenschurch.org to let us know who you are, to ask questions, or to make comments.
- Donations and Contributions can be made online at <https://www.ststephenschurch.org/give/>
- If you are ready to inquire about membership, want us to pray for you or someone you name, or you'd like a call from one of our priests, please email office@ststephenschurch.org.
- For all current information and schedules, please check the church website St Stephen's Calendar page. Scroll beyond the Google Calendar.

10 October 2021 | The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

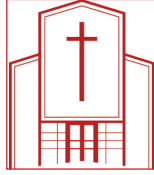
— Altar Flowers —



**The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God,
by Lilian & DB Murray
in loving memory of
May Buntin Murray & Michael Alan Buhl.**

Serving at the Altar Today

Scripture Reader	Janice Dalzell-Piper
Ushers	Philip Norris, Tucker MacLean
Vergers	Jo Ann Hasetine
Eucharistic Ministers	Barbara Berling, Bonnie Echerd
Intercessor	Barbara Berling
Altar Guild Team 1	Barbara Berling, Bonnie Echerd, Jill Hinds, Liz Hart, Carol Louie
Stream Team	Ciara Hall, Kelly Perasso, Jack Putney, Phoebe Putney
Coffee Connections Team 5	Christine Simpson Brent
Minister of Music	Jonathan Dimmock
Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev'd Phillip C. Ellsworth, Jr.



ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

BELVEDERE

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Proper 23

10 October 2021 | 10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Worship is a verb. From the Altar of this sacred space to the altar of your heart, we welcome you to join us in the active worship of God. This service is based on the Holy Eucharist: Rite II, Eucharistic Prayer A, in the Book of Common Prayer, page 361.

For ease of use, this leaflet contains the live stream congregation portions of the liturgy, service music, and hymn lyrics

Prelude *Praeludium in C major*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

At the Procession

Hymn 390 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity *Said by all.*

BCP 355

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.

Gloria

Hymn 421 *All glory be to God on high* ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH SEI EHR

The Collect for the Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The people sit.

The Reading Job 23. 1 – 9, 16 – 17

Job said:

“Today also my complaint is bitter;
God’s hand is heavy despite my groaning.
Oh, that I knew where I might find him,
that I might come even to his dwelling!
I would lay my case before him,
and fill my mouth with arguments.
I would learn what he would answer me,
and understand what he would say to me.
Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?
No; but he would give heed to me.
There an upright person could reason with him,
and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.
“If I go forward, he is not there;
or backward, I cannot perceive him;
on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;
I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.
God has made my heart faint;
the Almighty has terrified me;
If only I could vanish in darkness,
and thick darkness would cover my face!”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The congregation repeats the antiphon after the Choir, and as marked.

Psalm 90. 1 – 8 *Domine refugium*

Peter Hallock (1924 – 2014)

ANTIPHON

Psalm 90: 12



Organ: *Everyone:*

Teach us to num-ber our
days that we may ap - ply our hearts to wis-dom.

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were
born, from age to age you are God. — **Antiphon**

You turn us back to the dust and say, “Go back, O child of earth.”
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night. — **Antiphon**

You sweep us away like a dream, we fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and flourishes,
in the evening it is dried up and withered. — **Antiphon**

For we consume away in your displeasure, we are afraid because of your
wrathful indignation.
Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance. — **Antiphon**

The Sequence

Hymn 420 *When in our music God is glorified*

ENGLEBERG

The Holy Gospel Mark 10. 17 – 31

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age — houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions — and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

The preacher says a prayer and then bids the people to sit.

The Sermon

Phil Ellsworth

The Prayers of the People

Form III, BCP 387

During the Prayers of the People, please join the intercessor in reading aloud the names on the prayer list and speak the responses as shown.

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

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

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

That our works may find favor in your sight.

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

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Silence

We pray for those needful or desirous of our prayers, especially
Jim, David, Dawn, Karen, Roger, Cecilia, Liz, Carol, George, Jack.

We pray for those who have died, including **James Bischoff,**
and **Nancy Wyman**

And on their Year's Mind, we remember **Ray White, Miranda Pratt,** and
Olive Sudders.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, including
the St Stephen's Choir, and Jonathan Dimmock.

The Commissioning & Consecration of the Minister of Music

Presenters We present to you Jonathan Dimmock to be admitted to the
ministry of Minister of Music in this congregation.

The Rector David commanded the chief of the Levites to appoint
musicians who should play loudly on musical instruments, on
harps and lyres and cymbals, to raise sounds of joy.

V. When the song was raised in the praise of the Lord:

R. The glory of the Lord filled the house of God.

My brother, the Church is the family of God, the body of Christ, and the
temple of the Holy Spirit. All baptized people are called to make Christ
known as Savior and Lord, and to share in the renewing of his world. Now
you are called to work as Minister of Music, to encourage the servants of
God in this parish, strengthening them for ministry in this life and unto
ages and ages.

As a Minister, it will be your task with this congregation to proclaim by
music, word, and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to fashion your life
in accordance with its precepts. You are to love and serve the people among
whom you work, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and

poor, professional and amateur, skilled and novice. You are to assist at the administration of Holy Baptism and in the celebration of the mysteries of Christ's Body and Blood, and to perform the other ministrations entrusted to you.

In all that you do, you are to nourish Christ's people from the riches of his grace, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

My brother, do you believe that you are truly called by God and his Church to this ministry?

Answer I believe I am so called.

Rector Do you now in the presence of the Church commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

Answer I do.

Rector Will you persevere in prayer, both in public and in private, asking God's grace, both for yourself and for others, offering all your gifts and labors to God, through the mediation of Jesus Christ, and in the sanctification of the Holy Spirit?

Answer I will.

Rector May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things give you the grace and power to perform them. **AMEN.**

The Rector then says this Prayer of Consecration, the Minister of Music kneeling.

God and Father of all, we praise you for your infinite love in calling us to be a holy people in the kingdom of your Son Jesus our Lord, who is the image of your eternal and invisible glory, the firstborn among many brethren, and the head of the Church. We thank you that by his death he has overcome death, and, having ascended into heaven, has poured his gifts abundantly upon your people, making some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry and the building up of his body.

Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to Jonathan; fill him with grace and power, and make him Minister of Music in your Church. Make Jonathan a faithful Minister, and grant that in all things he may serve without reproach, so that your people may be strengthened and your Name glorified in all the world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

Veni Creator Spiritus sung by a Cantor

Come, Creator Spirit,	<i>Veni, Creator Spiritus,</i>
our souls inspire	<i>mentes tuorum visita,</i>
fill with heavenly grace	<i>imple superna gratia</i>
the hearts that you have made	<i>quae tu creasti pectora.</i>

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The people in a loud voice respond AMEN.

The Senior Warden and members of the Choir give tokens of office to the newly consecrated Minister, saying

Receive this key to the church as a sign that you are at home here, to minister with this building, where *Christus Rex* is elevated among us.

Receive this cassock as a vestment to point not to yourself merely but to the One you represent.

Receive this key to the organ as a sign that your heart is inditing of a good matter, that you speak of the things you have made unto the King. (Ps. 45)

Receive this *Book of Common Prayer & Hymnal* as a sign of your calling to support and lead us in prayer.

The Minister of Music bids the congregation to exchange the Peace.

The Peace *Offer God's peace to people near you.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Episcopal Impact Fund Presentation

Marsha Dugan

Pledge Appeal 2022

Janice Dalzell-Piper

Please remember to support the church financially through your pledge or contribution, which you can send by mail to St Stephen's Episcopal Church, PO Box 97, Belvedere, CA 94920 or donate online by way of St Stephen's Paypal account button at <https://www.ststephenschurch.org/give/>.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

At the Offertory *Earth Song*

Frank Techeli (b. 1958)

Sing, Be, Live, See.

This dark stormy hour,

The wind, it stirs.

The scorched earth

cries out in vain:

O war and power,

you blind and blur,

The torn heart

cries out in pain.

But music and singing

have been my refuge,

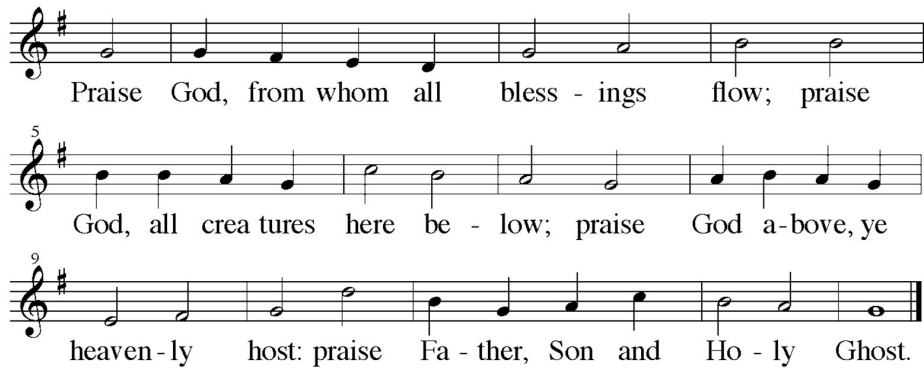
and music and singing

shall be my light.

A light of song
shining strong: Allelulia!
Through darkness, pain, and strife, I'll
Sing, Be, Live, See...
Peace.

The Doxology *The people stand and sing.*

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
God, all crea tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Preface

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

Sung by the choir.

Sanctus *Mass in Four Voices*

William Byrd (1543 – 1623)

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues.

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.

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. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, 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.

At the Breaking of the Bread

The congregation repeats the Alleluia after the Cantor

At the Communion

Please come forward in two lines to receive the host from the Celebrant, and then process to either side of the altar to take a small cup of wine. After drinking the wine, please place the small cup into the blue bowl (piscina) as you return to your seat.

To our livestream congregation:

How will I receive the Sacrament if not by mouth? By faith. The Church has been through pestilence and passed its wisdom down to us in the Book of Common Prayer. Here's the rubric [instruction] from the 1689 Prayer Book translated into contemporary Californian: "But if a person, either by reason of extremity of sickness or . . . by any other just impediment, cannot receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood: the Clergy shall instruct them that if they repent of their sins, and believe that Jesus Christ has suffered death upon the Cross for them, and shed his Blood for their redemption, earnestly remembering the benefits they have received thereby . . . they eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Savior Christ profitably to their soul's health, although they do not receive the Sacrament with their mouth."

Via live stream you will receive what Tradition calls Spiritual Communion. Inclining your hearts, you will eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ to your soul's health, although you do not receive the Sacrament with your mouth.

Communion *Agnus Dei Mass in Four Voices*

William Byrd (1543 – 1623)

The Post-Communion Prayer *The people stand.*

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Said by all.

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 Blessing *The people remain standing and respond Amen at the conclusion.*

Celebrant

Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be quick to love, make haste to be kind, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you this day, and unto ages and ages, world without end. **Amen.**

At the Retiring Procession

Hymn 387 *We sing of God, the mighty source*

MAGDALEN COLLEGE

The Dismissal

Priest Go in peace, caring for creation, serving Christ,
and sharing the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude *Fugue in C*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

— 17th October Stewardship Ingathering —

Pledges for 2022 received by next Monday, 11 October will be blessed during the Offertory next Sunday at both services, to mark the end of the formal phase of the Pledge Appeal campaign. We will continue to accept pledges through to 27 December.

Thanks to all who have sent in their pledges.

— Coffee Connections Today —

Please join us for Coffee Connections in the courtyard following the 10:00a service in celebration of the Consecration and Commissioning of our Minister of Music, Jonathan Dimmock. Thank you to Coffee Connections team #5, led by Christine Simpson Brent, and to St Stephen's Choir, for treats today, and to Jo Ann Haseltine for setting up the coffee each week. Contact Laura Porter ladyhp[at]ymail.com if you are not yet on a coffee team.

We graciously request that you please bus your coffee hour refuse. There is no team currently in place for cleanup. Thank you!

— Announcements —

8a Service Outdoors, 10a Service Indoors.

Vaccination and masks are required by all who enter the campus, *(except for those who cannot get vaccinated for medical reasons)*.

Save the Dates:

- Men & Women's Breakfasts on Saturdays at 8:00a, Bayside Cafe, Sausalito except for one Men's Breakfast per month in Kimball Hall.
- 24 October, 10a, Faith and Blue. A visit from the Belvedere/Tiburon Police Department.
- Next Men only Breakfast, \$20 donation, on 13 November, 8:00a. RSVP to Jock Putney: jputney@gmail.com.

The in-person services do not require registration or check-in. Services are back at their normal start times, the **8a outside**, and the **10a inside**. **Capacity is no longer limited**. Two-part individual- servings of communion will be offered at both services.

Today at the 10a service, we welcome Marsha Dugan from the Episcopal Impact Fund for a 5-minute presentation. This organization recently gave a grant to the homeless meal program that is organized by Pam Martori, and kept running by Pam and her team of angels.

Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 10:00a to 4:00p. Please call first.

Childcare is provided in the Nursery in the lower level. Open from 9:40a to 11:30a, and available to children up through age 3. A child is released only to the worshipping parent who registered the child. Our wonderful Childcare Professional is Ann Muengnoi.

SF Symphony Open Rehearsal 4 November, Thursday, 9a, \$44. Carpool with Victoria and Fr Ellsworth from Blackie's by 8a. **For those who have already given their RSVP.**

Girl's Tea and Discussion, outside at the Rectory, 4p, 24 October.

All Hallow's Eve Youth Event | more information next page.

All Saint's Day prayers. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex for those who would like prayers for someone who died within this last year.

Knitting Group resumes on second and fourth Monday; next one 11th October. Come learn, or use your skill to knit/crochet for charities. Questions? barbara.c.garciaromero@gmail.com.

For all St Stephen's live streams and virtual offerings including Bible Studies, and Sunday Forums, please go to the **ST STEPHEN'S Calendar**

page on our website and scroll down past the Google Calendar [and/or click on the dots] at <https://www.ststephenschurch.org/calendar/>.

Please make sure that St Stephen's has your correct email and that you are currently receiving the weekly eNews [*Tidings*] from us. Email updates to your contact information to Elizabeth Gravely, Rector's Executive Assistant, as soon as possible: elizabeth@ststephenschurch.org.

Nave Prayers | The church is open during the week, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday from 11:00a to 3:00p for personal prayer.

Photos for the online Directory: If you do not have a photo in the online Parish Directory, or would like your current photo updated, please send one to dee@ststephenschurch.org.

Clergy Pastoral Care & Confession | The clergy may be contacted at the office number: 415-435-4501 by leaving a voicemail. After hours, if you have a pastoral emergency, call or text the Clergy On Call number, 415-328-8812. You may also call the office voicemail if you wish to have a confession with either priest.

Check our YouTube page regularly for short videos, and brief Feast Day video uploads, Holy Week Streams, and all Sunday Streams: <https://www.youtube.com/ststephensbelvedere>

Altar Flower Donations: Multiple Christmas services donations remain open. Sign up with this link: <https://bit.ly/3iFUSgH>

Live Stream | We seek your feedback on your experience with the quality of the livestream. Are you having technical difficulties with livestream sound? Video? Glitches? Please email Elizabeth Gravely to let us know.

* Go to <https://www.youtube.com/ststephensbelvedere> and save this in your browser favorites. *If you have difficulty finding the livestream after the service, look for the 'videos' button, and look under 'uploads', then 'past videos'*

St Stephen's COVID Important Notice | We have developed two policies to address the risks of the highly contagious delta variant. First, we will inform parishioners promptly by an email blast if there has been a potential exposure on the campus. Second, we will now require all people who attend in-person *indoor* services or other church events to be fully vaccinated, (in addition to all wearing masks *indoors*). At this point the vaccination requirement will use the honor system. Churches in San Francisco are required to check vaccination status, and it is possible that we will begin that practice as well once we learn more. *Update 10.09.21: The Marin County numbers are moving in a healthier direction.*

Simply Jesus

Led by the Rector

Thursdays, 6:00 to 7:30p [except 11.25]

We begin the evening at 6p with a delicious supper in Kimball Hall. We then watch a short video and discuss it together, all questions welcomed. In this course we will be immersed in the 1st Century AD context of the life, work, teachings, and actions of Jesus of Nazareth. The goal is to look at the story of Jesus from the perspective of a historian. Too many times Jesus of Nazareth becomes interpreted as simply another 'religious figure' among many religious figures. But this so often eliminates the understanding of a man who lived in time and space at a critical time of history.

Meant for all audiences, no previous theological study is required or expected. Prof. NT Wright lectures on key biblical texts to walk us through the different elements that constitute the story of Jesus. In addition there you will have discussion questions to help you think more intently about the material presented.

This course tries to focus on essential biblical texts and non-biblical historical material to embrace the larger story of a Jesus of history. The Rector recommends the purchase of Prof. Wright's book, *Simply Jesus*. Sometime Bishop of Durham (UK), Tom Wright summarizes 200 years of modern Biblical scholarship and models how Christians can best retell the story of Jesus today.

The material and the dialogue with each other is encouraging and enlightening for all. We end in prayer, and dismiss before 7:30p each Thursday.

To enroll, use this [Eventbrite link](#):

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-living-faith-course-with-the-rector-tickets-168335135923>

Or contact the Rector's Executive Assistant,

Elizabeth Gravelly: elizabeth@ststephenschurch.org

— Pledge Appeal 2022 —

Hear, O my Lord, I see thee face to face

Pledge appeal packages were mailed on 3 September. If you have not received yours, pledge cards can be downloaded from the *Tidings*, or *StStephensChurch.org*, or contact the office. Look for the pledge link on the bottom right side of the home page. You can fill out, scan and email to office@ststephenschurch.org or send by mail. We need your help to plan St Stephen's future by **submitting your pledge card as soon as possible**. Please know that whatever amount you pledge is sincerely appreciated. By simply making a pledge of any amount, you cast your heart and thoughtful support for St Stephen's and the church community you want it to be.

— Pledging Process —

Pray. Begin in prayer by asking God to guide you.

Give proportionally. Proportional giving is offering to God a portion of what God has given us. A traditional guideline for tithing is 10 percent of one's income, given in gratitude for God's blessings and to further God's work in the world. Giving a percentage of our income — increasing each year toward or beyond the tithe — is a way of deepening our awareness of the abundance of God's love.

Decide how you want to make your pledge. There are several options:

1. Make a one-time gift. Place a check in the mail it to us at St Stephen's Church, PO Box 97, Belvedere, CA 94920.
2. Make a pledge of a weekly, monthly, quarterly, or yearly gift. Email Elizabeth Gravelly [elizabeth@ststephenschurch.org] or Betsy Menzel [betsy@ststephenschurch.org], or leave a voicemail for either one of them at 415-435-4501. Elizabeth will receive your voicemail on the main number, and Betsy can be reached at ex. 15.
3. Give online. Click the contributions link on our website to: <https://www.ststephenschurch.org/give/> then click the donate button to go directly to St Stephen's PayPal Account. If you don't have or wish to use a PayPal Account and prefer to use your credit card, scroll to the bottom of the PayPal page where it reads "Don't have a PayPal account?" and click the continue button to open the credit card page.
4. Gifts of Stock. You may honor your pledge by check, credit card, or donation of financial securities. Please contact the office for information.
5. Join our Legacy Society. Make a legacy gift in your estate planning. Contact the Rev'd Richard Schaper [rlschaper@gmail.com].

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— Sunday 31 October | 5 – 8 p —



Chili Supper in Kimball Hall
for students in costumes!

Join us for chili and head out to trick or
treat with your family and friends, or stay for
Illuminated Bocce Ball at Belvedere Park
& Hot Cider
Father Ellsworth & Victoria

Please RSVP to help make this event happen.
Lots of help is needed!
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ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

St Stephen's 2021 Vestry

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