

# Welcome to St Stephen's BELVEDERE

**T**empests, plagues, and wars. Jesus describes our current world from a distance of two millennia. But this is also the world of his day and most days in between. How do we assimilate these foreboding prophetic words in a way that will give us hope and make us yearn for the physical presence of our beloved community of the Church? For me these words, describing devastation, are an invitation to introspection, looking honestly at my own life and discovering the egoic edifices I have built that keep me from truly loving: love of self, love of God, and love of neighbor. Music can provide moments for easy access to this internal searching. The music, itself, becomes a window through which we can reach an internal depth that might be otherwise difficult. It's a listening, more than an internal speaking. In a world which bombards us with words, moments of live music give us an opportunity to listen to God's voice within us. Today, regardless of where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. We pray that you will use this time to find more and more ways to grow in friendship with God. Welcome to St Stephen's. — The Minister of Music

## **To our visitors, newcomers, and seekers:**

- The Bishop's Office requires that all entering our buildings are vaccinated and wear masks. Masks may be removed to receive the Sacrament of Communion.
- If you're new, please email [office@ststephenschurch.org](mailto:office@ststephenschurch.org) to let us know who you are, to ask questions or make comments. Use pew welcome cards.
- 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](mailto:office@ststephenschurch.org).
- For all current information and schedules, please check the church website St Stephen's Calendar page. Scroll beyond the Google Calendar.

**14 November 2021 | The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity**

**— Altar Flowers —**

The flowers at the altar today are given by  
Gretchen & John Busterud  
to the glory of God &  
in honor of our nation's veterans.

**Serving at the Altar Today**

<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Lois Cannady
<b>Ushers</b>	Lance Dalzell-Piper, Rod Hall
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Sue Kwentus, Barbara Garcia-Romero
<b>Intercessor</b>	Barbara Garcia-Romero
<b>Altar Guild Team 3</b>	Barbara Garcia-Romer, Sudy Schneider, Barbara Gloger, Linda Berg, PJ Perring
<b>Stream Team</b>	Ciara Hall, Kelly Perasso, Jack Putney, Phoebe Putney
<b>Coffee Connections Team 1</b>	Lilian Murray
<b>Minister of Music</b>	Jonathan Dimmock
<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	The Rev'd Phillip C. Ellsworth, Jr.



# ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

BELVEDERE

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Year B, Proper 28

14 November 2021 | 10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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*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 (BCP) page 361. For ease of use, this leaflet contains the live stream congregation portions of the liturgy.*

**Prelude Music**

*Appalachian Triptych: Pisgah*

David Hegarty (b. 1945)

At the Procession, *The Hymnal 1982*, #282

CAELITES PLAUDANT

“Christ, the fair glory”

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**The Acclamation** *The people sing*

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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**

Benjamin Britten (1913 – 1976)

*Missa Brevis*

\*English translation of the Latin found in the BCP, p. 356

**The Collect for the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**B**lessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The people sit.*

## The First Reading 1 Samuel I. 4 – 20

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, “Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?”

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: “O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.”

As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, “How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.” But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.” Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.” And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your sight.” Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the Lord.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Magnificat

S-185

*\*Please sing the antiphon after the cantor's introduction, then*

*Women: sing verses 1, 3, 5, 7, & 9*

*Men: sing verses 2, 4, 6, & 8*

## The Reading Hebrews 10. 11 – 14, 19 – 25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## Hymn at the Sequence

*The Hymnal 1982, #51*

DECATUR PLACE

*“We, the Lord's people”*

## **The Holy Gospel Mark 13. 1 – 8**

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

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.”

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**

Rector

*After the sermon, the people stand to say the Nicene Creed.*

### **The Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

### **The Prayers of the People**

Form III, BCP, p. 387

*During the Prayers of the People, please join the intercessor in reading aloud the names on the prayer list and speak the responses bid by the Intercessor 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.*

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

We pray for those who have died.

And, on their Year's Mind, we remember **Nancy Ann Keeney Forster,**  
and **Maruska Young.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, thanking you for those

who, this week, begin another year. **Elizabeth Gravely, Gina Hector, Betty Ellsworth, Mally Chakola**

**Confession and Absolution**

BCP 360

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

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

**People** And also with you.

**Welcome and Announcements**

*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**

**Offertory Sentence**

**Solo**

G. F. Handel (1685 – 1756)

*"Why do the nations so furiously rage together"*

Wilford Kelly, Bass

**The Doxology** *The people stand and sing.*

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**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 you are the source of life and light, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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:

*Sung by the choir.*

**Sanctus**

Benjamin Britten (1913 –1976)

*Missa Brevis*

*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.

*Repeat Refrain after the Cantor the first time.*

### **At the Fraction**

*Tonus Peregrinus, Hymnal, S-151*

### **At the Communion**

*Please come forward in two lines, removing your mask to receive the host from the Celebrant, and then process to either side of the altar to receive the wine. After drinking the wine, please place the cup into the blue bowl (piscina) replacing your mask 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 has 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.*

*The people sit.*

## Music at the Administration

*The Hymnal 1982, # 339*

SCHMÜCKE DICH

“Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness”

## 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.

## Hymn at the Retiring Procession

*Hymnal 1982, #665*

MICHAEL

“All my hope on God is founded”

## The Dismissal

*Priest* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## The Postlude

Hegarty

*Appalachian Triptych: Saints Bound for Heaven*

## – Coffee Connections Today –

**Happy Remembrance Sunday! Please join us for Coffee Connections** in the courtyard following the 10:00a service. Thank you to Coffee Connections team #1, led by Lilian Murray, for treats today, and to Jo Ann Haseltine for setting up the coffee each week.

**Team 10 is in need of a team captain.** Contact Laura Porter ladyhp[at]ymail.com if you can captain this team or if you are not yet on a coffee team.

*We graciously request that you please bus your coffee hour refuse. Thank you!*

## Stewardship Pledge Appeal

We will gladly accept 2022 pledges through to 27 December. Thank you to all who have sent in their pledges. The office will officially be closed December 28th – 31st.

## – Covid Policy –

**8a Service & 10a Service in the Church.**

**The Bishop requires vaccination and masks of all who enter the church or the parish house.**

## – Announcements –

The **Holiday Faire** is back will take place on **Saturday, November 20**, the Saturday before Thanksgiving, from 10 am. to 4 pm. This year, we're taking inspiration from European holiday markets and will hold it outside in the courtyard unless it rains, and then we'll move it indoors. Shoppers can enjoy live music by Victoria Ellsworth and Judith Ward, sip hot cider and munch on cookies as they browse. Vendors are local artists and artisans and include Ginny Doyle with mini decorated Christmas trees and Ruth Grant with paintings. Jewelry, hand-turned wooden bowls, succulents and gift boxes from Homeward Bound of Marin—one for dog lovers with Wagsters dog biscuits and dog-themed notecards—will be among the offerings. You can order and pay for items from Homeward Bound in advance and pick up

your gift boxes at the faire or coffee hour the next day. Look for order forms in Kimball Hall. Everyone's welcome, so please spread the word.

If you'd like to be a vendor or volunteer at this popular holiday event, please contact Ginny Doyle at [vdoyleandjdoyle\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:vdoyleandjdoyle@gmail.com), 415-328-5250, or Judy Wilson at 415-747-5828, [judith\[at\]telli.com](mailto:judith[at]telli.com) for more information.

**Holiday Gift FaireMusic, Saturday, November 20, 9:00a – 2:00p.**

**Come and play your instrument!**

Who: Anyone who plays an instrument

What level: beginner- and beyond

Why: To add the beauty of music to the Holiday Gift Faire

When: Sunday, November 20, following the 10:00 service.

Please contact Victoria Ellsworth through the church office [[elizabeth\[at\]ststephenschurch.org](mailto:elizabeth[at]ststephenschurch.org)] if you would like to play your instrument at the Faire. This is a great opportunity for budding piano players, instrumental players and singers to perform their latest holiday, or general music while shoppers look for items at the Faire.

I am happy to play duets, trios, or quartets, or back up support with any Musician. Yours, Victoria Ellsworth

### **– TURKEY GIVEAWAY –**

St Stephen's is continuing to collaborate with Big God Ministries in a turkey giveaway. To donate cash and help us give away 3,000 turkeys in Marin City and the Canal, please send a check to St Stephen's Church, with Turkeys in the memo line:  
PO Box 97, Belvedere, 94920.

### 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.
- **Holiday Gift Faire**, 20 November, 10a to 4p, Courtyard & Kimball Hall.
- **Sunday, 28 November** | The First Sunday of Advent will be marked with a special **Advent Procession** at the 10:00 o'clock service.
- 13 November was a good Men's Breakfast. **The December Men's Breakfast (\$20 donation) is on 11 December, 8:00a.** RSVP to Jock Putney: [jputney@gmail.com](mailto:jputney@gmail.com).
- **Saturday, 11 December** | **Live nativity on Tiburon Boulevard** (1680 Tiburon Blvd, owned by St Stephen's member Pam Mantegani) across from the Tiburon Fire Station, **3:00 – 4:30**. Volunteers needed to run publicity, set up for sound, recruit parishioners and kids, organize hot chocolate and hot cider. Men attending the 8 o'clock breakfast 11 December will at 9:00 in Kimball Hall hand out costumes (shepherds, angels, wise men, the baby Jesus, and the Holy Family) that have not been picked up after the 10 o'clock service on 5 December.
- **Sunday, 19 December** | Our annual **Christmas Concert** will be held twice this day, at 4:00 and 7:00p. In the interest of not-overcrowding, each concert will be limited to 125 attendees and will last about one hour (with no intermission). Tickets are available through Eventbrite [<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/festal-christmas-concert-tickets-199356018217>], or by contacting Jonathan Dimmock directly by email [jonathan[at]ststephenschurch.org].

The in-person services do not require registration or check-in. Services are back at their normal start times, both inside. **Capacity is no longer limited.** Communion in both kinds will be offered at both services.

**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.

**Knitting Group** | his group is open to all: beginners and skilled alike. Come knit and/or crochet for charity or for yourselves and family. The group meets **every second and fourth Monday at 10:30a**, with the exception of holidays that fall on a Monday. Questions? [barbara.c.garciaromero@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:elizabeth@ststephenschurch.org).

**Nave Prayers** | The church is open during the week, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday from 11:00a to 3:00p for personal prayer. Morning Prayer is said on Monday in the church at 8:45a.

**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 [office@ststephenschurch.org](mailto:office@ststephenschurch.org).

**Clergy Pastoral Care** | The clergy may be contacted at the office number: 415-435-4501 by leaving a voicemail or by calling the Rector directly: 301-367-3820. You may also call the office voicemail if you wish to schedule spiritual direction with a priest.

**Check our YouTube page regularly** for archived services and sermons: <https://www.youtube.com/ststephensbelvedere>

**Altar Flower Donations: Please consider donating to the florals for the Greening of the church.** Multiple Christmas services donations remain open. Sign up on the Narthex Chart or with this link: <https://bit.ly/3nxG6yX>

**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'.*

## Simply Jesus

Led by the Rector

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

We begin the evening at 6p with a delicious imple supper in Kimball Hall. We then watch a short video and discuss it together, all questions welcomed. In this course students will be immersed in the 1st Century A.D. 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 Gravely: [elizabeth@ststephenschurch.org](mailto:elizabeth@ststephenschurch.org)

— 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 Gravely [[elizabeth@ststephenschurch.org](mailto:elizabeth@ststephenschurch.org)] or Betsy Menzel [[betsy@ststephenschurch.org](mailto: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](mailto:rlschaper@gmail.com)].

— 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 home page. You can fill out, scan and email to [office@ststephenschurch.org](mailto: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.

### 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 at the campus. Second, we will now require all people who attend in-person services or other church events to be fully vaccinated, (in addition to all wearing masks indoors). At this point the vaccination requirement will be enforced using the honor system.



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Meg & Steve Abbott	Claudia Feurey
Bruce Auld	Heather Findlay
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Charles Eaton	Anne Johnston
Bonnie & Stephen Echerd	Dorothy Jones
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Carol & Kevin Louie	Laura & Chris Porter
Kathryn Lowell	Deva & Jock Putney
Sunny Lyrek	Sally & Bill Rankin
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Elizabeth & Tucker MacLean	Zebiya Rigby
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Joyce Martin	Jennie Taylor
Diana & Bobby Moore	Chris & John Telischak
Melissa & Charlie Moore	Judith Ward & Rod Hall
Pam Martori & Robert McCaskill	Dawn Vroegop & Bo Thiara
Betsy Menzel	Lalita & Rick Waterman
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# ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

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Janet Brown	Katherine "Kathy" Hill Perasso
Heather Findlay	Paige Peterson
Rod Hall	Christopher "Chris" Porter
Sunny Lyrek	John Stewart
Alexandra "Alex" Norris	
Bob McCaskill, Treasurer	David Patterson, Clerk

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