

October 17, 2025



Last Sunday's Forum was a rich conversation about the **meaning and practice of faith** -- thank you to the 30+ participants who shared their wisdom, questions, and encouragement with our community of seekers! We discussed **four practices of nurturing faith**: recognizing the holy in daily life; trusting in God, love and resurrection; surrendering to grace with a willingness to be reshaped, and participating in Christ's faith. And we affirmed that practicing faith is all about empowering us **to live our values of love, mercy, and justice** in our complex and challenging world.

We will continue our conversations about Episcopal spirituality, ethics, and sacramental living on October 26 and November 16; more information can be found below. You can take a look at the presentation materials from last Sunday as well as John Teraud's two forums on the psalms at this new **Sunday Forum page** on our website.

Heat update: As of 2:00 pm today, we are still working with the experts to restore heat in the church. We are hopeful it will get resolved and all will be comfortable in the nave on Sunday, but you may want to bring a warm jacket just in case!

Sunday Hymns Preview

Click on the title to listen

#372 Praise to the Living God

S278 Gloria

#336 Come with us

S128 Holy, Holy

S165 Jesus, Lamb of God

#379 God is Love

This Sunday: Walking in Faith
Explore Episcopal Identity with Your Community
Sundays at 11:30: October 12 and 26, November 16



Deepening our faith is a lifelong journey of study, practice, and reflection with others. This fall, we will gather for **three Sunday forums** to explore our identity as Christians in the Episcopal tradition and **prepare for the upcoming rites of baptism** on All Saint's Sunday (November 2) and **confirmation, reception and reaffirmation of baptismal vows** on the Feast of St. Stephen (transferred to December 28, when Bishop Phil will make his official visitation to our parish).

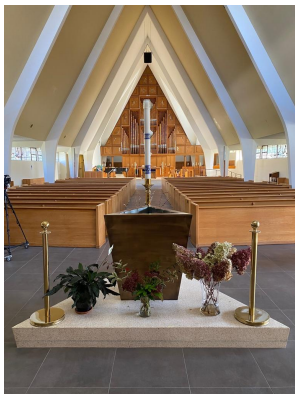
October 12: What is faith?

October 26: Episcopal spirituality and values

November 16: Sacramental living

Prayer Shawls for Sunday Warmth

The members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry are happy to share their beautiful handiwork with the parish, and will have a **basket of shawls available** in the church narthex during the coming chilly months. If you would like some extra warmth, choose a lovely shawl. You may return it after the service or take it home with you if you desire. Thanks to Aljene Wendling and all who made these shawls for their generosity!



Removal of Plinth Under Baptismal Font Underway

Due to the tripping hazard, the terrazzo plinth underneath the baptismal font is being removed. **This Sunday, you'll see the area tented to keep dust contained.** As the picture shows, we have surrounded the font with plants and stanchions in order to prevent people from tripping and falling. After the work is finished, the font will stand directly on the floor and will be easily accessible to all. This is a blessing, especially with **baptisms coming up on All Saints Day, November 2.**

As the Salmon Run, by Elizabeth Clark-Stern

Friday, November 14, 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall

Suggested donation: \$20

Elizabeth Clark-Stern will be staging her new play at St. Stephen's with all the proceeds going to the church. *As the Salmon Run* takes place in the not-too-distant future. The natural and human environments are in a state of flux. The engineer who built the 15th dam on the Columbia River in Eastern Washington opens her home, the so-called "After House," to people displaced by the warming climate. She is sensitive to criticism that her dam hastened the extinction of species in the river, and wants to provide a stable dwelling for those unhoused in body and soul. Guests arrive whose mere presence challenges the climate refugees to build community, experience love,



and embrace hope in a world reeling from ecological, social, and political change.



Updated Parish Directory Now Available!

An updated **parish list** with names, addresses, and other contact information is available in hard copy **on the narthex table**. Please let **Claudia Basile** know of any edits. In the future, we hope to add photos to all of the listings.

Coming Up at St. Stephen's

Sundays 10:00 am Holy Eucharist and Coffee Hour (Nave and Parish Hall)

Sundays 3:00 pm. Youth Group Food Program (Narthex)

Wednesdays 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Duchess Tavern)

October 26 11:30 am Sunday Forum: Episcopal Identity (Parish Hall)

November 14 7:00 pm Where the Salmon Run (Parish Hall)

November 16 11:30 am Sunday Forum: Sacramental Living (Parish Hall)

December 28 10:00 am Bishop Phil Labelle Visitation (Nave)

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