

November 14, 2025

Warm greetings on this rainy morning! There is **much happening at St. Stephen's in the week ahead**, beginning this evening at 7:00 pm when *As the Salmon Run* will be staged in the Parish Hall. **Come join your community!**

Prayer for a Rainy Day

Gracious God,

On this wet and windy day, when the sky feels heavy and the streets slosh, remind us that you meet us right here—in the puddles, in the traffic, in the slower pace forced upon us.

Let this rain loosen what has grown tight in us.

Let it wash away all hurry and anxiety.

Let it bless the earth and our own spirits with the promise of renewal.

Help us notice your abiding mercy in the gray light, and give us courage to walk through this day trusting that nothing—least of all the weather—falls outside your love.

Amen.



This Evening -- 7:00 in the Parish Hall

As the Salmon Run, by Elizabeth Clark-Stern

Suggested donation: \$20

Tonight, Elizabeth Clark-Stern is staging her **new play** 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. 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. Come join your community!

Sunday Hymns Preview

Click on the title to listen

#552 Fight the Good Fight

S278 Gloria

Draw the Circle Wide

S128 Holy, Holy

S165 Jesus, Lamb of God

#550 Jesus Calls Us

Sunday Forum: November 16, 11:30 am
Stewardship and Budgeting for 2026

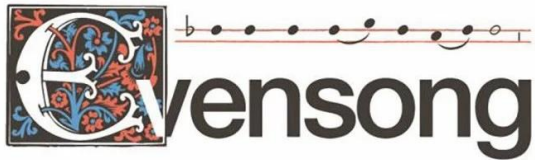
Come join your wardens, vestry, treasurer, and rector on November 16 to learn more about our Stewardship Drive and financial planning for 2026. Please return your pledge card by **Ingathering Sunday, November 23.**

Our theme is "**Draw the Circle Wide: Growing in**

Faith," a reflection of our parish's mission to love our neighbor, ourselves, and our children, and the desire to deepen our own spiritual lives as grounding for our witness of justice, mercy, and generosity.



Stewardship 2025



Choral Evensong in the Nave
Sunday, November 16, 5:00 pm

As the day draws to a close, come rest in the **beauty of Evensong** — a contemplative service of music, scripture, and prayer

drawn from Rite II of the Book of Common Prayer. Evensong is the Church's evening offering of praise — a jewel of Anglican worship that invites us to pause at day's end, giving thanks for light, and entrusting ourselves to God's keeping through the night. **Come join your community as we sing and pray this simple-yet-rich way of honoring the One who gifts us our breath every day.**

Outreach Opportunities



Thanksgiving Outreach

Again this Thanksgiving we are supporting our neighbors at Solid Ground Sand Point Housing by providing prepared **Thanksgiving meals for 85 residents of Santos Place and PGK.** The meals will be prepared by a local grocery store deli and delivered by Outreach team members.

Support this by writing a **check to St. Stephen's with "Thanksgiving Outreach"** in the memo and placing it in the offering plate.



Sock it to Homelessness!

Socks are critical to the comfort and well-being of homeless people and can open the door to hopefulness. Operation Nightwatch has made many friends by offering a new, dry pair of socks. Imagine what it must be like to have the same pair of nasty, wet socks on your feet, 24-hours a day. Not good. Socks won't solve our community's homeless crisis. But socks can keep homeless people hopeful, knowing there are neighbors like you, who care.

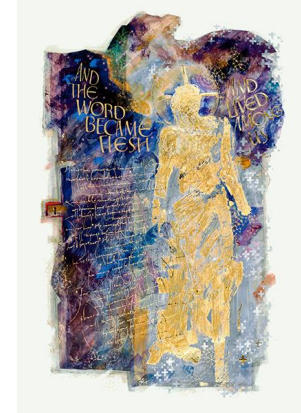
Thank you so much for helping and Happy Thanksgiving from your Outreach Team! Questions? Jack Irby 206.214.7219

Bring in as many pairs of new men's athletic socks as you can. Place them in a red bin and Outreach will deliver to Operation Nightwatch on Sunday, December 7. Thanks so much for helping! Questions? Jack Irby 206.214.7219

Walking in Faith: Explore Episcopal Identity

NEW DATE: December 7, 11:30 am: Sacramental Living

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 faith, spirituality, and values and **prepare for 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). See the materials from previous forums on **Faith and Episcopal Spirituality and Ethics** [here](#).



December 28: Feast of St. Stephen with Bishop's Visitation

On Sunday, December 28, we welcome **Bishop Phil LaBelle for a rich time of celebration and blessing.** We will honor our **patron saint's** feast day (December 26), **bless our new preschool**, Laurelhurst Early Learning, give **thanks for the leadership and generosity of Cloud 9**, and offer the **sacraments** of confirmation, reception, and reaffirmation of faith. Learn more at the Sunday forum on December 7 at 11:30 in the Parish Hall, when we reflect on **Sacramental Living!**

Renewal of Ministry with the Welcoming of a New Rector

Wednesday, February 25, 6:30 pm

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 25, when Bishop Phil LaBelle will be present at St. Stephen's as we institute Rev. Jennifer as the next rector of the parish and renew the mutual ministry of all the people in our community. More information to come in the months ahead!



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 (Parish Hall)

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

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

November 23 11:30 am Ingathering Celebration (Parish Hall)
December 7 11:30 Forum on Sacramental Living (Parish Hall)
December 28 10:00 am Bishop Phil Labelle Visitation (Nave)
February 25 6:30 pm Renewal of Ministry with Welcoming of a New Rector (Nave)

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