

October 31, 2025

Greetings!

Today, we enter "**Allhallowtide**," the ancient three-day season that includes All Hallows' Eve (Halloween, October 31), All Saints' Day (November 1), and All Souls' Day (November 2).



Its roots reach back to the early church's practice of honoring martyrs and praying for the faithful departed. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III established November 1 as a feast for all saints, and in the eleventh century, the monks of Cluny added a day of prayer for all souls, which in communities of Mexican heritage is known as *el Dia de los Muertos*; "The Day of the Dead." It is a time to **gather, remember and commune** with family members who have died and who are still present.

Allhallowtide gathers the church in a holy remembering. It holds together **grief and gratitude, death and resurrection, memory and hope**. We recall those who have walked before us, saints known and unknown, and we reaffirm that their lives are bound to ours in the communion of saints. The invitation of this season is to live with a heart attuned to eternity -- to remember that love is stronger than death, and that our lives, too, are part of God's unbroken circle of life, death, and rebirth.

This Sunday is **All Saints' Day**, and we will celebrate the **baptism of Rhys Henry Prober!**

And remember, to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday night as we end **Daylight Savings Time**.

Sunday Hymns Preview
Click on the title to listen

#287 For All the Saints

S278 Gloria

#404 We will extol you, ever-blessed Lord

S128 Holy, Holy

S165 Jesus, Lamb of God

#376 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



Stewardship 2025

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. Pledge packets are in the mail and will arrive early next week; 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.

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.

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



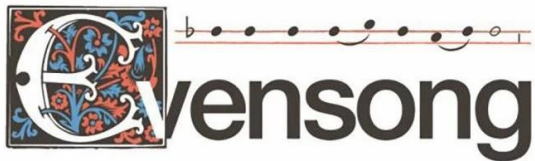
Sock it to Homelessness!

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.

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

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.



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

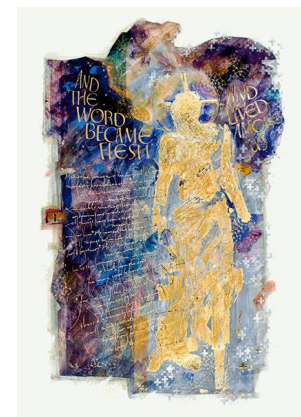
In the middle of the 16th century, as he was creating our first Book of Common Prayer, Archbishop Thomas Cranmer came up with an evening service that merged the monastic liturgies of Vespers and Compline. Cranmer called it Evening Prayer. Because the service was usually sung all the way through, it came to be called Evensong. On November 16 at 5 pm, we will **enjoy an Evensong very close to what Cranmer originally intended** — with some allowances for modern language and taste. It is a short service that helps us recall God's love, collect and offer up thanks for the blessings of the day, and pray for a good night and safety for ourselves and the world.

Come join your community as we sing and chant our way to this simple-yet-rich way of honoring the One who gifts us our breath every day.

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](#).



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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