Saint Stephen's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

October 30, 2026



This Sunday, November 1, is All Saints' Day, one of the seven principal feasts of the Episcopal Church, commemorating all saints, known and unknown.

All Saints' Day is part of the three-day observance called **Allhallowtide**, which begins with All Hallows' Eve (Halloween) on October 31 and ends with All Souls' Day on November 2. Allhallowtide is a time for prayer and remembrance of those who have died, as well as the connection between the living and the departed souls.

In the Episcopal Church, All Saints' Day is one of the four traditional baptismal occasions, as baptism welcomes new members into the body of Christ and the communion of saints. This year, we will celebrate All Saints' Day with the **baptism of Maddie Rivera**, section leader in the choir and a beloved member of St. Stephen's.

Also, 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

#469 There's a wideness in God's mercy

#618, Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Halloween Night: Trick-or-Treating at St. Stephen's

October 31, 4:00 pm on the Front Lawn

On Saturday, Halloween night, Jennifer Gary and Lisa Henderson will **set up a trick-or-treat table** for the children and families of Laurelhurst. Set-up will begin at **4:00 pm** and candy will be ready to pass out by **5:00 pm.** All are welcome to join! There's plenty of candy, but jack-o-lanterns would be appreciated.



Sunday Forum: Finances and Budget

November 8, 11:30 am in the Parish Hall

Join the community on Sunday, **November 8 for a conversation about the church budget** and how the church can invest in its ministries and service to the community in the coming year.



When Chess Pieces Come Alive by Elizabeth Clark-Stern

November 14, 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall



Our comedy, Elizabeth Clark-Stern's, **WHEN CHESS PIECES COME ALIVE** features a Black Pawn whose mispronunciations are corrected by a superior White Pawn, a Black Knight who quotes Shakespeare to his beloved White Castle, and a King who thinks he is the most powerful monarch in the world, even though he can only move one square at a time! When George the Mastiff exercises his appetite for small wooden things, the Chess Pieces are thrown into chaos. **Must they continue to die in every game? Can the rules be changed? Can they embrace love instead of war?**

What: When the Chess Pieces Come Alive by Elizabeth Clark-Stern
When: Saturday, November 14th @ 2pm. Doors open at 1:30.
Where: St. Stephen's, Parish Hall.
Cost: Free! Suggested donation to St. Stephen's: $25.

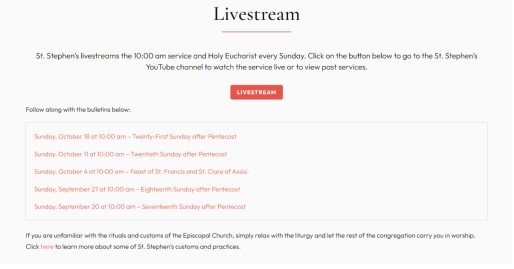


Liturgical Minister Training

November 22, 11:30 am in the Nave

This training prepares volunteers to assist with worship services through theological reflection, role instructions, and practical practice. **Liturgical ministers include anyone who serves on the altar guild, acolytes, eucharistic ministers, lectors, and intercessors.**

New Webpage: Livestream



The St. Stephen's website now features **a webpage with a bulletin archive, a link to the YouTube livestream, and a guide to Episcopal liturgical customs customs.** You can navigate to the page "Livesteam" under the Spiritual Growth menu if you'd like to view past bulletins or services. The upcoming Sunday's bulletin will be uploaded ahead of time so you can follow along with the livestream if you know you won't be attending in person.

Community Bulletin Board

Laurelhurst Early Learning is always looking for new toys, activities and supplies. If you would like to purchase items that the school needs, please check out their **Amazon Wishlist**. Used items are also welcome. Thank you for your continued support!

There are 5x7 inch flyers for Laurelhurst Early Learning located on the Narthex table. It would be a great help if everybody grabbed a few to **distribute to local businesses and families.** The staff of LEL thanks you!

Laurelhurst Elementary has three school tours coming up in the next few months! These are a great way for incoming kindergarten families to get to know the school. If you know any families with elementary-age students, tell them to mark their calendars for:

Monday November 7, 6-7pm
Monday January 11, 6-7pm
Thursday January 14, 3-4pm

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)
Tuesdays 11:00 am Still Waters: Community, Contemplation, and Action (Parish Hall)
Wednesdays 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Parish Hall)
Wednesdays 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study (Vestry Room)
Thursdays 6:30 pm Choir Practice (Nave)

November 1, 10:00 am All Saints Day with a Baptism (Nave)
November 8, 11:30 am Sunday Forum: Finances and Budget (Parish Hall)
November 14, 2:00 pm When Chess Pieces Come Alive by Elizabeth Clark-Stern (Parish Hall)
November 22, 11:30 am Liturgical Minister Training (Nave)

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