

# St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

## Family Ministry Calendar 2025-2026

Sunday Worship beginning September 7
8:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist: Rite I 9:00 a.m., Palmer Hall service 9:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist: Rite II 11:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist: Rite II 5:30 p.m., Celtic Evensong and Communion 8:00 p.m., Compline

### Family Ministry Guild

#### Clergy

The Rev. Cate Anthony  
Associate Rector

#### Staff

The Rev. Abby Kocher  
Director of Children's Ministry  
Caroline Harris  
Youth Ministry Coordinator  
Diana Chou  
Associate Director of Music  
Madison Prather  
Nursery Coordinator

#### Dogwood Preschool Liaison

Lacy Briney

#### Choristers Liaison

TBD

#### Co-Chairs:

Greta Kidd & Katherine Farley

#### Children's Ministry

Mary Ashburn Pearson, Lacy Briney,  
Pat Brown, Emily Souder, Adele Caputo,  
Sarah Paulette

#### Youth Ministry

Ara Hobs, Katherine Farley, Brandon  
Spalding, Eric Van Der Hyde, Brandy  
Singleton, Greta Kidd

#### Vestry Liaisons

Mary Ashburn Pearson, Katherine Farley,  
Greta Kidd, Brandon Spalding

## Regular Sunday Service and Formation Schedule

*During the program year (September 7, 2025-May 17, 2026),  
this is our regular Sunday schedule unless specified otherwise in this calendar.*

8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 a.m.	Palmer Hall Service Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:10-11:00 a.m.	Formation Hour <a href="#">Catechesis of the Good Shepherd</a> <a href="#">Youth Gathering</a> <a href="#">Many Parents One Vine</a>
5:30 p.m.	Celtic Service
8:00 p.m.	Compline

### Morning Formation

[Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#) is offered during the 10:10 a.m. formation hour on Sunday mornings during the program year and meets upstairs in the Level 1, 2, and 3 atria. You can learn more about this by visiting [ststephensrva.org/children-youth/children](http://ststephensrva.org/children-youth/children).

[Youth Gathering](#) also meets during this time upstairs in Room 4. We gather in community and fellowship, enjoy breakfast treats, and engage in a devotion.

[Many Parents One Vine \(MPOV\)](#) is a parent-led support group that addresses topics relevant to family life today. They meet upstairs in Room 14.

### Evening Formation

[Youth Group](#) meets two Sundays a month in the small fellowship hall from 6:30-8:00 p.m. We start by eating supper as a group before breaking off into middle and high school small groups.

[Youth Confirmation](#) meets on one Sunday a month from October through March in the small fellowship hall from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

[Choristers](#) meet every Wednesday from 5-6:00 p.m. in the choir room with an optional dinner from 6-6:30 in the large fellowship hall.

### Nursery

During the program year, the nursery is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. During the summer, the nursery hours are 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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### August 2025

<b>Sunday, August 17</b>	4-6:00 p.m.	Youth Parent Social at Bar West
<b>Sunday, August 24</b>	10:00 a.m.	Baptisms in Main Church
<b>Wednesday, August 27</b>	5-6:00 p.m.	Choristers Information Session in Choir Room

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## September 2025

<b>Wednesday, September 3</b>	5-6:45 p.m.	First Chorister Rehearsal & Pizza Party
<b>Sunday, September 7</b>		<b>Rally Sunday</b>
	9:00 a.m.	Palmer Hall Resumes
	10:10-11:00 a.m.	Catechesis: Come and See for Parents
	1-2:30 p.m.	Acolyte Training #1 in Main Church
<b>Wednesday, September 10</b>	6:30-7:15 p.m.	Confirmation Info Session #1 in SFH
<b>Friday, September 12</b>	5-7:00 p.m.	Family Ministry Kick-Off Party
<b>Sunday, September 14</b>	10:10-11:00 a.m.	Youth Morning Formation Resumes Palmer Hall Acolyte and Adult Server Training
	1-2:30 p.m.	Acolyte Training #2 in Main Church
<b>Wednesday, September 17</b>	6:30-7:15 p.m.	Confirmation Info Session #2 in SFH
<b>Sunday, September 21</b>	9:00 a.m.	Choristers Sing in Palmer Hall
	10:10-11:00 a.m.	Children and Family Morning Formation Resumes (Catechesis & MPOV)
	11:15 a.m.	Baptisms in Main Church
	1-2:00 p.m.	Youth/Parent Usher Training #1 in Main Church
<b>Thursday, September 25</b>	5:15-7:00 p.m.	Ministry Night & Family Ministry Guild Meeting
<b>Sunday, September 28</b>	9:00 a.m.	Baptisms in Palmer Hall
	1-2:00 p.m.	Youth/Parent Usher Training #2 in Main Church

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## October 2025

<b>Sunday, October 5</b>	9:00 a.m.	Palmer Hall Blessing of the Animals outside <b>Choristers Sing</b>
	6:30-8:00 p.m.	<b>Youth Group in Small Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>Sunday, October 12</b>	9:00 a.m.	Baptisms in the Main Church
	6:30-8:00 p.m.	<b>Confirmation Session #1 in Small Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>Sunday, October 19</b>	6:30-8:00 p.m.	<b>Youth Group in Small Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>Sunday, October 26</b>	9:00 a.m.	<b>Choristers Sing in Main Church</b>
	4-6:00 p.m.	Annual Giving Event at Bar West

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<b>Sunday, November 2</b>	9:00 a.m.	Baptisms in Palmer Hall
	11:15 a.m.	Baptisms in Main Church
	5:30 p.m.	Baptisms at Celtic Service
	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Youth Group in the Small Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday, November 9</b>	9:00 a.m.	Choristers Sing in Palmer Hall
	10:10-11:00 a.m.	Intergenerational Outreach Activity During Formation Hour in Room 14 (NO Catechesis, Youth Gathering, MPOV)
	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Confirmation Session #2 in Small Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday, November 16</b>	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Youth Group in Small Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday, November 23</b>	9:00 a.m.	Choristers Sing in Main Church
<b>Sunday, November 30</b>	10:10-11:00 a.m.	Advent Fair in Large Fellowship Hall (NO Catechesis, Youth Gathering, MPOV)

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## December 2025

<b>Wednesday, December 3</b>	5-6:00 p.m.	Choristers at Christkindlmarket
<b>Sunday, December 7</b>	9:00 a.m.	Choristers Sing in Palmer Hall
	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Confirmation Session #3 in Small Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday, December 14</b>	6-8:00 p.m.	Youth Group: Holiday Lights Tour
<b>Monday, December 15</b>	5-6:00 p.m.	Live Nativity
<b>Tuesday, December 16</b>	5-6:00 p.m.	Live Nativity (Rain Date)
<b>Saturday, December 20</b>	1-3:00 p.m.	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
<b>Sunday, December 21</b>	11:15 a.m.	Christmas Pageant in Main Church Choristers Sing at Pageant
<b>Tuesday, December 23</b>	TBD	Acolyte Rehearsal for Youth and Palmer Hall
<b>Wednesday, December 24</b>		<b>Christmas Eve</b>
	2:00 p.m.	Family Service, Choristers Sing in Main Church
	5:00 p.m.	Family Service, Main Church
	8:00 p.m.	Celtic Service, Main Church
	11:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, Main Church
<b>Thursday, December 25</b>		<b>Christmas Day</b>
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
<b>Sunday, December 28</b>	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:00 a.m.	No Palmer Hall Service
	10:10-11:00 a.m.	No Morning Formation (NO Catechesis, Youth Gathering, MPOV)
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	5:30 p.m.	Celtic, Holy Eucharist

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## January 2026

<b>Sunday, January 4</b>	10:10-11:00 a.m.	No Morning Formation (NO Catechesis, Youth Gathering, MPOV)
<b>Sunday, January 11</b>	9:00 a.m.	Choristers Sing in Palmer Hall
	10:10-11:00 a.m.	Morning Formation Resumes
	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Confirmation Session #4 in Small Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday, January 18</b>	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Youth Group in Small Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday, January 25</b>	9:00 a.m.	Choristers Sing in Main Church
	10:10-11:00 a.m.	Deepening Grace Begins

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## February 2026

<b>Sunday, February 1</b>	10:10-11:00 a.m.	Deepening Grace
	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Confirmation Session #5 in Small Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday, February 8</b>	9:00 a.m.	Choristers Sing in Palmer Hall
	10:10-11:00 a.m.	Deepening Grace
	2-4:00 p.m.	Superbowling at River City Roll
<b>Sunday, February 15</b>	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Youth Group in Small Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, February 17</b>		<b>Shrove Tuesday</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Pancake Supper in Large Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Burning of Palms in Courtyard
<b>Wednesday, February 18</b>		<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
	7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist and the Imposition of Ashes
	12:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist and the Imposition of Ashes
	5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist and the Imposition of Ashes No Wednesday Supper
<b>Sunday, February 22</b>	12-4:00 p.m.	Deepening Grace Retreat

## March 2026

<b>Sunday, March 1</b>	9:00 a.m.	Deepening Grace Recognition and Reception of Communion in Main Church Choristers Sing in Main Church
	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Confirmation Session #6 in Small Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday, March 15</b>	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Youth Group in Small Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday, March 22</b>	9:00 a.m.	Choristers Sing in Palmer Hall
	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Youth Group in Small Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday, March 29</b>		<b>Palm Sunday</b>
	7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist: Rite One
	9:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist: Rite Two, Palmer Hall & Main Church Participants Gather at Three Chopt Road for Donkey Procession
	10:10-11:00 a.m.	No Morning Formation (NO Catechesis, Youth Gathering, MPOV)
	11:15 a.m.	Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
	5:30 p.m.	Celtic Evensong and Communion

## April 2026

<b>Thursday, April 2</b>		<b>Maundy Thursday</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Agape Meal and Foot Washing
	7:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday: Liturgy and Stripping of the Altar, Followed by All-Night Vigil
<b>Friday, April 3</b>		<b>Good Friday</b>
	12:00 p.m.	The Liturgy for Good Friday
<b>Saturday, April 4</b>		<b>Holy Saturday</b>
	7:30 p.m.	The Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter
<b>Sunday, April 5</b>		<b>Easter Day</b>
	7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:00 a.m.	Choristers Sing in Palmer Hall
	10:10-11:00 a.m.	No Morning Formation (NO Catechesis, Youth Gathering, MPOV)
	10:15 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
	5:30 p.m.	Celtic Evensong and Communion
<b>Sunday, April 19</b>		
	9:00 a.m.	Choristers Sing in Main Church
	6-8:00 p.m.	Youth Group in Small Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday, April 26</b>	TBD	Sacred Pause

## May 2026

<b>Saturday, May 2</b>	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Confirmation Retreat at Richmond Hill
<b>Sunday, May 3</b>	9:00 a.m.	Choristers Sing in Palmer Hall
		High School Senior Recognition
	11:15 a.m.	High School Senior Recognition
<b>Sunday, May 10</b>	9:00 a.m.	Chorister Recognition in Main Church
	10:10-11:00 a.m.	Last Sunday Morning Formation
<b>Wednesday, May 13</b>	5-7:00 p.m.	Chorister End-Of-Year Party
<b>Sunday, May 17</b>	9:00 a.m.	Last Palmer Hall Service
		Bishop Visit & Confirmation
	11:15 a.m.	Bishop Visit & Confirmation
<b>Saturday, May 23</b>	10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.	Youth Trip to Kings Dominion

June 2026

Children and Youth Events and Programming TBD

July 2026

Children and Youth Events and Programming TBD

August 2026

Children and Youth Events and Programming TBD