



# The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church & Richmond, Virginia

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. We are glad you are here. We welcome and include all people without exception and we extend a special greeting to any visitors. Throughout this bulletin, helpful guidance is printed in italics. Visitor guides are found in racks at the entrance doors. When you wish to be known here, please fill out a welcome card (found in each pew or online); you may drop the card into the offering plate as it is passed. Children are very welcome in this service, and a "soft space" is available in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, one of the two side chapels in the church. It is offered so that children and parents can continue to participate in the service if and when they need more room than a church pew provides. Children must be accompanied by a parent while using the soft space. Child care is also available for infants and children through age four in our nursery on the lower level near the main parking lot entrance; greeters are happy to guide you. The church is open for prayer from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday. We hope to see you again soon!

**Voluntary** *Nun danket alle Gott, BWV 657*

J.S. Bach

## The Word of God

**Hymn 379** God is love, let heaven adore him

*Abbot's Leigh*

*Sung by all, standing as you are able. All hymns are found in The Hymnal 1982, the blue book in your pew rack.*

### Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

**Celebrant** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People** **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### The Collect for Purity

*Said by all.*

Prayer Book, page 355

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Song of Praise

*Sung by all.*

The Hymnal 432, vs. 1, 4

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height; re - joice in his word, ye  
O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song to him be out - poured all  
an - gels of light; ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were  
a - ges a - long! For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re -  
made, and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.  
stored, for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

### The Collect of the Day

Prayer Book, page 232

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant** Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Lesson**      Hebrews 11:29-12:2      *Please sit.*

**Reader**      A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Reader**      The Word of the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**      *A period of silence is kept.*

**Psalm 82**      *Said responsively by whole verse, seated.*

Prayer Book, page 705

1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \*  
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

**2 “How long will you judge unjustly, \***  
**and show favor to the wicked?**

3 Save the weak and the orphan; \*  
defend the humble and needy;

**4 Rescue the weak and the poor; \***  
**deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

5 They do not know, neither do they understand;  
they go about in darkness; \*  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**6 Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, \***  
**and all of you children of the Most High;**

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*  
and fall like any prince.”

**8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \***  
**for you shall take all nations for your own.**      *Silence is kept.*

**Hymn 490**      I want to walk as a child of the light      *Sung by all, standing as able.*

*Houston*

**The Gospel**      Luke 12:49-56      *Please remain standing and face the reader of the Gospel.*

**Deacon**      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**People**      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

Deacon        The Gospel of the Lord.  
People        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**    The Rev. Cate Anthony

**The Nicene Creed**    *Said by all, standing.*

Prayer Book, page 358

**We believe in one God,**  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**  
he suffered death and was buried.  
**On the third day he rose again**  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
**He will come again in glory to judge the living**  
and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**  
**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**  
**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Celebrant    Let us pray for ourselves and the world.  
*You may remain standing or kneel.*

Leader        Loving God, enliven the Church for its mission,  
People        **That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Leader        Breathe fresh life into your people.  
People        **Give us power to reveal Christ in our daily lives.**

Leader        Creator of all, lead us and all people into your ways of justice and peace,  
People        **That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Leader        Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.  
People        **Teach us to care creatively for this fragile world.**

Leader        God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others,  
People        **That all may live with integrity and courage.**

Leader        Give grace to all those whose lives are linked with ours.  
People        **May we serve Christ in one another, and love as Christ loves us.**

Leader Receive the gratitude of our hearts, [especially \_\_\_\_].  
The people may add their intercessions either silently or aloud.

Leader Open our hearts with compassion to suffering throughout the world, for the earth's plants, animals and ecosystems, and all who bear the wounds of human violence, indifference, and aggression.  
The people may add their intercessions either silently or aloud.

Leader We pray for our losses, for those who mourn, and for those who have died, [especially \_\_\_\_].  
The people may add their intercessions either silently or aloud.

Leader Lord, you have called us to serve you.  
People **Grant that we may walk in your presence:**  
**your love in our hearts,**  
**your truth in our minds,**  
**your strength in our wills,**  
**until, at the end of our journey,**  
**we know the joy of our homecoming**  
**and the welcome of your embrace,**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence is kept.*  
All **Most merciful God,**  
**we confess that we have sinned against you**  
**in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done,**  
**and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**  
**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**  
**have mercy on us and forgive us;**  
**that we may delight in your will,**  
**and walk in your ways,**  
**to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Peace** Please stand.

Prayer Book, page 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord. After exchanging the Peace, please be seated.*

## Welcome and Announcements

## The Holy Communion

*All comes from God, so from what God has given, we offer gifts as we participate in God's work in the world. You may offer your gift in an offering plate as they come by or make a gift online by scanning the QR code or texting STSTEPHENS RVA to 73256.*



**At the Offertory** God so loved the world *Sung by the choir.*  
God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,  
that who so believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

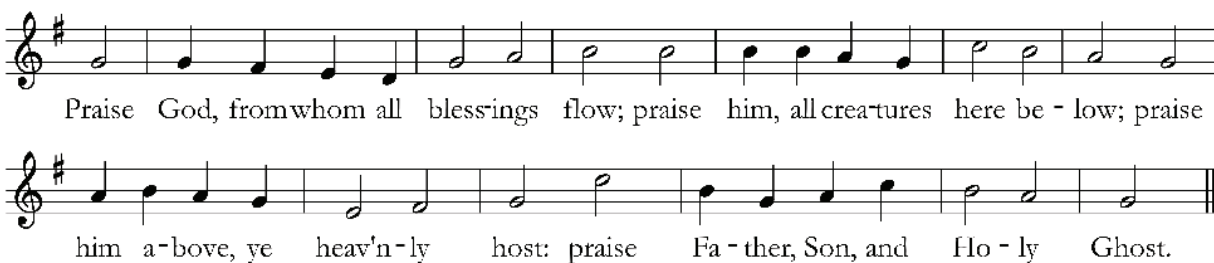
text: John 3:16; music: Bob Chilcott

## At the Presentation

*Sung by all, standing as able.*

*Old 100th*

*The fruits of our labor are presented to God, along with gifts for our food ministry.*



## The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

Prayer Book, page 367

*The people remain standing.*

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

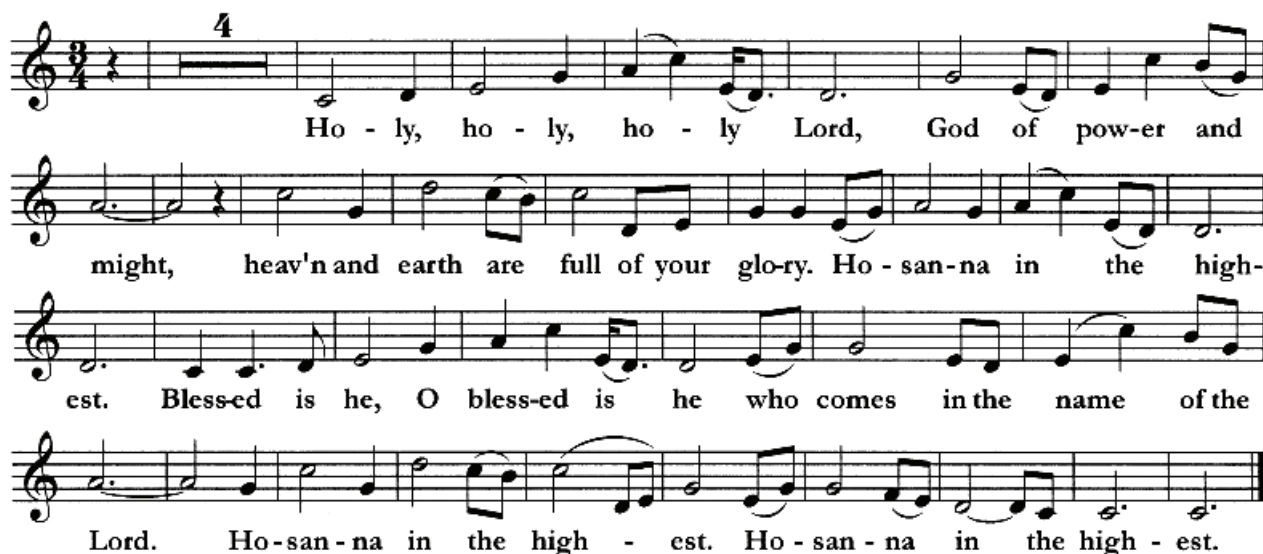
**Celebrant** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *Here a proper preface is said.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

*Sung by all.*

*from St. Anne's Mass, James MacMillan*



*You may remain standing or kneel.*

**Celebrant**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."



After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Stephen; Blessed Mary, Mother of God; and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy Name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who**

**trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread** *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*from St. Anne's Mass, James MacMillan*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

*Celebrant*

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

## At the Communion of the People

All are welcome at the altar in this place. Communion is distributed at the chancel steps and in both side chapels. The altar also extends to your pew if you need us to bring the sacrament to you; just let an usher know. To receive Communion, cross one hand over the other, palms up. You may consume the bread and then drink from the wine in the larger chalice. If you prefer to “intinct” or touch the edge of your bread to the wine, please use one of the smaller cups, available at all stations. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms against your chest.

## Music at Communion

**Anthem** Turn thy face from my sins *Sung by the choir.* Thomas Attwood  
Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds.  
Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

**Hymn 691** My faith looks up to thee *Sung by all, seated.* Olivet

## Sending Forth Eucharistic Visitors

When a Lay Eucharistic Visitor is scheduled to visit a parishioner, the following is said.

**Deacon** N., we send you out to share Communion with N.  
**People** **Carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.**  
**Deacon** We who are many are one body because we share one bread and one cup. **Amen.**

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray. *You may stand or kneel.*  
**All** **Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**you have put your life into our hands;**  
**now we put our lives into yours.**  
**Take us, renew us and remake us.**  
**What we have been is past;**  
**what we shall be, through you, still awaits us.**  
**Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.**

**The Blessing** The Celebrant pronounces God's blessing.

**Hymn 397** Now thank we all our God *Sung by all.* Nun danket alle Gott

**Dismissal** Prayer Book, page 366

**Deacon** Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary** On a theme of Orlando Gibbons (*Song 22*) Charles Villiers Stanford



## Memorials

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. James Dunn Mason, Sr., Dr. and Mrs. James Dunn Mason, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Hamilton Mason by Sarah Mason Ayers; John H. Beebe, Jr. and William H. Beebe by their family; and Mr. and Mrs. Vachel Augustine Downes and Mr. and Mrs. John Franklyn Newsom, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. John Franklyn Newsom III and family.

## Participants

**CELEBRANT:** The Rev. William L. Sachs; **DEACON:** The Rev. John D. Rohrs; **SUBDEACON:** Chip Jamerson; **LAY READER:** Bill Coulter; **INTERCESSOR:** Ruddy Rose; **PREACHER:** The Rev. Cate Anthony; **CHALICE BEARERS:** Clarice Dibble, Alice Meadows, Meg Tucker, Deborah Waters; **ACOLYTES:** Thomas Bowen-Rees, Amy Phillips, Lucy Phillips, Betsy Spalding; **LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR:** Anne Townsend; **MUSICIANS:** St. Stephen's Choir, Chris Edwards, *director*; Diana Chou, *organ*; **VERGER:** Kathy Brock

## The Parish Prayer List

Charles Adams, Richelle Anderson, Abigail Palmer Anthony, Rubylane Armstrong, Patricia Atkins-Smith, Robert Baker, Elizabeth Bannerman, Lash Barksdale, Nancy Beale, Christine Boeteger, Denise Bondy, Genie Borum, Julia Bouck, Liz Brengel, Sturges Brian, Leslie Brockman, Alex H. Brown, Pat Brown, Sarah Jo Bryce, Turner Bruneau, Matt Boyd, Patti Bullen, the Robert Burns family, Ann Campbell, Tammy Carleton, Scott Carnohan, Paula Chambers, Helen Clendenin, Percy Cochran, Sarah Cole, Susan Collier, Caswell Cooke, Mary Cooke, Prior Cooper, Kathy Conrad, Stephanie Copeland, John Corey, Randy Correll, Tom Coulbourn, Michelle Crim, the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Steven Dalle Mura, Daniel and family, Chris Davis, Patricia Delany, Jackie Dering, Ham DeRosa, *Terry Dickinson*, Davis Dunn Dillard, Barbara Hall Dunn, Jim Einhaus, Charlotte and Wade Elliott, Proctor Ford, Guy Frank, Julia G., Yvette Gerardin, Frank Ginty, Rick Greenwood, Johnny Guy, Janis Hall, Rodger Hardy, Marianne Harmuth, Katie Hellebush, Dan Hill, Deborah Hodgson-Lyons, Anna Hurdle, Esther Hutchison, Julie Imeson, the Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston, Lena Jones, Gouthum Karadi, Jane Kelly, Dana King, *Margee Krebs*, Diedra Kriewald, Hanns Kuttner, Caleb Lambert, Laura Lewandowski, Linda Lewis, Eva Lindsay, Sharon Livsie, Brenda Lorenz, Genie Lucyk, Margaret Lyle, Pam Lynch, Ross Mackenzie, Peggy Maguire, Michael J. Malone, Barbara Mathison, Adrienne Maxwell, Richard Maxwell, Virginia Maxwell, Michael McCabe, Schnucki McCabe, Morgan McCall, Stratton and Robin McCrady, Gertrude McLean, Nancy Meath, Melanie, Jack Miller, Mary Miller, Susan Minyard, Sallie Moncol, Lou Anne Nabhan, Ashley Nickerson, Mary Beth Noel, Jan Orgain, Tricia Payne, Beth Pearce, Ernest Perry, Courtney Phillips, Scott Pittman, Wilde Poole and family, Bob Pope, Lee Powell, Tom Rader, Bryson Raquet, Wick Raquet, Nancy B. Reed, Brenda Rohadfox, Stephanie Roberts, Linda Robinson, Alison Roussy, Brenda Quinn, Jason R., Jennifer Reed, Kaley Rosenthal, Richard Sanger, Robert Sass, James Saunders and Harriet Covey, T. Logan Scott, Margie Sesler, Jane Settle, Jim and Mary Beth Shannon, *Bayliss Sharp*, Todd Shelton, Torrey Shuford, Chrys Sills, Aiden Thomas Smith, Ross Southward, Josh Spain, Ben Sparks, Jayne Speck, Reilly Starr, Dorothy Suskind, Margaret Teachey, Jens Tholand, Margaret Thompson, Nelson Toebbe, Langdon Tollett, Kenneth Valke, Cordelia Vogel, Timothy W., Mac Wade, Ozzie Wade, Carol and Don Wakeley, Suzanne Wallace, Baird Weisleder, Tom White, Terri Wilcox, Donna Williams, Nelson Williams, Trevor Wingate, Claire Wood, Emily H. Wood, Sue Wootton, Paul Leddingdon Wright, Karen Young, Margaret P. Young. **For those who have died**, especially *Carrie Marshall*. **For the blessings of this life**, especially for the birth of *Stuart Wilton Burgess Kegan to Stuart and Melissa Kegan*. **For our missionaries**, Heidi Schmidt and Monica Vega, and the people they serve in Argentina. **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for *the Scottish Episcopal Church*. **For ReWork Richmond. For an end to gun violence. For peace and reconciliation** in Haiti, Iraq, Iran, Israel/Palestine, North Korea, South Sudan, Syria, and Ukraine, and at our borders. **For those serving overseas in the military or diplomatic service:** CPT Anna Broadbent-Evelyn, Lt. Jonathan Dean Hudson, Abraham Schlossberg, and Lt. Alex Whitmire.

*Names in italics were added to the prayer list this week.*

*In order to keep our prayer list current and facilitate the intentionality and mindfulness with which we pray, we print names on the list for three months or less. If you would like for someone to remain on the list for more (or less) time, please call the office or email Kitty Ball at [kball@ststephensRVA.org](mailto:kball@ststephensRVA.org).*

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