The Last Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 22, 2026, at 9 a.m. and 11:15 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 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 Prelude on *Picardy*, Opus 55 John Joubert

The Word of God

Hymn 494 Crown him with many crowns *Diademata*

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.

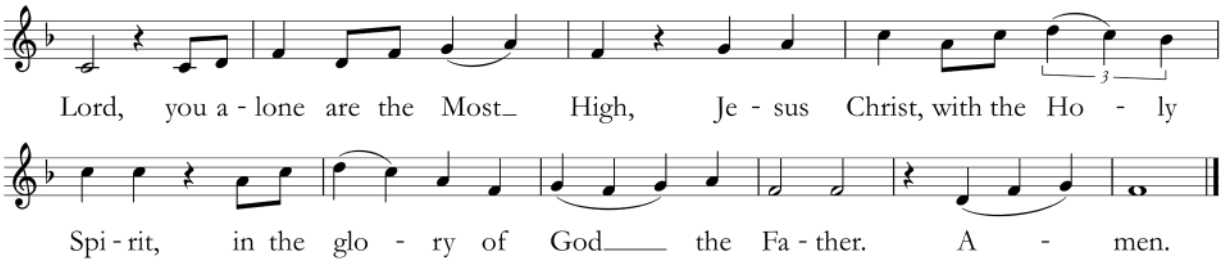
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity *Said by all.* The Book of Common Prayer, 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.

Gloria in excelsis *Sung by all, standing.* The Hymnal, S-280, Robert Powell





The Collect of the Day *Please stand.* The Book of Common Prayer, page 236

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray. *A period of silence is kept.*

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 *Please sit.*

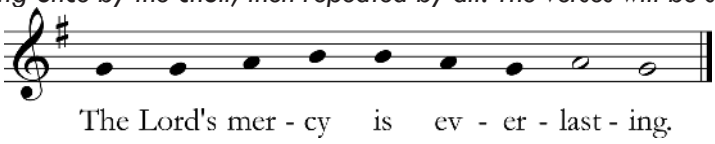
Reader A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.** *A period of silence is kept.*

Psalm 100 The Book of Common Prayer, page 729; antiphon: Robert McCormick; chant: Edward Elgar

The antiphon will be sung once by the choir, then repeated by all. The verses will be sung by the choir.



1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. *Antiphon*

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
4 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age. *Antiphon*

A period of silence is kept.

At 11:15 a.m. only

The Second Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Hymn 483 The head that once was crowned with thorns *Sung by all, standing.* *St. Magnus*

The Gospel Matthew 25:31-46 *Please remain standing and face the reader of the Gospel.*

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

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

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon The Rev. John W. A. Jenkins

The Nicene Creed *Said by all, standing.* The Book of Common Prayer, 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.

The Prayers of the People, Form III The Book of Common Prayer, page 387

Celebrant Let us pray for the Church and the world.

You may stand or kneel. The Leader and the People pray responsively.

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader We pray for those who have died [especially _____]. Give to the departed eternal rest.
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader [We pray/give thanks for _____.] Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of 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.* The Book of Common Prayer, 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

Blessing of Pledge Cards and Giving Boxes

On this day we celebrate the progress of our Growing in Grace annual giving campaign and bless the pledges received to date along with the offering in Giving Boxes collected by children. As a sign and symbol of our life together, we invite you to lay a hand on the collected offerings as you approach to receive Communion.

Leader O God, we proclaim and share your Holy Name.

People **Our lives are shaped by your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader You are Creator of all we have and hold.

People **In thanksgiving, we return a portion to you today.**

Leader You call us to support the mission of your Church.

People **We pledge ourselves and our resources for your purposes.**

Leader Almighty God, you breathed in us a spirit of generosity. Mercifully accept these gifts toward the work of your Church. Help us fulfill what we have promised with grateful hearts, trusting in the knowledge of your loving care, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Holy Communion

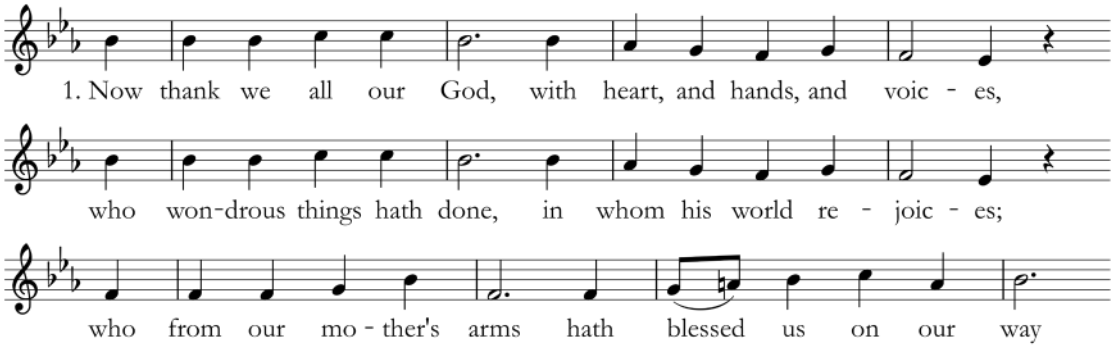
All comes from God, so from what God has given, we offer gifts as we participate in God's work in the world. You may offer your gift in an offering plate as they come by or make a gift online by scanning the QR code or texting STSTEPHENSRVA to 73256.

At the Offertory Ride on, King Jesus *Sung by the choir.* traditional Spiritual, arr: Nancy Wertsch

Ride on, King Jesus! No man can hinder thee. For he is King of kings, for he is Lord of lords. Jesus Christ, the first and last, no man works like him. Jesus rides in the middle of the air, no man works like him. He calls all saints from everywhere, no man works like him.

At the Presentation *Sung by all, standing as able.* *Nun danket alle Gott*

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





The Great Thanksgiving Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 3

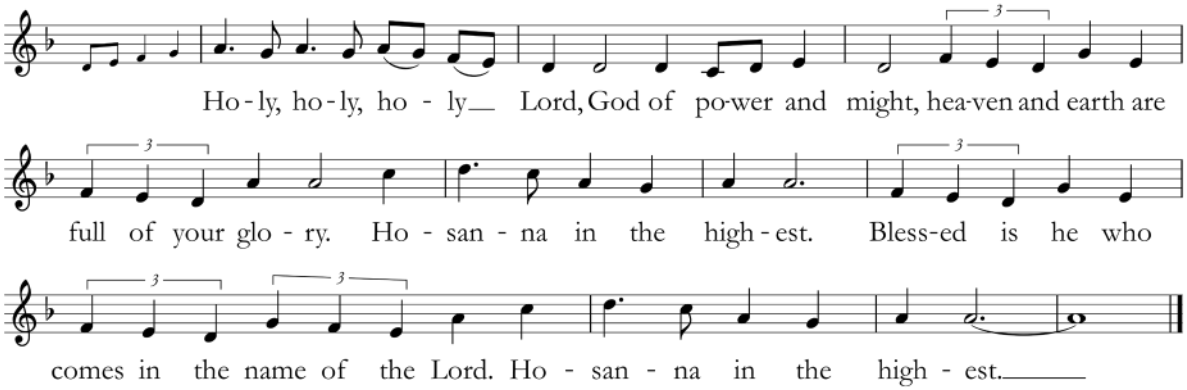
The people remain standing.

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

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus *Sung by all.* The Hymnal, S-129, Robert Powell



You may stand or kneel.

Celebrant

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Celebrant

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with Blessed Stephen; Blessed Mary, Mother of God; and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you, our God and Creator, in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

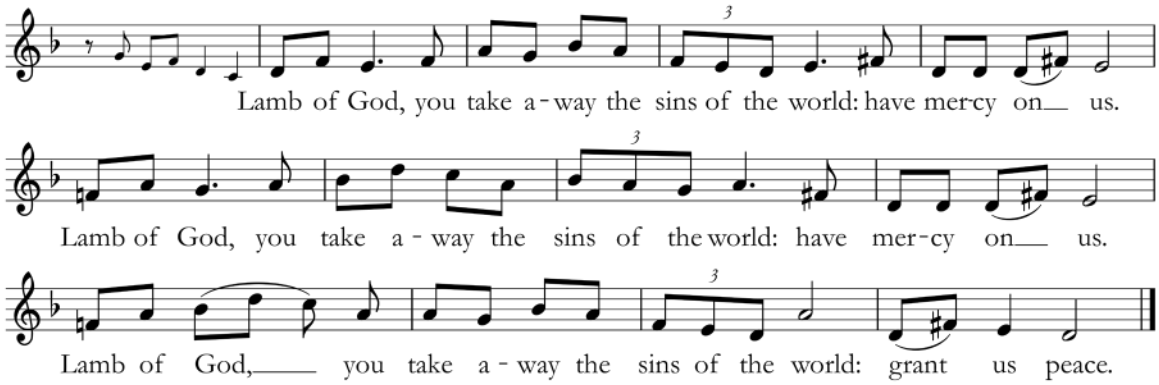
Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

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.*

The Hymnal, S-163, Robert Powell



Celebrant

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

At the Communion of the People

All are welcome at the altar in this place. Communion is distributed at the chancel steps [9 a.m.] or the high altar [11:15 a.m.] 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 *Dignus est Agnus* *Sung by the choir.* text: from the Revelation to John; music: Malcolm Williamson

Dignus est Agnus, qui occisus est, accipere virtutem, et divinitatem, et sapientiam, et fortitudinem, et honorem. Ipsi gloria et imperium.
Translation: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and divinty, and widom, and strength, and honor. To him be glory and dominion.

Hymn 324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence *Sung by all, seated.* *Picardy*

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray. *You may stand or kneel.*

All **Almighty and everliving God,** The Book of Common Prayer, page 366
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Hymn 477 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine *Sung by all, standing.* *Engelberg*

Dismissal The Book of Common Prayer, page 366

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary *Aeterna Christi munera* (The eternal gifts of Christ the King) Healey Willan

Anyone wishing to listen more closely to the organ voluntary is welcome to move to the chancel and sit in the choir chairs.

Memorials

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of William David Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Fontaine Shuptrine, and Mr. and Mrs. Guy A. Baldwin by their family.

Participants

9 A.M. // CELEBRANT: The Rev. John D. Rohrs; PREACHER AND DEACON: The Rev. John W. A. Jenkins; SUBDEACON: Nancy Emerson; LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Iffet Araniti-Davis, Kim Spensieri; READER: Lainey Schaaf; INTERCESSOR: Gail Waechter; LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR: Barbara Massey; CHALICE BEARERS: Mary Ball, Scott Green, Mim Oman, Elizabeth Spell; ACOLYTES: Jane Campeau, Austin Jonas, Henry Mulholland, Archer Williams, Sam Williams; VERGER: Kathy Brock MUSICIANS: St. Stephen's Choristers and members of St. Stephen's Choir; Diana Chou, Robert McCormick

11:15 A.M. // CELEBRANT: The Rev. William S. Stanley; PREACHER: The Rev. John W. A. Jenkins; DEACON: The Rev. John D. Rohrs; SUBDEACON: Ben Emerson; ASSISTING PRIEST: The Rev. Cate Anthony; READERS: Scott Brinkley, Wortie Ferrell; INTERCESSOR: Bill Coulter; CHALICE BEARERS: Bob Dibble, Clarice Dibble, Evan-Nilsa Karlson, Laurie Rogers; ACOLYTES: Charlie Boyle, Will Henderson, Wyatt Hobbs, Sadie Kidd, Charles Oakey, Pierce Rempe, Britt Marie Wallace; VERGER: Penn Rogers MUSICIANS: St. Stephen's Choir; Diana Chou, Chris Edwards, Robert McCormick

The Parish Prayer List

Copies of the parish prayer list are available at Information Central outside the parish office and in the church vestibule. To ask that a name be added to or removed from the prayer list, please contact Kitty Ball in the office, 804.288.2867 or **kball@ststephensRVA.org.**

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