

**WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S**  
**December 8th, 2024**  
**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**WE PRAY FOR HEALING: in our fellowship for:**

Kelly Glazer, Monica & Donald Boehrer, Charlotte Harbst, Bruce Kelly, Connie Graber, Joan Borman, Rev. Ken & Sharon Aldridge, Carlos Figueroa, Val Smith.

**In our extended fellowship:**

Katie Roman, Lynn, Jennifer, Matthew, Deborah, Mary, Diane Paulas, Dorothy Marakovits, Delores Laubach, Letiticia Sydoriak, Robert and Ceil Clark, Frank Mack, Carol Jones.

In our diocese, we pray for:  
Calvary Church, Tamaqua, PA and  
Saint Barnabas, Center, Kutztown, PA  
In the greater Anglican communion,  
We pray for:  
Emmanuel Kansuk Parish, Kajo Keji

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Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Kevin D. Nichols  
Supply Priest: The Rev. Scott Allen  
Senior Warden: Doreen Wagner  
Jr. Warden: Scott Holmes  
Organist: Ellen Erb  
Acolyte: Steve DeVore  
Lector: Steve DeVore  
Vestry: Doreen Wagner, Zachary Reeder, Jim Colombo, Scott Holmes, Susan Rish, Lisa Ligi and Val Smith, Treasurer (cell phone 610-217-4110) Church office hours: Mon, Wed & Fri 11-4

Processional Hymn **Hymnal 65**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.***  
***Amen.***

**Collect of Purity:** Prayer Book 355

**Trisagion** Hymnal S-102 (sung 3 times)

**Collect of the day:**  
Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Lesson: Baruch 5:1-9** See Insert

**Canticle 16** See Insert

**Second Lesson: Philippians 1:3-11** See Insert

Hymn **Hymnal 76**

**Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6** See Insert

Homily

Nicene Creed Prayer Book 358

Prayers of the People	Prayer Book 388
Confession / Absolution	Prayer Book 360
The Peace / Announcements	
Offertory and Doxology	
Great Thanksgiving	Prayer Book 367

Sanctus	Hymnal S-130
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***You may stand, or kneel, as desired.***

Eucharistic Prayer B	Prayer Book 368
Lord's Prayer	Prayer Book 364
Fraction Hymn	Hymnal S-161

Prayer of Humble Access:  
 We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. ***Amen.***

Communion

*(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion)*

Post-Communion Prayer	Prayer Book 366
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Recessional Hymn	<b>Hymnal 601</b>
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Dismissal

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**7-Day Reservation candle is given this week by Jay Burkos-Nutall in memory of Amber Lewis.**

The giving tree has been set up at the back of the church, for New Bethany Ministries. We hope to have this fully decorated with gloves, socks, hats and scarfs by the end of the Advent season.

2025 Pledge cards and stewardship campaign letter are on the back table. Please take one if you did not receive it via email. This is something so necessary for the everyday operation of the church and your gifts are gifts to God. Thank you!

Attendance Sunday 12/1 - 19 in person, at least 3 online

If you are visiting today, we welcome you in the Name of Jesus, our Savior. Coffee and refreshments are available in the parish hall, and we would love you to stay so we can meet you.