

# St. Stephen Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

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***Sunday, February 11, 2018 - 10:00AM***



*“We are a people inspired by the Holy Spirit to:  
Worship God, Witness to the world and Work with one another.”*

**Rev. David C. Isom - Senior Pastor**

The Right Rev. Bobby R. Best  
Presiding Prelate - Ninth Episcopal District  
Rev. T. J. Davis, Presiding Elder - Oakland District

Associate Ministers:

Rev. Edward B. Marks  
Rev. Dr. Joseph Allen  
Rev. Wanda Shannon  
Rev. Dr. Antonia Jones

Exhorters:

Brother James Leonard  
Brother Odell Toliver

## The Worship Service

### Prelude - Praise & Worship

#### The Call to Worship

L: Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: *for* praise is comely for the upright.

**P: Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery *and* an instrument of ten strings.**

L: Sing unto him a new song: play skillfully with a loud noise.

**P: For the word of the LORD *is* right; and all his works *are done* in truth.**

L: He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full *of* the goodness of the LORD.

**P: By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.**

L: He gathereth the waters of the sea together as a heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

**P: Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.**

L: For he spake, and it was *done*; he commanded, and it stood fast.

**ALL: Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD; *and* the people *whom* he hath chosen for his own inheritance.**

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### The Morning Hymn - #27 - Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

**CHORUS:** This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;

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Perfect submission, perfect delight! Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;

Angels descending bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

#### CHORUS

Perfect submission – all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

#### CHORUS

### The Affirmation of Our Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; the third day he rose from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

#### Celebration in Song

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### The Responsive Reading #551

#### The Lord Reigns!

Leader: O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

**People: Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.**

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also.

**People: The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land.**

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

**People: For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.**

Leader: The Lord reigneth, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded himself.

**People: The world also is established, that it cannot be moved, Thy throne is established of old: Thou art from everlasting.**

Leader: The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice, the floods lift up their waves.

**People: The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea. Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh Thine house, O Lord, for ever.**

Leader: The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

**People: Clouds and darkness are round about Him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His throne.**

Leader: A fire goeth before Him; His lightnings enlightened the world; the earth saw and trembled.

**People: The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the people see His Glory.**

Leader: Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth. Ye that love the Lord, hate evil; He preserveth the souls of His saints; He delivereth them.

**All: Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness.**

## **The Worship Service**

### **The Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, A-men, A-men

### **Celebration in Song**

### **Greetings and Announcements**

### **The Ministry of Generous Giving / Altar Call & Prayer of Thanksgiving**

St. Stephen CME Church Prayer Focus

Unity

Families

Finances

Commitment to Serving and Supporting Church Ministries

### **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **Celebration in Song**

### **The Ministry of Interpretive Dance**

### **"Words of Encouragement"**

*Sister Ashley Holland*

### **The Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Church Membership**

### **Doxology & Benediction**

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost - AMEN*

**To Our Visitors** - Thank you for taking the time to visit with us on this Sunday. If you are in the area at some future time, we pray that you will consider worshipping with us again. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become a part of the St. Stephen CME Church family!  
Please call 707.425.2925 for more information or visit us on the WWW and Facebook!

## Announcement / Information

**NOTICE:** Additional announcements concerning various Community Events are posted on the bulletin boards in the foyer and in the Joseph B. Davis Fellowship Hall.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** February 17th, Sat. @10AM, MTM

February 18th, Sun. @9AM, (8AM-8:45AM Breakfast), Black Heritage Celebration

February 25th, Sun. @10AM, CSU Super Sunday

February 27th, Tues. @6PM, Officers & Leaders Bible Study

March 4th, Sun. @ 3:30PM, SSCME 50th Church Anniversary

**TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK:** Marshall McGehee - 707.428.0743

**EVANGELISM:** —“Paul lived his life enduring suffering and afflictions, all for the purpose of taking the name of Jesus to places where it had yet to go (Rom. 15:20). This, in fact, should be a mark of any Christian who rightly understands his place in the redemptive work of God. ” -**Evangelism Committee.**

- ◆ **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law.” Galatians 5:22-23 (ESV)** Our next Officers and Leaders Bible Study on the Fruit of the Spirit will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 6 PM. All members of St. Stephen CME Church are encouraged to attend and you are welcomed to bring a guest.
- ◆ The Northern California MTM Ministry is having a drawing for a 50" HDTV Flat Screen TV. Drawing to generate revenue for our programs including assisting our youth with being able to attend our Annual MTM Retreat in Fresno. \$20.00 for a book of 5 tickets, \$5.00 per ticket. Drawing August 8, 2018. Contact Brother Kenneth Lewis Sr., for more information.
- ◆ The SSCMEC Scholarship application period is open for high school seniors who are members of our church. Applications are available on the table in the church foyer. Submit the completed application packet and a graduation picture no later than 5PM on May 31, 2018.
- ◆ Sunday School Services– Please join us for a continental Breakfast 7:30AM-8:30AM. Sunday School Begins at 8:45AM in the Joseph B. David Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ Attention! Calling all voices! The SSCMEC Reunion Choir needs you. The SSCMEC Reunion Choir will be providing the Music Ministry for our 50<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Celebration and we invite you to participate as we sing praises unto our Lord. If you are in any of SSCMEC Choirs, we need you. If you have ever been in any of the SSCMEC Choirs, we need you. If you have been thinking about joining any of the SSCMEC Choirs, we need you. Please see Sister Jacqueline or Brother Jimmie Colden for more information and the rehearsal schedule.

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- ◆ **50th Anniversary Program Souvenir Book:** The anniversary committee will be creating a program souvenir book for our 50th Anniversary Celebration. We are currently soliciting for ads to be included in our program/souvenir book to commemorate this important occasion. Advertisement prices are as follows: Front or back inside cover \$200.00, Full Page \$100.00, Half Page \$ 75.00, Quarter Page \$50.00, Sponsor \$30.00, Business Card \$ 25.00, Patrons (individual name) \$ 20.00. Ad forms will be available upon request. Ads need to be sent camera ready in PDF format to [office@ststephencmechurch.org](mailto:office@ststephencmechurch.org). The deadline for submission is **February 20, 2018**.
- ◆ **50th Anniversary Scrapbook:** If you have any noteworthy or general memorabilia you've retained we'd love to include it in our 50th Anniversary Scrapbook. This includes, pictures, news articles, old newsletters, etc. No item is too small and all items are significant! Physical photos/articles, etc. will be scanned and returned or you can submit them digitally. For any additional questions, please contact Sister Gladys Moore, Sister Betty Leonard or Sister Akilah Tutt.
- ◆ **Have you returned your pledge form yet? Please submit your completed form to any member of the Capital Campaign Steering Committee. Do you still have questions or need help? Just ask. Call the church office or email us at [CapitalCampaign@ststephencmechurch.org](mailto:CapitalCampaign@ststephencmechurch.org)**
- ◆ Did you see that great-looking St. Stephen reusable shopping bag in the display case in the foyer? You can have one of your very own for only \$5.00 each. Just ask a Steward to get you one, or two, or a few.
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