

St. Stephen Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

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Sunday, March 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.

The Worship Service

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

The Worship Service

The Responsive Reading - #554—The Good Shepherd

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

People: He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake.

Leader: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

People: For Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Leader: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Leader: Jesus said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

People: All that ever came before Me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

Leader: I am the door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

People: The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

Leader: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

People: I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth His life for the sheep.

Leader: I am the good shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of Mine.

People: As the Father knoweth Me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down My life for the sheep.

Leader: Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

People: My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give unto them eternal life.

Leader: They shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand.

All: My Father, who gave them Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and My Father are one.

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 Preached Word

Rev. David C. Isom

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: March 13th, Tues. @ 6PM, Officers & Leaders Bible Study

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK: Jimmy Colden- 510.393.3071

EVANGELISM: —“The goal is for a healthy church to understand the gospel more clearly, and be able to proclaim it more powerfully. Thus, evangelism is all bound up in the goal of spreading God’s glory to more and more people. When evangelism is neglected, it indicates that there is a lack of understanding about the purpose of God in the world, and in the plan of salvation.” -**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, March 13, 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 Region Ministers’ Spouses, Widows and Widowers’ Department will be presenting our annual Marion Scipio Vesper Service on Saturday, April 7, 2018. The event will be held at St. Peter CME Church in El Cerrito at 3:00 P.M. We thank Pastor Michael K. Williams Sr. for hosting this year’s program event.
- ◆ The Feed My Sheep Ministry is in dire need of trucks to help in the food distribution pickup from the Solano Food Bank to the church. Please contact Sister Vivian Martin at [707-429-9777](tel:707-429-9777) or email the Church Office - Office@StStephenCMEChurch.org
- ◆ 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.

Announcement / Information

- ◆ The Northern California MTM Ministry is having a drawing for a 50" HD 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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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**
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Amazon is tripling the donation amount to 1.5% when customers make their first eligible smile.amazon.com purchase from March 12 - 31. This is a great opportunity to increase Christian Methodist Episcopal Church's AmazonSmile donations by reminding your supporters to shop at smile.amazon.com. From March 12 - 31, use the message and banner below in email, social media, and on your website to spread the word to your donors, staff, and volunteers. *3x your impact! From March 12-31, Amazon is tripling the donation rate on your first smile.amazon.com purchase! Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/68-0362642 and Amazon donates to Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.*

