

Welcome to St. Stephen's Anglican Church



Advent III, December 14, 2008

St. Stephen's is a traditional Anglican presence in Athens, Texas witnessing God's love through worship, prayer, fellowship and outreach.

*I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of the Lord.
(Psalm 122:1)*

All of us at St. Stephen's are so glad to see familiar faces and those who are visiting with us today. Welcome to the Lord's House! We pray you'll feel instantly at home in the warm and personal fellowship of our Risen Lord here in St. Stephen's and will return to share with us again, soon.

Our parish, part of the Anglican Church in America, is a traditional church, worshipping in the ancient fashion passed down to us directly from our Faith's earliest beginnings over 20 centuries ago. We worship our Lord using Anglican liturgy. Beautiful and Scriptural, its simple elegance comes to us from the worship used originally by the Hebrews in the temple and developed by the undivided church for some 15 centuries.

Our Book of Common Prayer, the basis of our worship, was translated and arranged by Anglican divines some four and a half centuries ago. Well over 72 million Anglicans are worshipping in like fashion all over the world. We pray it blesses you!

After the service, you are most welcome to join us for fellowship in our parish hall. Again, we are so happy you are with us this blessed day that the Lord has made.

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OUR MINISTERS

All Baptized Christians at St. Stephen's including
Mr. Kenneth Nash, Esq., Director of Music and Sr. Warden
Mr. Christian Hancock, Jr. Warden
Ms. Yvonne Crumpton, Director of Outreach Ministry and Clerk of Parish
Ms. Cecelia Holland Kling, RN, GNP, Parish Nurse and Treasurer
Ms. Patricia Rainwater, Altar Guild Director
Briton Tarrance, Head Acolyte
Sr. Monica, F/OSA, Parish Administrator
Father Jerry Pardue, Rector

The Very Rev. Clayton Holland, Dean of the Southwestern Deanery
The Rt. Rev. Stephen Strawn, Bishop, Diocese of the Missouri Valley
The Most Rev. Louis Falk, President Bishop, Anglican Church America
The Most Rev. John Hepworth, Primate, Traditional Anglican Communion

THIS PARISH IS NOT ENDOWED, but depends entirely upon our tithes and offerings to the glory of God. We pray those presently not doing so will come to know the great blessing of offering the Biblical Tithe (10%) of our time, talent, and treasure.

TOTAL INCOME	\$ 40,497.99
DISBURSEMENTS TO DATE	40,478.87

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

1 Chronicles xxix. 14.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by Thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [*alms and*] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto Thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess Thy holy Name may agree in the truth of Thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Especially **The Russian Orthodox Church**

Diocese of Missouri Valley

Christ Savior of the World, Irving, TX

St Matthew, Custer, WI

Holy Apostles, Pewaukee, WI

TAC **Anglican Catholic Church of Canada**

ALL Religious Orders...Especially

The Order of St. Augustine

St. Benedict's Abbey

WE beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of Thy true religion, and virtue. Especially

George, our President

Rick, our Governor

Barack, Joe, & all elected for County, State & National Offices

The Legislatures and Courts of our land.

GIVE grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth Thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer Thy holy Sacraments. Especially

Stephen, Missouri Valley

Louis, Anglican Church in America

John, Traditional Anglican Communion

John-David of San Joachin

Robert of Pittsburgh

Bartholomew of Constantinople

Jack of Fort Worth

James of Dallas

Ignatius of Antioch

Rowan of Canterbury

Benedict of Rome

AND to all Thy People give Thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive Thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Especially

Linda Underhill

Josh, Tiffany & Annika Wheeler

Jeff Warford & Family

Sherry Webb

Tommie Andrews

Don Cook

Brynn Ann Bargfeldt

DiAnn Bartholow Those in the Military

Tim

John

Robert

AJ

Richard

Jerry+

Bill

Courtney

Tracey Sue

Samantha

Lauren

Sharon

TJ

Charlie

Simone

Jared

Ralph

Dallas

Joe

Jerry L.

Justin

Our troops in harms way, their leaders and their families.

AND we most humbly beseech thee, of Thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Especially

David

Ann & Marshall

John

Anne

Valerie

Chuck & Sr. Mary Anne

Fr. Richard & Marsha

Fr. Mack

Joseph

Ed & Margaret

Caitlyn & Aiden

Katy

Elsa Miller & Family

Jenny

Melvin

Miriam & Family

Frances

Sr. Emily Ann

Kris

Pam

Walter

Diana, Don, Ann

The Jerry Irvin family

Nola Robertson & family

The HOWARD Family

Linda & Family

Fr. Vincent & Fr. Joseph

Sr. Mary Michael

Elizabeth

Galen & Michelle

Vicki Haimes

Karen

Sandy & Family

Alecia & Family

Loraine

Shirley Anne

The Holt Family

Camille & James

Fr. Robert & Doris Hardin

Gladys

AND we also bless Thy holy Name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in Thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom.

Especially **Jane McMonigal**

Illeana Haeliger

Norean Clanton

+Alexis of Moscow

Wilfred Armstrong

Richard Doty

Horton Bunch

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen*

IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS LET US INCLUDE

The Catholic Church and all Anglicans

O GRACIOUS Father, we humbly beseech thee for thy holy Catholic Church; that thou wouldst be pleased to fill it with all truth, in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, establish it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of him who died and rose again, and ever liveth to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

Our parish

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we thank thee for thy servants gone before who laid a firm foundation for the growth of thy Church here in Athens. Renew in us the gifts of thy mercy; increase our faith, strengthen our hope, enlighten our understanding, enlarge our charity, and make us ready to serve thee. Raise up, we beseech thee, others in our midst, that our parish of thy Church may grow and prosper to proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Those serving in our nation's armed forces

O LORD God of Hosts, stretch forth, we pray thee, thine almighty arm to strengthen and protect the soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen of our country. Support them in the day of battle, and in the time of peace keep them safe from all evil; endue them with courage and loyalty; and grant that in all things they may serve without reproach; through Jesus Christ our Lord *Amen*

Our nation and our world

O LORD our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; we live in disturbing days. Throughout the world prices rise, debts increase, banks collapse, jobs are taken away, and fragile security is under threat. Lord God, meet us in our fear and hear our prayer: be a tower of strength amidst the shifting sands, and a light in the darkness; help us receive thy gift of peace, and fix our hearts where true joys are to be found. We especially commend this nation to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to The President of the United States, the Governor of our state and to all in civil authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*



The Boar's Head Festival

Sunday, January 4, 2009

4 pm Pageant followed by dinner



Lessons and Carols For Advent

5:30 pm Sunday December 14
with a Wine and Cheese
Tasting afterwards

Please join us in our annual preparation for Christmas with
Advent music and selected lessons from Holy Scripture.



Advent III, December 14, 2008

8 am Low Mass

Noon Book of Common Prayer HOLY COMMUNION

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY	BCP	93
THE COLLECT FOR ADVENT	BCP	90
THE EPISTLE	1 Corinthians 4:1	BCP 94
THE GOSPEL	St Matthew 11:2	BCP 94

10 am MORNING PRAYER

Antiphon: Our King and Saviour | draweth nigh;

* O come, let | us adore him

Psalm: 85 BCP 446

Lesson: Isaiah 35

Canticle: Benedictus es

SUNG MASS

PRELUDE :

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 473 (Dawn) *High O'er the Lonely Hills*

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY BCP 93

THE COLLECT FOR ADVENT BCP 90

THE EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 4:1 BCP 94

THE GOSPEL St Matthew 11:2 BCP 94

SEQUENCE HYMN 298 (Talls' Ordinal)

The Great Creator of the World

Visitors please place a visitor card in the offering plate.

We are pleased and blessed you are worshipping with us!

OFFERTORY HYMN 10 (Winchester New)

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry

COMMUNION HYMN

D(C) G(F) D(C) A7(G7)

1. I looked up and I saw my Lord a - com - ing,
 2. I looked up and I saw my Lord a - weep - ing,
 3. I looked up and I saw my Lord a - dy - ing.

D(C) G(F) D(C) A7(G7)

I looked up and I saw my Lord a - com - ing down the
 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - weep - ing for my
 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - dy - ing on the

G(F) D(C)

road. _____
 sins. _____
 cross. _____

Refrain A7(G7) G(F) D(C)

Al - le - lu - ia, he is com - ing.

A7(G7) G(F) D(C)

al - le - lu - ia, he is here.

A7(G7) G(F)

Al - le - lu - ia, he is

D(C)

com - ing. al - le -

G(F) A7(G7) D(C)

lu - ia, he is here.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 9 (Merton)

Hark a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

~~~~~NEXT SUNDAY'S HYMNS~~~~~

PRO # 1 (Stuttgart) *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

SEQ # 3 (Sleepers, Wake) *Wake Awake for Night Is Flying*

OFF # 11 (St. Stephen) *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*

COM # 2 (Veni Emmanuel) *O Come O Come Emmanuel*

REC # 5 (Helmsley) *Lo He Comes with Clous Descending*

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December Birthdays

4 Linda Underhill 17 Rodney Lee

23 Jeremy Haines 28 Kylee Lookabaugh

30 Gina Byrum