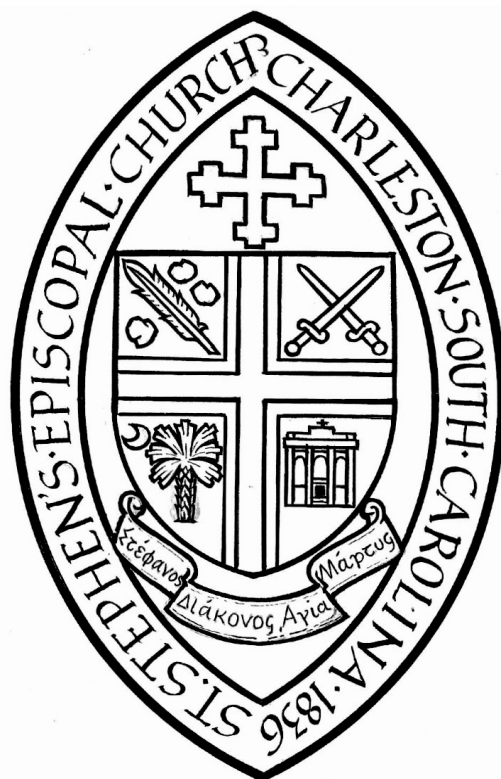


St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
In the City of Charleston, South Carolina



The Day of Pentecost
Holy Eucharist with Baptism and Confirmation

Choral Eucharist

11:00 a.m.
May 20, 2018

We welcome you to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, a house of prayer for all people.

We ask that you put your cell phones, pagers and other devices in silent mode.

*Please observe a respectful silence during the playing of the prelude
for those who use this time for prayer and quiet meditation.*

As it is a time of worship, please refrain from taking photographs during the service.

Prelude: "Wachet Auf"

J.S. Bach
St. Stephen's Quartet

Hymn 225

*Hail thee, festival day!
blest day that art hallowed for ever,
day when the Holy Ghost
shone in the world with God's grace.*

1 Lo, in the likeness of fire, on those who await his appearing,
he whom the Lord foretold suddenly, swiftly, descends:

Refrain

2 Forth from the Father he comes with sevenfold mystical offering,
pouring on all human so infinite riches of God:

Refrain

3 Hark! for in myriad tongues Christ's own, his chosen apostles,
preach to the ends of the earth Christ and his wonderful works:

Refrain

4 Praise to the Spirit of Life, all praise to the fount of our being,
light that dost lighten all, life that in all dost abide:

Refrain

The Word of God

All standing, the Bishop says

People Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Bishop then continues

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;
People There is one hope in God's call to us;
Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People One God and Father of all.

Collect of the Day

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Bishop Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

St. Martin’s Psalter

Antiphon:

Al - le - lu - ia! Send forth your spir - it and re - new the face of the earth.

Psalm Tone:



Antiphon

25. O Lord how manifold [are] your works!*

In wisdom you have made them all; ...
the earth is [full of] your creatures.

**26. Yonder is the great and wide sea, ...
with its living things too [many] to
number,*
creatures both [small] and great.**

27. There move the ships, ... and there is [that] Leviathan,*
which you have [made for] the sport of it.

Antiphon

28. All of them [look] to you*
to give them their [food in] due season.

**29. You give it to [them;] ...
they gather it;*
you open your hand, ... and they are
[filled with] good things.**

30. You hide your face and [they] are terrified;*
you take away their breath, ...
and they die and re-[turn to] their dust.

Antiphon

**31. You send forth your Spirit and
[they are] created;*
and so you renew the [face of] the
earth.**

32. May the glory of the Lord en-[dure]
forever;*
may the Lord rejoice in [all] his works.

**33. He looks at the [earth and] it
trembles;*
he touches the mountains [and] they
smoke.**

34. I will sing to the Lord as [long as] I
live;*
I will praise my God while I [have] my
being.

**35. May these [words of] mine please
him;*
I will re-[joice in] the Lord.**

37. Bless the [Lord O] my soul.*
Hallelujah! ... [Hal]-lelujah!

Antiphon

The Epistle

Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 511

- 1 Holy Spirit, ever living
as the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
through her in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
in the Church the mind of Christ;
thee we praise with endless worship
for thy fruits and gifts unpriced.

- 2 Holy Spirit, ever working
through the Church's ministry;
quickenng, strengthening, and absolving,
setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding
age to age, and soul to soul,
in a fellowship unending
thee we worship and extol.

The Gospel

John 15:26-27;16:4b-15

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me,

‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rt. Rev. Gladstone B. “Skip” Adams III

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present Sarah Hannah to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God’s help.

The Celebrant asks

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God’s help.

The Celebrant then asks

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Bishop says

The other Candidates will now be presented.

I present these persons for Confirmation.

Shelly Erin Elarton Frisby
William Robert Gesin
Lucas James Murley
Ronald Kenneth Perritte
Sandra Dee Simon

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do.

Bishop

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate

I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

People Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Celebrant then says

People The Lord be with you.
 And also with you.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

Baptism

Sarah Hannah, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Sarah Hannah, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

The Celebrant then says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Bishop says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Silence may be kept.

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

For Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life. *Amen.*

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Peace

All stand.

The Peace will be said in many languages to symbolize the gift of the Holy Spirit. The last language will be English.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says an offertory sentence.

All non-pledge offerings will be given today to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

Offertory: "Come Down, O Love Divine"

Ralph Vaughn Williams
arr. Todd Wilson

*Come down, O love divine, seek Thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing.
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.*

*O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let Thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.*

Hymn at the Presentation

Hymn 380, vs. 3

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.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant and People

Celebrant

There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Celebrant *People*

A - men.

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

...Come to this table you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more. You who come to this sacrament often, and you who have not come for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come, it is Christ who invited us to meet him here... (Invitation, Iona Abbey, Scotland)

Communion: "Dulcissimum convivium" k 243

W. A. Mozart
Margaret Kelly Cook, soprano

*Dulcissimum convivium,
cui assistunt Angeli ministrantes,
Sacramentum pietatis,
vinculum caritatis, miserere nobis.
Offerens et oblatio, miserere nobis.
Spiritualis dulcedo in proprio fonte degustata,
refectio animarum sanctarum,
miserere nobis.*

Translation:
*Sweetest banquet,
at which the angels serve,
sacrament of goodness,
bond of love, have mercy on us.
Offerer and offering, have mercy on us.
Spiritual sweetness, tasted at its source,
refreshment of holy souls,
have mercy on us.*

“I will Not Leave You Comfortless”

William Byrd
The St. Stephen’s Choir

Selections by the St. Stephen’s Quartet

Hymn 513

- 1 Like the murmur of the dove’s song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind’s rush,
like the new flame’s eager might:
come, Holy Spirit, come.
- 2 To the members of Christ’s Body,
to the branches of the Vine,
to the Church in faith assembled,
to her midst as gift and sign:
come, Holy Spirit, come.
- 3 With the healing of division,
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with his blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts, and make them shine with the pure light of his presence. *Amen.*

May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to proclaim Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to him in word and deed. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn 506

- 1 Praise the Spirit in creation,
breath of God, life's origin:
Spirit, moving on the waters,
quickenings worlds to life within,
source of breath to all things breathing,
life in whom all lives begin.
- 2 Praise the Spirit, close companion
of our inmost thoughts and ways;
who, in showing us God's wonders,
is himself the power to gaze;
and God's will, to those who listen
by a still small voice conveys.
- 3 Praise the Spirit, who enlightened
priests and prophets with the word;
his the truth behind the wisdoms
which as yet know not our Lord;
by whose love and power, in Jesus
God himself was seen and heard.
- 4 Tell of how the ascended Jesus
armed a people for his own;
how a hundred men and women
turned the known world upside down,
to its dark and furthest corners
by the wind of heaven blown.

- 5 Pray we then, O Lord the Spirit,
 on our lives descend in might;
 let your flame break out within us,
 fire our hearts and clear our sight,
 till, white-hot in your possession,
 we, too, set the world alight.
- 6 Praise, O praise the Holy Spirit,
 praise the Father, praise the Word,
 Source, and Truth, and Inspiration,
 Trinity in deep accord:
 through your voice which speaks within us
 we, your creatures, call you Lord.

Dismissal

The Priest dismisses the People.
 People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

Postlude: Crown Imperial March

William Walton

The worship is over. Now the service begins.

*The Flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God in Thanksgiving for
 Bishop Adams' visit to our parish and the initiation of new members on this day.*

SERVING TODAY:

The Rt. Rev. Gladstone B. "Skip" Adams III (Celebrant & Preacher)
 The Reverend Adam J. Shoemaker (Assisting)
 Wayne Helmly (Choirmaster & Organist)
 Mary Hamill (Lector)
 Diane Aghapour (Eucharistic Minister)
 Dusty Parker (Intercessor)
 Dick Latham (Crucifer)
 Team #4, Captain: Bryan Thompson (Usher Team)

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QUARTET MEMBERS:

Jenny Bekker, flute
 Mayumi Nakamura-Smith, violin
 Rachel Ganger, viola
 Ellen Moryl, cello

BAPTIZED:

Sarah Hannah Shoemaker

CONFIRMED:

Shelly Erin Elarton Frisby

William Robert Gesin

Lucas James Murley

Ronald Kenneth Perritte

Sandra Dee Simon

Tea Time

Join us for Tea Time immediately following the service.

**Today's refreshments are provided by Vicki Ravenel,
Michael Fenwick, and Zeh Wellington in honor of
Bishop Adams' visit to St. Stephen's!**

The Rt. Rev. Gladstone B. "Skip" Adams III

The Right Reverend Gladstone B. "Skip" Adams III was elected by acclamation and invested as the Provisional Bishop of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina on September 10, 2016 at Grace Church Cathedral in Charleston.

Bishop Adams, 65, served for 15 years as the 10th Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York. He is a native of Baltimore, MD, and graduated from Towson University in 1976. In 1980 he earned his Master of Divinity at Virginia Theological Seminary and was ordained in 1980. He went on to serve in churches in New York, Virginia, New Hampshire and Maryland.

He enjoys fly-fishing and fly-tying, reading, music of all kinds, camping and canoeing. He is interested in the Church and people in El Salvador (the companion Diocese of Central New York), environmental and social issues. Bishop Adams' wife, Bonnie Adams, is a registered nurse, and they have three adult children: Peter, Stephen, and Emily.

St. Stephen's is part of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina (which covers the eastern half of the state) consisting of 31 parishes, missions and worshipping communities and has an estimated 7,000 members.

Save the Date

On Sunday, **June 3** at our 11am service, our newly appointed Deacon, Greg Smith will begin his ministry as a part of our clergy staff. Greg will be our preacher and following worship, we will have a reception to welcome him and his wife, Lyn back to our Parish. All are welcome and encouraged to invite others.