

## Our Mission Statement

**St. Stephen's is a welcoming, healing community who worship God in Christ, nurture people growing in faith, serve others with acceptance and love, invite people to share the joy of the spirit.**

## Reconciling in Christ Statement

**We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace.**

**We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status.**

**We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us.**

**Our unity is in Christ**

**Ministers: The People of St. Stephen's**

**Pastor: Rev. James P. Lapp**

**Church Administrator: Leslie Lapp**

**Church Musician: Gary Roberts**

**Child Development Center Director: Kathy Berens**

**Custodian: John Hopping**

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*I go to prepare  
a place for you*

## Memorial Service

Saturday— December 10, 2022—11:00 a.m.

**Joyce Bowie, Gerald “Grandpa” Castagnola,  
Mary Gilbert, Beverly Gilladett,  
Rev. Glenn Johnson, Dr. Paul Lee,  
Audrey Patterson, Christopher Slay,  
and Rev. Jack & Eleanor Zoellner**

*Welcome to this Memorial Service, where we are remembering those who died during the pandemic restrictions, and for whom we were unable to gather as a church family.*

*Please observe St. Stephen’s safety protocols of wearing a mask at all times indoors.*

Prelude Gary Roberts

Invocation

Opening Hymn “O Day Full of Grace” Red # 627

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Readings

Psalm 100— Ephesians 2:8-9, 4:1-6—John 14:1-6

Message of Comfort and Hope Rev. James Lapp

Hymn “Borning Cry” Red #732

Time Of Remembrance

*Please briefly offer words of remembrance,  
a story, or tribute honoring our loved ones  
Please come to the podium microphone before speaking.*

Hymn “Children of the Heavenly Father” Red # 781

Prayers of the Church

P: God in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

Lord’s Prayer

Commendation

Closing Prayer

P: Let us pray:

**C: Gracious and Loving God,  
You call us to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,  
By paths as yet untrodden,  
Through perils unknown.  
Give us strength to go out with good courage,  
Not knowing where we go,  
But only that your hand is leading us,  
And your love supporting us.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Benediction

Closing Hymn “My Life Flows On In Endless Song” Red# 779

Postlude

Gary Roberts

1-LECTERN  
2-GRAND ORGAN  
3-PULPIT  
4-KEYBOARD  
5-WIDE  
6-PIANO