

Grace & St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

February 1, 2026 | Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

- **Nursery Available**, 9am-12pm, Nursery
- **Annual Meeting & Vestry Elections**, 9:10am, Nave
- **Children's Chapel**, 10:30am, Lower Level
- **Youth Group**, 12pm, Youth Rm 2nd Floor
- **Sandwich Sunday**, 12pm, Taft Hall
- **Q&A with Vestry, Treasurer & Rector**, 12pm, Blaik Library
- **Brave Irene's Mysticism & Middle English**, 7pm, Rm 211

This week at Grace and St. Stephen's

Mon. Feb. 2 **Noonday Prayer with the Anglican Rosary**, 12pm, St. Stephen's Chapel

Tues. Feb. 3 **Morning Prayer**, 9am, on Facebook
 Women's Book Club, 10am, Blaik Library
 Docent Training Class, 5pm, Zimmerman Rm

Wed. Feb. 4 **Holy Eucharist**, 5pm, St. Stephen's Chapel
 Communal Supper, 5:30pm & **Bible Study**, 6pm, Parish Hall
 St. Nicholas Choir, (Music Theory 5pm, Rehearsal 6pm, Music Rm)

Thur. Feb. 5 **Morning Prayer**, 9am, on Facebook
 Centering Prayer, 10am, Weir Conference Rm
 Choral Evensong, 7pm, Nave

Fri. Feb. 6 **Chanted Noonday Prayer**, 12pm, St. Stephen's Chapel

Sat. Feb 7 **Men's Bible Study**, 8am, Weir Conference Rm
 Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity - Interfaith Build, 8:30am, see online calendar for details

Looking ahead

Wed. Feb. 11 **Graceful Conversations**, 12pm, Blaik Library - reading 'Being Disciples' by Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury

Sun. Feb. 15 **Taylor Concert: Colorado Vocal Arts Ensemble**, 3pm, Nave

For more information on all programs here at Grace and St. Stephen's, please visit www.gssepiscopal.org

We pray for

Those in crisis of health or circumstance: Conni Eggers, Eunice Ferguson, Annika Johnson, Maggi Johnson, Sheliah Johnson, Br William Marion Page, Linda Stump, Henri Velandia

Those in need of ongoing prayer: The Rev. Canon Jon Anderson, Laura Bayless, Lee Ehrhart, Mary Ellis, John Hough, Dorothy Kipp, Devon Mack, Luden McLord, John McVicker, Debra Millsap, Ed Quinn, Edie Reichert, Jill Wasinger, Calvin Wulf, Pete Zobenica, Alice, Ericka, Jennifer, Oliver & Family, Wes

Those in harm's way: Mark Jaskot, Bill Mack, Rachel Pearson, Adam Tayhar, Nicholas Wolf

Birthdays: Tiffany Shorkey, Dilys Brundage, Nicole Hensel, Pat Wallace, Fred Angelo, Heidi Baird, Karen Klatt, Katelyn Lackey, Thom Andreas

Anniversaries: Bill & Priscilla Marbaker

This week in Scripture

THE COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

[Micah 6:1-8]

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.” “With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

PSALM 15

Book of Common Prayer, 599

THE EPISTLE

[1 Corinthians 1:18-31]

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

THE GOSPEL

[Matthew 5:1-12]

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

SERMON QUESTIONS:

- What does faith as a dialogue mean to you?
- Are there times when you feel lost in the conversation of faith?
- What opportunities are there for you to “do” justice?
- Are there practices you would like to develop to grow in love?
- What helps to remind you that God walks with you?
- What might you hear if you pull up a chair and listen to God speaking through Scripture?