



Congregational Communication
November 23, 2022

Our Mission: We respond to Christ's love by feeding those who hunger in body, mind, and spirit.

Sunday, November 27 First Sunday in Advent

9:00am – Worship (hybrid)

10:30am – Sunday Church School

Wednesday, November 30

6:30pm – Soup Supper

7:00pm – Holden Evening Prayer Service

Thursday, December 1

5:30pm – Community Assistance Meal

Sunday, December 4 Second Sunday in Advent

9:00am – Worship (hybrid)

10:30am – Sunday Church School

President's Perch: This Sunday our supply pastor will be Rev. Anne-Rose Reeves. She has been with us before. Our organist will be Lynne Ronan who played for us last week and will be with us often. Please give them a warm welcome.

Thanks to all who attended the Annual Congregation Meeting. It went smoothly. We elected new Council members and approved the 2023 budget. I want to thank Carol Clelland and Bill Rowe for agreeing to complete a one-year term for two Council members who left. Also, thanks to Maxine Montgomery and Randy Neidig, Sr. for agreeing to serve another three-year term. And last, thanks to Jadam Smith for doing a second one-year term in the youth position. Both Lela Ewell and myself are continuing our terms which expire in 2024. We now have a full Council of seven members who will need everyone's help as we move forward rebuilding a vibrant worship life at St. Stephen.

Please note the announcement below for Advent soup suppers followed by Holden Evening Prayer services. We are in particular need at the moment for people to operate or online services as Zoom and Facebook hosts. It is a valuable service for those who attend online. I will be glad to explain what is involved and how to be trained to provide the service.

- Tom Burson, President, Congregation Council

Feeding the Body

Back by popular request is the beautiful **Holden Evening Prayer Service** which will be held in our sanctuary on the four Wednesdays during Advent. The first Wednesday is November 30. Pastor Elaine Dent has graciously offered to lead these services.

The services will begin at 7 p.m. and are preceded by a soup supper in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. Plan to join us for these opportunities to take the time during this busy season for fellowship and to reflect, revive, and remember the joy of our Savior's birth.

Community Assistance – This meal and time of worship will be at 5:30pm at St. Stephen on Thursday, December 1. All are welcome. This is a great opportunity to be in community.

[Feeding the Mind](#)

Tapology – is the first Sunday each month at 5pm at Desperate Times in Carlisle. This is an ecumenical group that gathers to eat, drink, and talk about a variety of topics. All are welcome. Come with a willingness to engage in conversation.

[Feeding the Spirit](#)

Sunday worship – Worship begins at 9am. This is hybrid worship, meaning that we worship both in person and online at the same time. At this time, due to the lower positivity rate of COVID, masking is optional for all people who participate in person. If you worship online, please introduce yourself to others online and greet other folks that you aren't familiar with. We also invite those worshipping online to provide their own elements of bread and wine/grape juice in order to participate in communion.

Accessing worship online - You can attend online worship by clicking this link -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/410597064?pwd=b3lEa2hnbmtxU2kvYVhxUGN6ZWdoUT09>

You can also call 1-929-205-6099. Once connected, just enter the Meeting ID - 410 597 064 and the password – 779080. You can also find the direct link for this on our church webpage – www.ststephenlc.org. Scroll halfway down to the link that says, “Join us online.” Click the link and you'll be connected to the Zoom session.

Worship Assistants

Date	Usher Greeter	Cantor (IP)	Lector (OL)	Assisting Minister (OL)	Altar Guild	AV Support	Zoom Host	Facebook Host
11/27/22		Lynne Immell	Pat Gilmore-Lee		Maxine/Carol	Tom Burson Wayne Lengel		
12/4/22		Lynne Immell	Pat Seiple		Maxine/Carol	Tom Burson Wayne Lengel		
12/11/22		Kathy Burson	Carol Clelland		Maxine/Carol	Cheryl Neidig Wayne Lengel		
12/18/22		Lynne Immell	Roger Immell		Sue Rodgers	Tom Burson Wayne Lengel		

Blessings,