

All Saints, November 1, 2026, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

The Trinity Adored by All Saints (public domain art)
This altarpiece comes from the royal monastery of Valldecrist, founded by Martin of Aragon. Commissioned by a courtier named Dalmau de Cervelló, it adorned an altar in his burial chapel. The center panel juxtaposes a celestial vision of the Trinity with the expulsion of the rebel angels from heaven. Saint Michael and his legion of angels cast a horde of demons into the jaws of a fiery hell mouth. The side panels commemorate all of the saints recognized at the time, whose ranks include prophets, patriarchs, apostles, evangelists, martyrs, confessors, and women saints. The whole is topped by lunettes depicting the Annunciation and the Crucifixion.

We as people of faith who are called to care for this creation **want to respectfully acknowledge the Cowlitz and Chinook People**, who have stewarded this land throughout the generations. We begin this effort to acknowledge what has been buried by honoring the truth. We are standing on the ancestral lands of the Cowlitz and Chinook People. We pay respects to their elders past and present. Please take a moment to consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together here today. And please join us in uncovering such truths.



St. Stephen's is a reconciling, affirming, and inclusive Christian community striving through worship, love and service to welcome all people just as God created you. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, political affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability. **We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we!**



Connect with St. Stephen's!
Please leave your name and email/phone number and Fr. Nic will connect with you this week with an invitation to enjoy a cup of coffee on us!



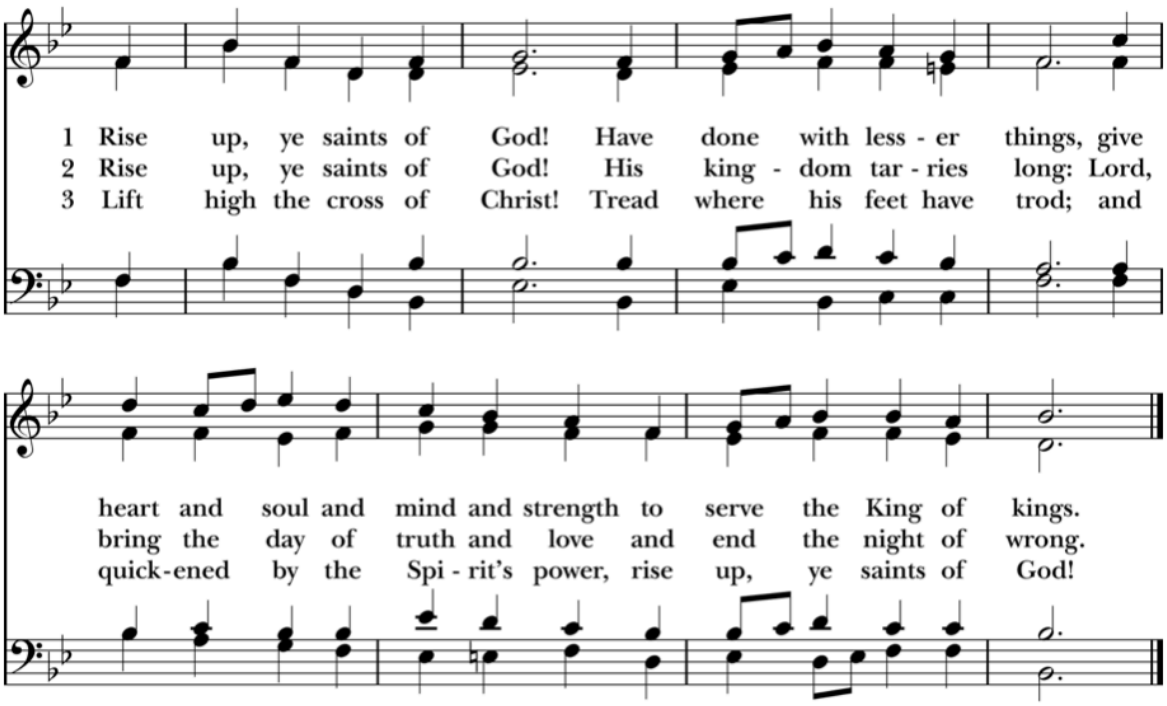
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Rise up, ye saints of God

The Hymnal 1982, **#551**



Words: William Pierson Merrill (1867-1954), alt. Music: *Festal Song*, William H. Walter (1825-1893).

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.
There is one Body and one Spirit:
There is one hope in God's call to us;
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism:
One God and Father of all.

Song of Praise & Children's Procession

Children are invited to follow the procession of the cross from the Church to the Parish Hall for Sunday School. While the program is geared for children 10 & under, ALL children are welcome to attend. Parents are also welcome to attend. Children will return to the church in time for Eucharist (typically returning after the passing of the peace).

Worship Leaders November 1, 2026

Presider	The Rev. Nic Mather
Musician	Riki Davis
Acolyte	
Altar Guild	Gretchen Niemi, Heather Niemi, Heather Karnofski
Reader	Rob Painter-Johnson, Katherine Beauregard
Greeter	Karen Miller
Chalice Bearer	Garry Beauregard, Krista Mather
Usher	Greg Moore
Verger	Mary Hoover
Vestry Presence	Bill Reade, Katherine Beauregard



Words: Daniel March. Music: J. C. Lenderman.

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

(Please be seated for readings from Holy Scripture)

A Reading from **Revelation 7:9-17**

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-10,22

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *

his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the Lord; *

let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *

let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *

and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, *

and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *

and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *

and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *

happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *

for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *

but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *

and none will be punished who trust in him.

A Reading from **1 John 3:1-3**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Processional (before reading) & Recessional (after reading)
(Please stand in body or spirit)



The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ According to **Matthew 5:1-12**
Glory to you, O Christ.

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."

The Gospel of our Savior. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Homily **The Rev. Nic Mather**

The Renewal of Our Baptismal Covenant

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, in recognition of all the Saints who have walked in love before us, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

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

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

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
I will, with God's help.

Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?
I will, with God's help.

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing Over the Water

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.

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.

The Peace & Asperging
The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

During the passing of the peace, the priest asperges the congregation with Holy Water in remembrance of our baptisms.

Offertory Sentence
Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.



If you are making a pledge today please place your pledge in the offertory basket.

Give to the virtual offering plate by scanning or online @ ***sslv.org/give***

FISH Sunday
Today is the First Sunday of the Month where we ask those who are able to make a special offering to support our FISH ministry. St. Stephen's will be distributing food (complete with the fixings for Thanksgiving!) November 17-20.

Your St. Stephen's FISH team is so grateful for the generosity of our congregation! You donated over 17 bags of dog food and 4 bags of cat food to assist our FISH clients, who the majority of have pets. Then you donated beans for our Annual Bean Soup Mix get together. A big thanks to the 14 persons who participated on Tuesday with our event. We made 217 bags of soup mix!!

Our focus during our next FISH distribution the week of November 16 is Thanksgiving for our clients. We appreciate any donation of side dishes such as stuffing mix, gravy, cranberry sauce, canned yams or anything that might be part of that dinner. We also need bags: plastic, paper, or reusable. We go through so many bags every day! Thank you again for all your donations with items and time! Your FISH team: Judy Swanson, Robin Swecker and Gretchen Niemi.

Offertory

Saints Bound for Heaven
Arranged by Lee Dengler
additional words by Susan Naus Dengler
Choir

Our bondage shall be ended, by and by, by and by
From sin and death set free, hail the glorious jubilee,'
When our Savior we will see, by and by, by and by
Our deliverer, He shall come, by and by, by and by
And our sorrows have and end, with our threescore years and ten,
And His glory crowns the day, by and by, by and by
Til the day the Christ returns, we'll go on, we'll go on
Though our journey hard may be, we will follow faithfully,
With our God to guide our footsteps, we'll go on, we'll go on
We'll go on through joy and sadness, moving forward night and day
For our God, the source of gladness gives us songs to cheer our way
Serving boldly, trustfully, resting in the Savior's love
For his grace will be sufficient till He calls us home above.
Then with all the happy throng, we'll rejoice, we'll rejoice!
Shouting glory to out King, till the vaults of heaven ring,
And through all eternity, we'll rejoice, we'll rejoice, Rejoice!

We gather in our pledge commitments for 2027 on this day in recognition of the commitment that the people of St. Stephen's have made to this place and for the people that have come before us, leaving a legacy of stewardship and giving that have carried this place for nearly 100 years of ministry on the corner of 22nd and Louisiana.

Blessing of the Pledges
(pledges for 2027 currently total $200,000+ pledged)

Gracious God, we give thanks for these gifts, the promises of our members for giving in the year to come. We pray that you inspire us with the example of your freely-given love to serve our neighbors, heal the world, and strengthen our community. Bless these intentions, pledges, and promises of our wealth, works, and wisdom for the needs of our church. **Amen.**

A Prayer of Thanksgiving for Our Endowment & Investment Accounts

O Lord, Giver of Life and Source of Freedom. We know that all we have is received from your hand. Gracious and loving God, you call us to be stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing your message to those we serve. May our faithful stewardship be a witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We honor and thank all members of the Stephanos Society for their legacy gifts to our Endowment and other investment accounts:

Wendy Adams–Mae Bundy–Grace Clumpner–Charlotte Keiter–Shirley Paulsen MaryLou Quoidbach–Ramona Sylvester–Effie Taylor–Virginia Lee (Dollie) Underwood–Lynn Benson–Richard Benson–The Rev. Richard Green–David Hanson–Jan E.V.W. Hanson–Marilyn Hoehne–Donald Hughes–Gladys Hughes Carol Johnson–William Kelly–Susan Lane–Greg Lapic–Margaret Lapic–Mary Lewis–Marion Mose–Ann Mottet–The Rev. Kathleen Patton–Robert Quoidbach–Elmer (Red) Rogers–Karen Rogers–Marcella Mashinter-Ken Henderson-Ruth Mottet-Ned Piper-Sue Piper-Joel Rupley-Janice Stixrud-Anita Roberts- Mary Pease- Denny Pease-Julie Kendall- Ray Betts-Bob Bonner-Diane Glase-& our anonymous members

Eucharistic Prayer A
(Please stand in body or spirit)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you**.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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:

SANCTUS

The Sanctus acclamation is sung to conclude the introduction to the eucharistic prayer.



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Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all. Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

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

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Invitation to the Table

You are invited to come forward and receive Eucharist at this time. We will be sharing wine from a common chalice, so if you would prefer intinction please leave the bread in your hands and the chalice bearer will intinct for you. Gluten free communion is available and a non-alcoholic option in place of the wine is also available upon request. You may also place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. ***Know that ALL who God calls to the table are welcome here this day.***

For those joining via Live-Stream:
A Prayer for a Person Unable to Take the Eucharist
(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

For the Faithful Who Have Answered



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Prayer for Eucharistic Visitor
We offer a prayer from our community to those who are unable to join us as we send the sacrament to them carried by a minister of the church

As you go to the sick and homebound, take with you not only the sacrament that we have celebrated, but also the Word of God which we have heard, as well as the affection of this parish community. Ask for the prayers of those whom you visit in return. Go, now, with God's peace and blessing. **Amen.**

Postcommunion Prayer *(Please stand in body or spirit)*

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The blessing of God: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn
Following the closing hymn you are invited to join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour! If you are new today, please take a welcome packet and coffee mug (found at the front door)!

I sing a song of the saints of God

The Hymnal 1982, **#293**



Words: Lesbia Scott (1898-1986), alt. Music: *Grand Isle*, John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945).

Save the Dates:

- **Monday, November 2 @ 7pm, Service of Remembrance:**
    - Join us for our annual Service of Remembrance featuring music from local choirs and prayers for all those who have gone before us. All are invited and welcome to attend this community worship offering.

- **Noonday Prayers for An Election Day, Tuesday, November 3 @ Noon**
    - In All Saints Chapel

- **First Sunday of Advent, Sunday November 29:**
    - Annual Advent Potluck: Last Name A-H: Mains; I-O: Sides; P-W: Desserts
    - Advent Wreath Making @ Coffee Hour

- **Feast of St. Nicholas, Thursday December 3, 5-7:30pm:**
    - Crafts & Food!
    - The Story of St. Nic with Special Visitor at 6pm
    - ALL are welcome and invited!

- **Cocoa, Cookies, & Carols, Sunday December 13, 6-7:30pm**
    - ALL are welcome and invited!
    - YOU bring the cookies, WE provide the Cocoa & Carols!

- **Fourth Advent Christmas Pageant, Sunday December 20**
    - All are invited to participate in our Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Pageant!
    - Set decorators, costume support, and actors of all ages welcome!
    - See Fr. Nic to volunteer
    - All involved in the pageant will rehearse at 9am on Sunday December 20, and then will enjoy a provided breakfast before getting in costume and putting on the pageant for the 10:30am service

- **Christmas Eve Worship, Thursday December 24 @ 4pm**
    - Christmas Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist

- **Christmas Day Worship, Friday December 25 @ 10:30am**

Join us in making a pledge to support St. Stephen's in our worship and our ministries for 2027:

LABORERS IN THE VINEYARD

2027

Name(s):_____

Address:_____

Phone:_____

Email:_____

Following in the footsteps of Christ, I/we commit to St. Stephen's in 2027 with an ANNUAL commitment of

$_____

I/we plan to fulfill this annual pledge through:
Weekly Payments [ ]
Monthly Payments [ ]
One-Time Annual Payment [ ]

I'm also interested in further conversations about Legacy Giving [ ]

St. Stephen's Stephanos Society



St. Stephen's established the Stephanos Society in 2006 as a response to the generosity of past bequests and current parishioners who indicated that the church had been named in their will, specifically focused on the endowment.

The endowment has grown from humble origins, originally started with a gift of stock in the Hammermill Paper Co. in 1978, the fund grew to just over $150,000 when in 2003 funds were fully transferred to the Diocesan Investment account. Through the work of the Stephanos Society securing legacy gifts and smart investment strategies by the Diocesan Investment Team, the endowment value has grown to nearly $1.6 million in the summer of 2026, with our total investment funds totaling more than $2.3 million.

The endowment is currently restricted to be used to afford capital expenses (building improvement and repairs), outreach ministries, and can be used for special "one-time" ministry expenses per the discretion of the Vestry. We currently only draw from the interest and dividend income, not drawing down on the principal investments made.

We choose to support the church through planned giving as it is a continued expression of our faith and belief in the work and ministry of this specific place and its call to serve God in this community. When we leave a legacy through a planned gift, that gift can ensure that future ministries are able to meet the greatest needs of this community, without anxiety over how to both care for this space and provide for those in the most need.

Planned Giving can be done in a variety of ways:

- A bequest through a will to leave a percentage of an estate or a specific asset or the residue of an estate
- Make the church a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or a retirement plan
- Give a gift annuity: cash given in return for guaranteed income based on one's age at the time of purchase. The church is then named as beneficiary upon the giver's death
- Arrange a charitable remainder trust
- Give a gift of real estate or jewelry or an heirloom (please contact the Rector to discuss further if you wish to pursue this option)

If you would like to speak with the Rector about Planned Giving and the Stephanos Society or to a member of the St. Stephen's Endowment Board, please contact the office (360)423-5600 or admin@sslv.org, or Fr. Nic at nic@sslv.org