

Welcome to St. Stephen's



We are glad you came.

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# Our Vicar

Rev. Mary Sheridan Janda

In June, 2007, I was ordained a Deacon in the Episcopal Church after seven years of study and process. In January, 2008, I was ordained a Priest in the Episcopal Church. I have served as an Associate Rector at St. James' in Midvale and All Saints' in Salt Lake City. I am presently on Diocesan Council and I co-chair the Anti-Racism Committee with The Rev. Canon Pablo Ramos, DD. Since 2013, I have been serving as a supply priest for the Episcopal Diocese of Utah—helping out when there is no priest to serve the Eucharist/Mass at our different churches.

I was called to serve as Vicar at St. Stephen's on November 1, 2014, and am very excited to be a part of this community.

# Who we are

## The Episcopal Church

The Episcopal Church is a member of the worldwide Anglican community, with 800 million members in 163 countries. We are a community of Christians bound together by our belief that Holy Scripture contains the very core of all Christian faith. Through the many ancient, as well as modern stories that connect us to Jesus and His teachings, we discover daily God's hope and call to us in our life together.

We live out these core beliefs through:

- Worship and church programs
- Reaching out to the Community
- Sharing our story with others
- Seeking God's love together in study and prayer
- Giving of our means and talents to the greater purpose of God's work.

# Worship

## Our Worship

In worship, we are united, acknowledging the holiness of God, to hear God's Word, to offer prayer and to celebrate God's presence among us.

All are welcome to participate in our worship because it is in worship we live out our life as a Christian Community. Scripture is the foundation of our worship. The service follows an order of worship found in "The Book of Common Prayer", two-thirds of which is scriptural. Every worship service includes the reading of Holy Scripture from both the Old and New testaments. Many of our prayers and hymns are filled with Scripture.

The Book of Common Prayer includes a variety of ancient and modern prayers and worship services for occasions when the whole community gathers, or for individual use. The Book of Common Prayer allows everyone to participate, reminding us that each person is an important part of the worship experience, whether the service is a celebration or a solemn occasion. It is a guidebook for daily Christian living. Music, both traditional and contemporary is an integral part of uniting our prayers and scripture.

# Celebrating

## Celebrating God's Presence

During our worship service, we celebrate God with us through water, bread and wine.

Our Lord Jesus Christ tells us, through water we are united with God. We call this Baptism. The Episcopal Church believes through baptism in any Christian denomination we become brothers and sisters in God's family. (If you are not baptized, and wish to be, please speak to the Vicar for more information.)

Jesus shared bread and wine with his first followers and is with us today in this family meal we call Holy Communion or the Holy Eucharist. Through it we receive the forgiveness of our sins and a strengthening of our union with God and one another as we remember Christ's life, death and resurrection. Anyone seeking a deeper relationship with Christ is welcome and encouraged to share in this meal of bread and wine.

# Beliefs

## Our Beliefs

We believe there is one God who creates all things, redeems us from sin and death and renews us as the Children of God as expressed in the Holy Trinity. As Episcopalians we promise to follow Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord. We believe the mission of our church is restoration of all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. We are enriched by your presence with us.

As you continue your journey, please remember us as a place of rest, restoration and reunion. We welcome you to come and worship with us often.

*Dear Lord, you promise to give rest to all who are weary, you promise to welcome all who seek you: Be present, O Christ, with us as we seek a deeper relationship with you and guide us in our journey that we may experience your love in all that we do in your name. Amen.*

*May the peace of the Lord be always with you.*

# Children

## In Worship

Children are valued and nurtured at St. Stephen's, as we have a commitment to help them to learn to worship. Perhaps they won't always understand what is going on, or being said in the same way adults do, but they can understand that this is a place where they are loved and accepted.

The formal worship service can provide an excellent opportunity for parents to be involved in the spiritual nurturing of their children. Talk with them about the service. Explain what is happening. Help them catch your enthusiasm and happiness about being in church.

# Schedule

## of Services

### Sunday

9:00 a.m.	Santa Eucaristía (misa) en Español
11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
11:00 a.m.	Children's Church
12:30 p.m.	Refreshments

### Wednesday

#### Worship on Wednesday

6:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
7:30 p.m.	Discussion

We also hold church events throughout the year, dates to be determined:

Mad Hatter Tea Party

Ethnic Night

Carlucci and Errolucci Spaghetti and Pakistani

Chicken Supper

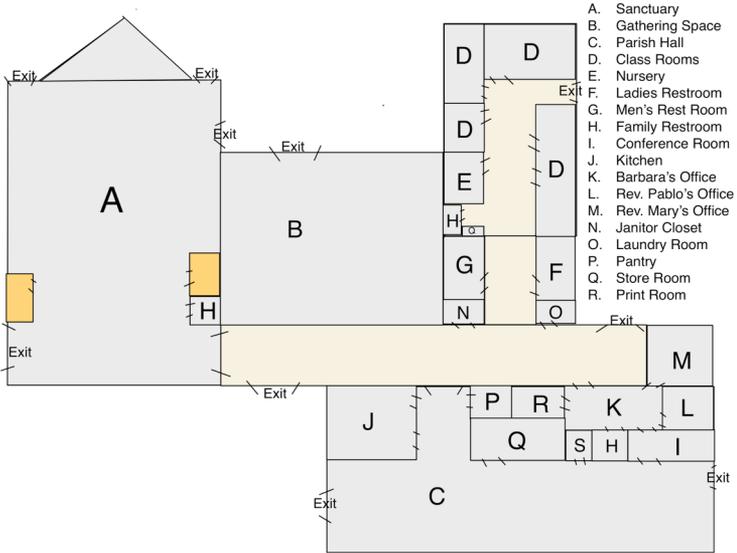
WOW Thanksgiving Dinner

Games Night

Dream Academy Christmas Party

# How to get around

## Building Layout



# Ministries

## Opportunities to Share

Ministries are many and varied at St. Stephen's, and the opportunities to share are boundless.

Opportunities exist to aid and facilitate:

- Worship
- Buildings and grounds
- Member support
- Community support
- Social Media
- Worship on Wednesday

Please feel free to peruse the Ministry binder located on the table in the Gathering Space.

*"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."*

*1 Peter 4: vs.*

# Social Media

## and St. Stephen's

St. Stephen's is alive and well on Social Media.

You can reach the web-site at:

<http://www.ststephenswvc.org>.

We also have an active Facebook page, which is available at:

<http://www.facebook.com/StStephensWVC>

Tumblr is available at:

<http://ststephensepiscopalchurch.tumblr.com/>

Instagram is available at:

<http://instagram.com/st.stephens.episcopal.church>

Twitter is available at:

@StStephensWVC

# Worship on Wednesday

(WOW)

Worship on Wednesday is a community outreach program and open to anyone who would like to come.

When the body is well fed, it leaves the mind and spirit relaxed, and more receptive to the "Spiritual" food and "Mind" food, so this is where we start the evening. Some of our participants partake only of this portion of the evening, because of time constraints and other reasons. This is acceptable and expected, especially of families with small children. Please feel free to come and enjoy the food and companionship, and leave whenever you need to.

Food for the Body, 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

We have a sit down dinner starting at 6:00, usually consisting of a main course, home made bread, and dessert.

Food for the Spirit, 7:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

We usually celebrate Eucharist. Much like a Sunday Eucharist but without hymns and a much shorter version.

Food for the Mind, 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

This is a discussion period following the Eucharist. Sometimes about the Gospel reading, sometimes by topics of vital interest to our church members or community at large. It is always lively, thought provoking, and always kept within the allotted time frame.

Notes:





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