



# Saint Stephen's Chapel

## Order of Worship

*“We seek to glorify God by preaching His Word and spreading the gospel of Grace in Boldness and Selflessness.”*



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*In the Sanctuary, we cross the threshold of the secular to the sacred, from the common to the uncommon, from the profane to the holy, from darkness to light.*

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January 26, 2025

*Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

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**The prelude** is a sacred curtain dropped between the world and the sanctuary. The dimming of the lights signals the congregation to observe silence. During this time, be prayerful and reverent in preparation for worshipping our holy God in His sanctuary. (Please silence all phones and electronic devices.)

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*"Every promise in the Word of God belongs to the believer, and it is our duty to embrace and rest upon them in faith."* **Jeremiah Burroughs**

*"God's promises are as fresh and full of life now as when He first spoke them; they are a perpetual fountain of comfort to His people."* **William Gurnall**

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**Invitation to Reflection**

Rev. Don Kinkead

**Call to Solemn Worship**

Rev. Manny Alaniz

*{God graciously invites us into His presence to worship Him.  
He enters into our busy lives to speak to us.}*

Minister: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness. *Psalm 96:7-9*

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**\* Invocation**

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**\* Song of Adoration**

***A Mighty Fortress***

A mighty fortress is our God, A Bulwark never failing  
Our Helper He amid the flood, Of mortal ills prevailing  
For still our ancient Foe, Doth seek to work us woe  
His craft and pow'r are great, and armed with cruel hate  
On earth is not his equal

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Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing  
Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choosing  
Dost ask who that may be: Christ Jesus it is He  
Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same  
And He must win the battle

And though this world with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us  
We will not fear for God hath willed, His truth to triumph through us  
The Prince of Darkness grim, We tremble not for him  
His rage we can endure, For lo his doom is sure  
One little word shall fell him

That Word above all earthly pow'r, No thanks to them abideth  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, Through Him who with us sideth  
Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also  
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still  
His kingdom is forever.

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## God's Renewal

### Scripture Warning

Rev. Don Kinkead

Leader: For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." (Galatians 3:10-11)

### Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles Creed

Leader: Christian, let us affirm what we believe.

**All: *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell<sup>2</sup>. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic<sup>3</sup> church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.***

\*Congregation Stands

**Silent Confession** *{Take a few moments to confess your failures and shortcomings silently.}*

\* **Assurance of Pardon and Comfort**

John 11:25-26

*{God reminds our forgetful hearts of the grace that is ours in Jesus.}*

Leader: Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

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\* **Song of Renewal**

**Everlasting God**

*Tomlin*

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord

(Chorus) Our God, You reign forever  
Our hope, our strong Deliverer  
You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint  
You won't grow weary

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord (Chorus)

You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on the wings  
Like eagles (Chorus)

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You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on the wings  
Like eagles

From everlasting to everlasting  
God, You are everlasting.

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**Announcements**

**Prayers of the People**

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## **The Greeting of Peace:**

**Leader:** Let the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts. To this peace, we are called as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**\*\* Dismiss our children for *Training in the Pews Today*\*\***

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## **\*Scripture Reading**

### **Hebrews 6:9-12**

Mrs. Ashley Alaniz

*Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things—things that belong to salvation. <sup>10</sup> For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. <sup>11</sup> And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, <sup>12</sup> so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*

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## **The Sermon**

Rev. Alaniz

“God’s Promises”

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## **Celebration of Holy Communion**

Rev. Alaniz

### **A Word About Communion at Saint Stephen’s Chapel:**

*Communion is an opportunity for all of us to seek the Lord. It is an occasion for baptized Christians to be strengthened by our Savior. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, embrace the Gospel, live at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully are welcome to come forward. If you are not a Christian, please consider spending this time in prayer. Children who have not received their first communion should come forward with their hands folded, and the wine server will pray for them.*

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*“Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.” (I Corinthians 11:27-29)*

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**Minister:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Minister:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**Minister:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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## Prayer of Consecration

## Words of Institution

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Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died  
Christ is risen  
Christ will come again**

Minister: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us

**People: Therefore, let us keep the feast**

Minister: The gifts of God are for the people of God

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### \* Song of Communion

### Behold, Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

(Chorus) Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come, let us adore Him, Behold our King! Nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? (Chorus)

Who has felt the nails upon His hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign! (Chorus x2).

*Baird & Altrogge*

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### Communion & Offertory Prayers

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#### \*Benediction Doxology

#### Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost  
as it was in the beginning  
is now and ever shall be  
world without end. Amen, amen.

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**\*Benediction**

Rev. Alaniz

**Leader:** May the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

**People:** **Amen! (With great enthusiasm)**

Postlude\*\*

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**Worship: (New time & Location)**

**Every Sunday, 1:30 p.m., at**

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**Serving Today, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

- Childcare & Training in the Pews – Sandy Alaniz
- Hospitality –

**Serving Next Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- Childcare & Training in the Pews – Ashley Alaniz
- Hospitality –

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Prayer Gathering** – to be announced.
- **Virtual Bible Study** – to be announced.
- **Christian Education** – after worship! Coming soon.
- **Next Potluck Lunch**, to be announced!
- **5-Minute Bible Study Podcasts** – coming soon!!

**Main Idea:**

In the storms of life, we have a sure and steadfast anchor of our soul, Jesus Christ, through whom God's promises are fulfilled.

**Sermon Notes:**



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