

**WE PRAY FOR HEALING: WE PRAY FOR HEALING:** in our fellowship for: Kelly, Monica, Donald, Stella and Charlotte;

In our extended fellowship: Larry, Evelyn, Jennifer, Matthew, Deborah, Mary, Dr. Amy Miller, Kristin Conway, Diane Paulas, Vals cousin Brady and Dorothy; in the food pantry community, Kenny and Andrew.

***In our diocese, We pray for:***

St. Joseph's, Pen Argyl and St. Mary's, Wind Gap

***In the greater Anglican communion,  
We pray for:***

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean and  
St. Mark Merguga Parish, Kajo Keji

***St. Stephen's Church***

***Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem***

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**WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S**  
**The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 17th, 2023**

Processional Hymn

Hymnal 410

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
*And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen*

Collect for Purity

Prayer Book 355

Gloria in Excelsis

Hymnal S-280

Collect of the day:

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

First Lesson:

**Genesis 50:15-21**

Psalm

**Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13**

**see Insert**

Epistle Lesson:

**Romans 14:1-12**

Hymn

Hymnal 470

Gospel :

**Matthew 18:21-35**

**see Insert**

Homily

Nicene Creed

Prayer Book 358

Prayers of the People

Prayer Book 388

Confession/Absolution Prayer Book 360

The Peace / Announcements

Offertory & Doxology

Great Thanksgiving Prayer Book 361

Sanctus Hymnal S-129  
*(You may kneel or remain standing)*

Eucharistic Prayer A Prayer Book 362

Lord's Prayer Prayer Book 364

Fraction Hymn Hymnal S-155

Prayer of Humble Access:

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion)*

Post-Communion Prayer Prayer Book 366

Blessing

Recessional Hymn Hymnal 657

Dismissal

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Attendance last Sunday 9/10: 24 in person, at least 3 online

The 7 Day Reservation Candle is given this week to the Glory of God, by Shirley Raab, in loving memory of Charles Raab.

**FOOD PANTRY:** Please remember that as we head into fall, it brings us closer to holidays!! Our food pantry will need additional goods. Please give if you can!! Canned vegetables, and more canned vegetables. Brownie box mix is our item for the holidays. Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need!!!

**UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Community Yard Sale: 9/23, 8-2pm** (rain date 9/30)  
Congregation needed to bring in items, donated to the church which we will sell. Bakers **needed** for bake sale for the event!

**Joe Corbi's pizza and goodies sale –** Packets on table outside of church. Please take one and sell to friends and family!!

**Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>: Basket Social and bake sale:** 9-3pm. (asking our congregation to please start donating: themed, composed and wrapped baskets to raffle off or bring in merchandise, gift cards or gift certificates from local businesses to raffle off.)

A hearty welcome to any who are visiting with us today!  
We are so happy you could join us!