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*Make Love
Your Aim*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

February 5, 2012

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lord, may our hearts turn to you, and may we rejoice in fellowship with you today and always.

PRELUDE

INTROIT **“FESTIVE PRAISE”**

Based on Psalm 92

*Adapted & music by **Allen Pote***

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tracey Donnelly, Lay Leader

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord because he is good.

People: And his love is eternal.

Leader: Let the People of Israel say,

People: “His love is eternal.”

Leader: Let the priest of God say,

People: “His love is eternal.”

Leader: Let all who worship him say,

People: “His love is eternal!”

Leader: Come! Worship God!

**Those who are able may stand*

I will wor-ship you, Lord, with all of my
 might, I will praise you with a psalm; I will
 wor-ship you, Lord, with all of my might, I will
 praise you all day long. For thou, O Lord, art
 glo - ri - ous, and thy name is great-ly to be praised;
 May my heart be pure and ho - ly in thy sight as I
 wor-ship you with all of my might. I will might.

Am7 D7 Gmaj7 C
 May my heart be pure and ho-ly in thy sight as I

Bsus B7 Em D/B Em
 wor-ship you with all of my might.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

O God, you heal the brokenhearted; save us from sin when we inflict pain on our neighbors. We bear grudges against those who deceive us. We seek revenge on those who hurt us. Some we judge inferior, since they don't meet our standards. Others we deem unworthy of our respect and support. Jesus demonstrated compassion and love for all who were afflicted. Forgive us, O God, when we believe that we can't possibly love like Jesus did and so we don't even try. This we ask in His name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS*

Leader: We have seen the Light.

People: We have heard the call.

Leader: We will dance in the Light with our God.

People: The Light has splintered our darkness.

Leader: God has forgiven us and calls us to dance.

People: We go forth to answer with our lives.

OUR SUNG RESPONSE* *"Gloria, Gloria"*

(Sung 3 times)

Canon (A) Jacques Berthier, 1979

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PASSING THE PEACE*

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us turn to our neighbor and greet one another with the peace of Christ.

WELCOME VISITORS

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM **"THE QUESTION"**

Words and Music by Joseph M. Martin

TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN

Afterwards, preschoolers who wish may go to the Nursery.

OPENING OUR HEARTS TO GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13, 14: 1a

Leader: This is the World of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"MAKE LOVE YOUR AIM"

-Guest Preacher Sharon Brundage


WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN*

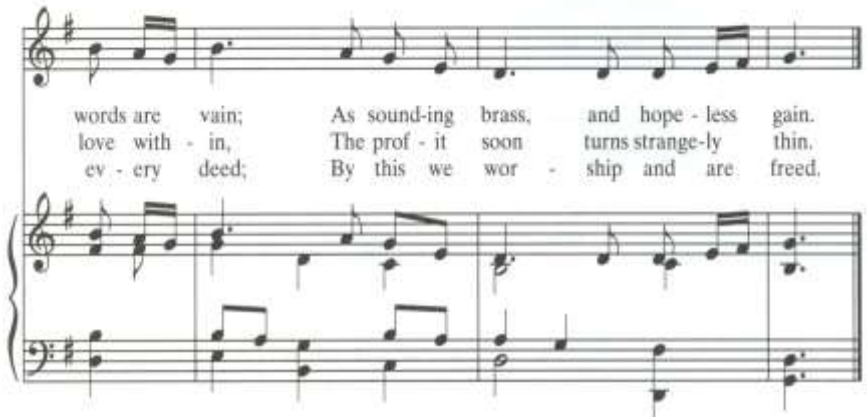
"Though I May Speak"



1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire, And have the
2. Though I may give all I pos - sess, And striv - ing
3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol, Our spir - its



gift to all in - spire, And have not love, my
so my love pro - fess, But not be given by
long to be made whole, Let in - ward love guide



words are vain; As sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
love with - in, The prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
ev - ery deed; By this we wor - ship and are freed.

BLESSING OF 50 YEARS – BERT & SARAH KOPPEL

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(unison)

**Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us
our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is
the kingdom and power and glory forever. Amen.**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S INVITATION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OUR SUNG RESPONSE*

"Praise God, From All Blessing Flow"

By Avery and Marsh

**Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow;
Praise God, all crea-tures here be-low:
Praise God a-bove, ye heavn-ly host:
Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly ghost.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

(unison)

God of all grace and goodness, throughout the ages you have looked after the needs of your children; we thank you for your mercy. Bless the words we speak, that they may proclaim your greatness. Look with favor on those acts we perform, that we may show others your tender love. Make us responsive to the high calling of Jesus, as we offer you gifts in his name. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN*

(See page 10)

BENEDICTION*

Leader: Until we meet again,

People: Walk gently in the way.

Leader: Dwell in the hollow of God's hand;

People: Rejoice, and serve, and pray!

Leader: And may the peace of God be with you forevermore!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE*

"As You Travel From This Place"

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff to indicate accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staff.

(A) D A
As you trav - el from this place our love is

Bm Em Bm
with you, When you jour - ney near at hand or far a -

A F#m F#m7
broad. All the life we've shared to - geth - er will con -

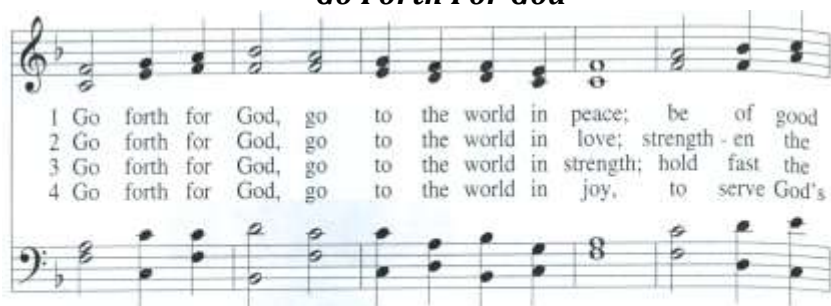
Bm7 Em7 A
tin - ue, As you grow in the know - ledge,

G A Em7 A D (A)
learn of the wis - dom, and live in the spir - it of our God.

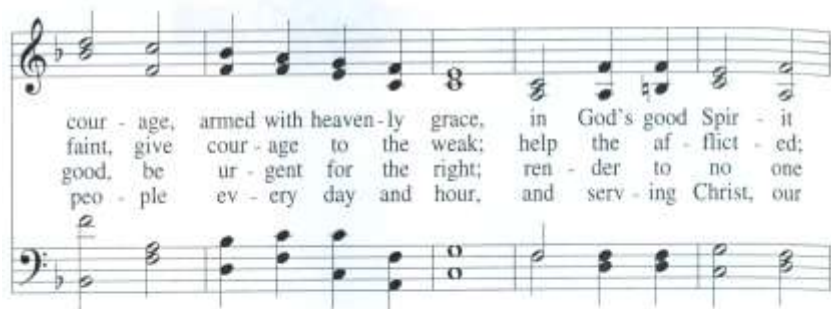
POSTLUDE*

CLOSING HYMN*

"Go Forth For God"



1 Go forth for God, go to the world in peace; be of good
2 Go forth for God, go to the world in love; strength - en the
3 Go forth for God, go to the world in strength; hold fast the
4 Go forth for God, go to the world in joy, to serve God's



cour - age, armed with heav - en - ly grace, in God's good Spir - it
faint, give cour - age to the weak; help the af - flict - ed;
good, be ur - gent for the right; ren - der to no one
peo - ple ev - ery day and hour, and serv - ing Christ, our



dai - ly to in - crease, till in the king - dom we see face to
rich - ly from a - bove God's love sup - plies the grace and power we
e - vil; Christ at length shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his
ev - ery gift em - ploy, re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spir - it's



face. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.
seek. Go forth for God, go to the world in love.
light. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.
power. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

PARISH NOTES

*"How good it is to sing praises to our God!" (Psalm 147:1, NRSV).
Welcome to worship, as we join our voices in song to God our
Father.*

GREETING YOU TODAY

Eleanor Hadley
Shirley Ross

FLOWERS FOR TODAY GIVEN BY:

- Lucy Filler in honor of Peggy's birthday.
- The Koppel's in honor of their 50th anniversary.

PARTNERS IN PRAYER

***This week we are praying for Celtic Cross Presbyterian Church,
Citrus Heights***

"SHOW ME THE SPIRIT"

An exciting new project that aims to shape the future of St. Stephens will launch on **Saturday, February 18!** Details, including place and time, is still in the planning stage as of press time. We do know, however, that it will include food and an invitation to all the congregation to participate as we move through Bible passages that guide us in the way that the Holy Spirit sees St. Stephens going.



Be prepared for this new journey that will lead us through Lent and beyond. For more information, contact SMTS committee member Robin Thompson at (916) 786-3875.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP BULLETIN

Just a reminder the large print worship bulletin is available for you to pick up at the back table.

PER CAPITA

Did you know that we are asked to pay \$22.25 per member every year to our denomination? The fee known as Per Capita is a payment that we make to help support the larger church. Per Capita payments go to support the work of our Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. It also is used to cover the expenses of lay people and clergy who participate in the various committees and governing bodies of our denomination. This year, as in years past, we would like members to consider making the Per Capita payment above and beyond your annual pledge. If you choose to do so it will help us use funds, we have normally committed to Per Capita for our local ministry. If you are able, we would ask that you designate your payment of \$22.25 per church member in your family. You will find an envelope for this use inside the front of your offering envelope box.

PASTOR OUT OF THE OFFICE

Peggy will be on study leave attending the National Association of Presbyterian Clergywomen's Triennial meeting from **January 31 – February 7**. And from **February 7 – 14**, she will be on vacation. Guest Preacher for February 5 will be Sharon Brundage.

LEONA WHITE HAS MOVED

Her new address is: 6650 Crosswood Circle, Apt. #36, Citrus Heights, CA 95621, Phone: 916-560-8817.

CATHY RODGERS HAS MOVED

Windsor El Camino Care Center. Near El Camino and Fair Oaks Blvd. 2540 Carmichael Way, Carmichael CA 95608.
Phone: 916-482-0465.

HEART TO HEART OFFERS FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP

All women are welcomed to join Heart to Heart **every Thursday** afternoon at **2:30 pm** at the church office, corner of 6400 Watt Avenue and Bolivar, North Highlands. We celebrate our spiritual journeys by sharing Christ's lessons through prayer, stories, Bible study and ministering to others. We top it off with a big helping of fellowship with lots of laughter and conversation. This small group has a BIG personality and we are waiting (and praying) for you to join us! Contact Sarah Koppel (331-0652) for more information.



GREEN STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Your recyclables can be brought to church the third Sunday each month. February's scheduled collection will be **February 19**. Of course, special arrangements for the other Sundays or home pick-up can be arranged in advance. Members are encouraged to bring in the following recyclables:

CRV (CA Redemption Value) bottles and cans; Scrap aluminum, copper, brass, iron, tin, insulated wire and stainless steel; Glass bottles and jars (Ragu, jam, salad dressing, wine, etc. Any color!; Plastic containers with the CA Recycling logo on their label. Milk jugs, juice, & other beverage containers are OK, but not dish soap & shampoo bottles; TVs and computer monitors; Car wheels, batteries, and radiators.

Contact Robin Thompson at (916) 786-3875 for pick-up or information. And keep up the good work!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP



Come and be part of the men's fellowship group at St Stephens. The next meeting will be on Sunday, **Feb. 19th at 8:00 a.m.**, at Perko's on Watt Ave. Let's get together before worship for breakfast and conversation. We will be done in time so we can all go to the high school and set up for worship. Everyone is welcome. Call Todd for further information at 331-1934.

DEACON/SESSION MEETING

Just a friendly reminder that the meeting will be held on **Tuesday Feb. 21st** in the church office at 6:30 pm.



PRAYER NET

St. Stephens invites you to make your prayers visible through the use of our prayer net. The tradition of tying strips of cloth to a net to represent prayers lifted to God comes to us from many traditions throughout the world. The

basket on the table holds strips of cloth or ribbon that are intended for your use. Select a strip from the basket, and as you lift your prayer to God, tie one end to the prayer net as a symbol of your prayer. The colors of cloth or ribbon used reflect the traditional liturgical colors and seasons of the church year. Each of these colors will allow you to vary the spirit and intent of your prayer. We invite you to pray with the prayer net as often as you come and go from St. Stephens. The collective prayers show their beauty in an array of color and texture and mood.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Have you noticed that you have lots of boxes (and some bags) in your pantry that have what looks like a little coupon on them? It says "Box Tops for Education." The school where I teach, Oakdale K-8 school, is collecting them as a fundraiser for our 7th and 8th grade students. Each "box top" is worth 10 cents, some double or triple that, and they add up fast! The money raised will be used to provide enrichment experiences to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, the B Street Theater, the fish hatchery at Nimbus Dam, and a local art studio, plus more to be determined, for our young people. You needn't bring in the entire box top - just the small piece that has the logo. I'll be happy to deliver them to the school. Thank you so much!! Dianne Willson 223-3380

TELL FRIENDS ABOUT CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS

Don't forget to tell your friends, neighbors, and relatives that St. Stephens continues to serve as a collection site for old cell phones. You'd be



surprised how many people have old equipment and would love you to take it off their hands! There is a box at the church office for phones, or they can be put through the mail slot if the office is not open. For more information about this mission, contact Bessie Hadley at (916) 331-6851

NORTH HIGHLANDS FOOD MINISTRY MISSION CONTINUES

The Food Closet continues to be our hands-on service to our community, feeding hundreds of local citizens each week. They always need Cup of Noodles, Top Ramen, and canned meals or chili, which is provided to our homeless neighbors, who can then get hot water from local stores and restaurants. In addition, they are currently in need of empty egg cartons, 25 lb. bags of rice and oatmeal (available at Costco, Winco, or Sam's Club), #2 and #3 jarred baby food, and size 3 and 4 diapers. They also request travel-sized toiletries, large and extra large T-shirts and socks for both men and women. Clean used shopping bags are always needed, since it costs them \$15 for 1,000 bags. For more information, please contact Alice Taylor at (916) 331-0345.

SHARING STITCHES

Hello Everyone, Sharing Stitches is back. I have lots of looms, hooks, needles, yarn, and cotton. Bring a friend. All material provided. See you soon.



MONDAY AFTERNOONS – 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sierra Creek Apartments

4500 Elverta Road

Antelope, CA 95843

MONDAY AFTERNOONS – 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sutter Terrace Apartments

6725 Fiddymment Road

Roseville, CA 95747

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS - 6:00 PM TO 7:30 PM

Lamplighter Mobile Park

5040 Jackson St..

North Highlands

CONTACT: PAULA ROSS 916-344-5713

paula5713@pacbell.net or

paula5713@hotmail.com

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Every SUN	Worship Service Center High School	10:30 AM
Every MON	Sharing Stitches Sierra Creek Apt. Antelope	12:30 PM- 2:00 PM
	Sierra Terrance Apt. Roseville	3:00 PM- 4:00 PM
Every WED	Sharing Stitches Lamplighter Mobile Park North Highlands	6:00 PM- 7:00 PM
Every THU	Heart to Heart Church Office	2:30 PM
	Choir Rehearsal Church Office	7:15 PM

TUES- TUES	1/31 -2/7	Peggy on Study Leave attending the Nat'l Assoc. of Presbyterian Clergy women's Triennial meeting	
SUN	12	Communion Services Guest Preacher Ed Fedor	10:30 AM
TUES- TUES	7-14	Peggy on Vacation	
SAT	18	Show Me The Spirit	
SUN	19	Men's Fellowship Perko's Café	8:00 AM
SUN	19	Green Stewardship Program Bring recyclables to worship	
TUE	21	Session/Deacon Meeting Church Office	6:30 PM- 8:30 PM
TUE	28	No Session/Deacon Meeting	



ABOUT US

St. Stephens Presbyterian Church has served the greater North Sacramento area for over fifty years and is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Historically, our congregation has been known for its interest in young people, its caring fellowship and its search to express God's love by responding to human needs in our community and around the world.

STAFF

Pastor:	Margaret (Peggy) Cross
Youth Group Directors:	Kurt & Lyn Bagelmann
Music Director:	Carol Givens
Nursery Attendant:	
Secretary:	Veronica Perez

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on January 29th was 33.

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ST. STEPHENS' MISSION AND VISION

MISSION

We believe that we are called to connect all people to God through Christ and to guide them on their journey of faith.

VISION

We believe that God is our Creator and maker of heaven and earth, that His Son, Jesus Christ, is our Lord and Savior and that the Holy Spirit is Christ at work in us and through us and in our world.

We believe that, through Christ, each person is loved and forgiven and claimed as a child of God.

We believe that God works through spiritually active people to nurture and support the community at large; therefore, we work to develop stronger and healthier relationships among all people.

We believe that worship is essential and strive to make it a part of everyday life.

We are a faithful community that intentionally draws people in to be nurtured, challenged, prepared, and sent out to serve.

We encourage people to grow in their relationship with God, and in discipleship, stewardship and service.

We trust in God for wisdom, courage and direction.

Our Mission: We believe that we are called to connect all people to God through Christ and to guide them on their journey of faith.

“Christ has no body here on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours, yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion upon the world, you are the feet with which he goes about doing good, and yours are the hands with which he blesses us now.”

-Teresa of Avila

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