

St. Helena's Episcopal Church and School

STAFF

The Rev. David G. Read
Rector

Ann Shorter
Parish Administrator

Sheryl Loveless
Parish / Development Secretary

Dawn McLendon
Children / Youth Ministries

Tiffany Jureczki
Director, St. Helena's School

Dr. Susan Matteson
Organist

Whit Matteson
Choir Director / Web Administrator

Bryce Boddie
Worship Band Leader

Lynne Boyers
SHOCK Director (*children's choir*)

Pat Krueger
Senior Fellowship Director

Kerrie Kleinpeter
Nursery Director

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

7:45 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Contemporary

10:10 Sunday School for all ages

11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Service of Public
Healing and Holy Eucharist



First Sunday after Christmas

11:00 A.M.

December 31, 2017

Our Mission:

We, the Family of St. Helena's,
Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
Welcome all God's Children to
Grow with us in Grace and
Proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

WELCOME TO ST. HELENA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SCHOOL

Thank you for worshipping at St. Helena's during this holy season of Christmas. We know there are many visitors, family members, and friends in our congregation tonight. We warmly welcome you to this worship service and to the life of this congregation. Everything you need to participate in worship is found in this bulletin. All baptized Christians - regardless of denomination, tradition, age, or background - are invited and welcome to receive Holy Communion at St. Helena's.

If you would like to learn more about St. Helena's Church, we invite you to fill out a *Guest Card* found in the pew/chair backs or in the foyer. You may drop it in the offering plate or hand it to the clergy after worship. Please pick up one of our blue visitor bags to take home with you.

More information about St. Helena's ministries to children, youth, families, and seniors may be found on our website at www.sthelenas.net. Please let us know how we might serve you. Feel free to contact us by e-mail at rector@sthelenas.net, or by calling (830) 249-3228.

Restrooms are located on the lower level of the Historic Sanctuary and on both floors of Wendler Hall near the interior stairwell.

May you be filled with the love, joy, and peace of Christ this Christmas and throughout the year 2018!

Holy Eucharist

BCP p. 355

Prelude: *Gebet*

Jeffrey Powers, horn

B.E. Muller/M. McCoy

At the sound of the bell, all stand for the Entrance of the Ministers into the church.

Hymn

Angels, from the realms of glory

Hymnal 93

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far; seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,
 ye have seen his na - tal star:
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:



Tune: Regent Square

All standing, the Celebrant says

People Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

People There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Galatians 3:23-25;4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

Sequence

All stand.

How bright appears the Morning Star

Hymnal 497

The image shows a three-system musical score for a hymn. Each system consists of a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, with the piano accompaniment providing harmonic support throughout.

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn-ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing
 2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a
 3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
 pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
 fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voices;
 phim adored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Tune: Wie schon leuchtet

Holy Gospel

John 1:1-18

All stand.

Priest
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came

into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. David G. Read

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Celebrant says

The Candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The Parents and Godparents say

I present NN. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant then continues

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant then asks

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces
of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world
which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer I do.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **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.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **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.**

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

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

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

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

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

The Celebrant then says to the people

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

People Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed for the candidate, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

Amen.

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant then says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

Jeffrey Powers, horn

Johann Sebastian Bach

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant.

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

The people remain standing.

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 him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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:

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all. He 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 Lord 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 he 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:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**Our Father, who art 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

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.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten free wafers are available. Please inform the priest as you come forward.

Prayer ministers are positioned in the transept to the left after communion for your personal prayer needs.

Communion Hymn

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Hymnal 324



1 Let all mortal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
 he will give to all the faith - ful
 that the powers of hell may va - nish
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

our full hom - age to de - mand.
 his own self for heaven - ly food.
 as the dark - ness clears a way.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Tune: Picardy

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

Postcommunion Hymn

Hark! the herald angels sing

Hymnal 87

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

Military/Civil Servants

Please pray for all who serve to protect our lives and liberties.

Matt	Jared	Garrett	Joe
Houston	Lauren	Evan	Cole
Chad	Brian	Danielle	Colton
Bob	Dalton	Art	Sean
Cory	D.J.	Doug	John
Gray	Jason	Chance	Juan
Dave	Robert	Wesley	

What You Want to Know

Messiah Sing-along Come sing like you mean it today at 3:00 p.m. in the Historic Sanctuary. There will be a collection of many voices of varying talents all lifting song; creating a joyous noise unto the Lord. Every voice is welcomed.

Financial Peace Ruth McBride will hold the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace classes in Room 2 at 6:00 p.m. The series runs for 9 weeks and begins on January 18th. Learn how to take control and live in financial peace. Contact Ruth if you are interested.

Fishes & Loaves would like to invite all that are able to join us in feeding the Women's Shelter once a month starting in January! We hope to have small groups formed that would like to get together and cook for others. This is a wonderful way our church can reach out and give back to those in need in our very own community! For more information, contact Karen Medina directly for additional information! Thank you & God Bless!

Weekly Calendar

<u>Sundays:</u>	Worship Services: 7:45, 9:00, 10:10 Christian Ed, 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. St. Helena's Bells, 8:00 p.m. AA
<u>Mondays:</u>	7:45 a.m. Ignite Mid-school Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. Worship Band, 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
<u>Tuesdays:</u>	9:30 a.m. Lectionary Readings Study, 1:00 p.m. Ukulele practice 6:30 p.m. Women's AA, 8:00 p.m. Narcotics A
<u>Wednesdays:</u>	10:00 a.m. Healing Service, 4-5:30 p.m. Rock Solid & Shine, 4:15-5:30 Mid School, 5:30 p.m. SHOCK, 6:00 p.m. High School, 6:30 p.m. Yahweh Sisters' Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
<u>Thursdays:</u>	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. Yahweh Sisters' Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Centering Prayer, 8:00 p.m. Narcotics A
<u>Fridays:</u>	9:30 a.m. AA Big Book
<u>Saturdays:</u>	10:00 a.m. Women's AA, 8:00 p.m. Narcotics A

Staff E-mail Addresses and Phone Extensions

The Rev. David G. Read, Rector	rector@sthelenas.net	Ext. 8104
Ann Shorter: Parish Administrator	ann@sthelenas.net	Ext. 8103
Sheryl Loveless: Parish /Development Sec.	sheryl@sthelenas.net	Ext. 8102
Dawn McLendon: Family/Youth Ministry	dawn@sthelenas.net	Ext. 8101
Tiffany Jureczki: School Director	tiffany@sthelenas.net	Ext. 8112
Susan Matteson: Organist	choir@sthelenas.net	
Whit Matteson: Choir Director	choir@sthelenas.net	
Bryce Boddie: Worship Band Leader	bryce@sthelenas.net	
Lynne Boyers: SHOCK Dir. (<i>children's choir</i>)	shock@sthelenas.net	
Whit Matteson: Website Administrator	webadmin@sthelenas.net	
Pat Krueger: Senior Fellowship Director	seniors@sthelenas.net	
Kerrie Kleinpeter: Nursery Director	childcare@sthelenas.net	
Ron Tribo: Treasurer	ron@sthelenas.net	

11:00 Worship Leaders		Vestry Officers	
Acolytes:	William Tate, David Keith	Sr. Warden:	Tommy Hughston
Altar Guild:	Team: 3	Jr. Warden:	Renee Snyder
EM:	Marie Mayfield, Linda Horton	Secretary:	Tommy Mathews
Prayer Team:	Molly Frishmuth	Treasurer:	Ron Tribo
Ushers:	Jim Rand, Geoff Clarke		
Vestry Host:	Ruth McBride, Linda Lee Gatell		