

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

welcome home

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026

10:00 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 4

Sunday

10:00 a.m. Blessing of Backpacks and Holy Eucharist Worship Service (Church)
11:15 a.m. Farewell Gathering in Honor of Rev. Melina (Parish Hall)

Monday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
12:00 p.m. Before Lunch Book Talk (Garden Room and Zoom)

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
7:00 p.m. Evening Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting (Conference Room)

Thursday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
10:00 a.m. Morning Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)

Friday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

*Morning Prayer is offered on Zoom only, Monday through Friday, at 8:30 a.m.
Questions? Contact Jim Alimena at jim.alimena@gmail.com
Morning Prayer Zoom - Meeting ID: 858 4728 7483 Password: Morning

WELCOME

Cooling Station and Water

If the church is too hot for your comfort, you may sit in the Chapel where there is air conditioning and watch the livestreamed service on the large wall-mounted TV. Water is available in the hallway between the Narthex and the Chapel and by the bathrooms and elevator.

Baptism

The upcoming baptism dates are October 11, November 1, and November 22. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or a child, please contact Rev. Andy for more information.

Families with Young Children Welcome!

Quiet activity "pew bags" and children's worship materials are available outside the Narthex. A staffed nursery for infants through 5 years is open upstairs (2nd floor). Changing tables are in all restrooms.

Summer Parish Office Hours Continue Through September 13

Summer office hours are 9 a.m.–2 p.m., Monday–Friday. Stephanie or Grace will be in the office during those hours.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 30

Before Lunch Book Talk

Resumes on Tuesday, September 1 at noon in the Garden Room and on Zoom. The group will be discussing *American Princess: A Novel of First Daughter Alice Roosevelt* by Stephanie Marie Thornton followed by BYO lunch.

Parish Office Closed

Monday, September 7 for Labor Day

Blessing Shelf

The latest collection is for Ridgewood Social Service Association. Please donate rice, instant noodles, canned foods, dry goods, cooking oil, sugar, salt, breakfast items, and snacks. The collection period is August 2–September 20.

Welcome Home Picnic

Sunday, September 20 at 11:15 a.m.
Save the date!

Progressive Dinner

Saturday, October 3
5 p.m. cocktails at 61 California St., followed by dinner and dessert
\$75 per person
Use the QR code to purchase tickets.



Midweek Holy Eucharist

Resumes on Wednesday, October 7 at 12:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

With Thanksgiving for Faithful Ministry

The people of
St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church
cordially invite you to a

Farewell Luncheon

Honoring the Rev. Melina Dezhbod

as we give thanks for faithful leadership, compassionate pastoral care, and the many blessings of shared ministry.

Sunday, August 30

Following the 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Parish Hall

Please join us for fellowship, gratitude, and the opportunity to wish Rev. Melina every blessing as God calls her to a new chapter in ministry.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Prelude on the Welsh Hymn Tune, Rhosymedre* Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

The Prelude is the first act of worship and sets the tone for all that follows. You are invited to pause from the busyness of life and connect with God during this sacred time.

OPENING HYMN 8 “Morning has broken”

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

GLORIA, Hymnal S-280

THE COLLECT

BCP 233

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Romans 12:9-16a

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 686 “Come, thou fount of every blessing”

Verses 1-2

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

Response before the Gospel: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block

to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Response after the Gospel: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HYMN 686 “Come, thou fount of every blessing”

Verse 3

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Melina Dezhbod

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

BCP 392

THE ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

THE PEACE

BCP 360

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO REV. MELINA

THE HOLY COMMUNION



*An offering is taken at this time. You may place
your offering in the plate as it is passed or use the QR
code to donate securely online.*

THE OFFERTORY *The Prayer*

Music and Lyrics by

*Carole Bayer Sager (b. 1947) & David Foster (b. 1949)
Arranged by Teena Chinn*

DOXOLOGY, Hymnal 380, stanza 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

PROPER PREFACE OF GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

BCP 378

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

SANCTUS, Hymnal S-129

The Congregation may remain standing or kneel after the singing of the Sanctus.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 337

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 we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

AGNUS DEI, Hymnal S-163

Sung while the clergy prepare the Communion vessels.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the consecrated bread and wine at St. Elizabeth's. Those who are not baptized, or those who do not wish to receive Communion, are invited to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward. Gluten-free hosts (bread) are available upon request. When directed by the ushers, the congregation is invited to receive the Eucharist at the altar rail or at the station on the floor. After you receive Communion, return to your pew via the side aisles. If you need Communion brought to you, please let the ushers know.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

HYMN 343 "Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless"

HYMN 339 "Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness"

HYMN 513 "Like the murmur of the dove's song"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

THE BLESSING

BCP 366

HYMN 291 "We plow the fields, and scatter"

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune in C Major*

*Georg Philipp Telemann
(1681-1767)*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Crucifer: Ellis Cole

Torchbearers: Annabelle MacLaren, Lucas MacLaren

Lector: Hope Croy

Eucharistic Ministers: Joan Cooke, Catherine Carter

Ushers: Todd Hoffman, Peter Thauer

Altar Guild: Debra Anderson, Diane Firkins, Sue Reid

Lemonade and Iced Tea Hour: Mary Hayes

Nursery Attendant: Gabriella Ragazzo

Livestream Guild: Matthew Hoffman

A Special Request for St. Paul's CDC Emergency Men's Shelter, Paterson

The director of St. Paul's CDC Emergency Men's Shelter, Natasha McCutchen, is requesting anyone who has additional time and is willing to serve food at the shelter to contact her. There are many open spots. They are also looking for donations of milk, cereal, and coffee. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Natasha by email at nmccutchen@stpaulscdcnj.org. If you would like to donate food for dinner or the specifics listed above via delivery, the address to use is 422 Broadway, Paterson. Thank you for caring about this vulnerable population.

Driving Hope Golf Outing

A Day of Golf. A Lifetime of Impact.

St. Paul's Community Development Corporation

Supporting Stronger Neighborhoods. Building Brighter Futures.

Thursday, October 15, 2026

Sunset Valley Golf Course, 1 Sunset Valley Road, Pompton Plains,
NJ 07444

Registration and Lunch 12:00 p.m. BBQ Lunch Provided

Shotgun Start 1:00 p.m.

Format: Four-Person Scramble

Register Today! Scan to register or visit SPCDC.org/Golf

Questions? Contact: Teresa Johnson teresa.johnson@spcdc.org

(908) 555-1234



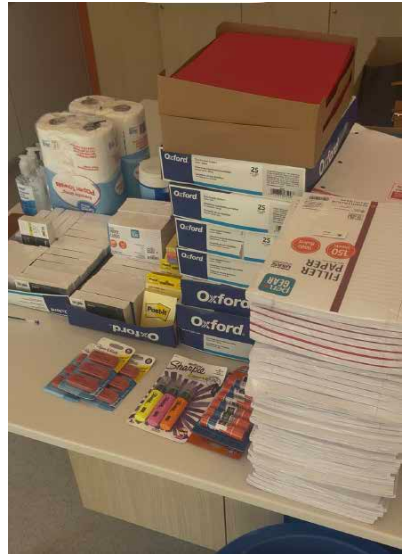
CHURCH SCHOOL 2026-2027

Registration is up and running on our website! Classes begin September 27. Class leaders are still needed, so please consider growing in faith alongside your children. All materials and lessons are provided. Contact Beth for more information. Questions? Contact Beth at bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org.



FROM THE DICKINSON COMMITTEE

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who shared their Hearts, Hands, and Hours in support of PACS Paterson's School Supplies Drive and Classroom Set-Up Volunteer effort!



EPISCOPAL JEOPARDY

Did you miss Episcopal Jeopardy on July 19?

Below is the final category with answers.

Category: True or False

- 100 Episcopal comes from the Greek word meaning "welcome."
False: It comes from the Greek word *episkopos*, meaning "bishop" or "overseer."
- 200 The Episcopal Church is a part of the Anglican Communion.
True
- 300 The last major BCP revision was in 1989.
False: It was in 1979.
- 400 Thomas Cranmer compiled the first BCP.
True, in 1549.
- 500 There is one approved hymnal in the Episcopal Church.
False: There are seven.
1. *The Hymnal 1982*
 2. *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*
 3. *Wonder, Love, and Praise (WLP)*
 4. *El Himnario*
 5. *Come Celebrate! A Hymnal Supplement*
 6. *Songs for Celebration / Songs for Liturgy*
 7. *Voices Found: Women in the Church's Song*

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIA

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in grateful thanksgiving for the ministry of The Rev. Melina Dezhbod to St. Elizabeth's Church; loving memory of Mary Rocks by her family; and loving memory and thanksgiving for the life of Bob Kock by his wife, Sherry.

Mary Szurly is our flower memorial coordinator. Contact the parish office if you are interested in honoring a loved one with altar flowers.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Al	Family of Mary Ann	Midge
Alex Casazza	DeGraw	Milt
Alice	Frank	Nancy Schrempp
Amy Brink	Frankye Crump	Nancy Teichman
Anne	Frederick Bruno	Pat
Barbara	Gaye	Paula Paulson
Bill Brancato	George and Shelley Mackey	Pauline Fiore and Family
Blanca Rojano	Gretchen	Penny
Bob	Gunnip Family	Peter Flannery
Bob Bell	Jack	Prasse Family
Bob C.	Jaime	Qian (Chen) Liu
Bruce	Jamie Whaley	Quinn
Bruce Neandross	Jane Winer	Richard Brunelle
Catherine	Joanne	Rick
Catherine O'Connell	John Berryman	Robbie
Chris	John Mills	Robert
Chris C.	Juan	Robyn Pring
Christian	Julie and Jim Robertson	Rochelle Kilzy
Christina Olkowski	June Bové	Ruth
Claire	Justine and Tom Boylan	Ruthie
Connie	Kate	Sarah
Cookie C.	Ken Thiess	Sarah
Danikka Dillon and Family	Kim Heitzenrater	Segovia Pasichniak
David Barrand	L Russ	Sophie
David Hawthorne	Lequan and Stephen	Sr. Maureen Mitten
David Y.	Dudzik	Sue VanderPloeg
Dawn	Linda	The Rev. Dean Weber
Denny	Lois Chapman	Thomas Maloney
Diane and Frank Barletta	Lora Salt	Valerie
Diane Pring	Lori Cardinale	Vincent Colling
Dick Davies	Marcus Noble	Vincent Desimone
Donna	Margaret	Virginia DuDeck
Doris	Maritza	Virginia Leahy
Dorothea Hickey	Marty Melamed	Wes Pace
Effie	Mary	Winston
Elizabeth Sofia	Mary Ann Newcomb and Family	Yochio Kurahashi
Ellen Ingber	Matthew Garcia	
Evelyn and Steve Dyke	Michael Colling	

We remember those who have died, especially Pat DeSear, Norma Hensler,
Ted Wagner, Doug Judah, Claire Burns Quinn, and Joanne Judah

Prayer List Renewal

*The prayer list has been refreshed for Pentecost. To add a name—whether for
intercessions or thanksgivings—please contact the parish office.*

ST. ELIZABETH'S STAFF AND VESTRY

Rector

The Rev. D. Andrew Olivo

Assistant Rector

The Rev. Melina Dezhbod

Associate Priests

The Rev. Susan Schink

The Rev. Dr. Richard Sloan

Organist and Choirmaster

Garah Landes

Associate Choirmaster

Jennifer Hommez

Associate for Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

Beth Van Emburgh

Director of Finance and Administration

Grace Arscott

Parish Life Coordinator

Stephanie Doyle

Sexton

Fredy Reyes

Soloists

Jeffrey Castellano, Alicia Luick,

Daniel Peretto, Anastasia Swope

Wardens

Sandy Sullivan '28, Mike Dickson '27

Treasurer

Steve Gorey

Assistant Treasurer

Denise Barrand

Clerk

Catherine Carter

Vestry

Denise Barrand '27

Catherine Cardew '27

Bruce Firkins '27

Steve Gorey '27

Steve Anderson '28

Joan Cooke '28

Jeremy Sabella '28

Elizabeth Thauer '28

Christopher Aquilino '29

Catherine Carter '29

Stacy Wilson '29

Lauren Winter '29



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