



# St Philip's

episcopal church

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*a church for all people*

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
HOLY EUCHARIST  
WITH CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS  
10 AM, DECEMBER 29, 2024

# Welcome!

## Regular Sundays

- 8 AM | Holy Eucharist – *Chapel*  
9 AM | Intergenerational Holy Eucharist – *Parish Hall*  
9:50 AM | Children's Formation – *Parish House, 2nd Floor*  
Youth Formation – *Parish House, Lower Level*  
10 AM | Adult Forum – *Parish Hall*  
11 AM | Holy Eucharist with Choir – *Church*  
Social Hour – *Parish Hall*

## Regular Wednesdays

- 5:30 PM | Holy Eucharist – *Church*  
5:30-6:30 PM | Dinner – *Parish Hall*  
6-6:25 PM | Family Choir – *Gathering Room, 2nd Floor*  
6:30-7 PM | Handbell Choir – *Lower Level, Room B-1*  
6:30-7 PM | Junior Choir – *Lower Level, Choir Room*  
6:30-7:30 PM | Engage! – *Parish House*

**Bathrooms** are in the parish house (in hallway outside parish hall).

## Regular schedule resumes:

<b>Wednesday Eucharist:</b>	<i>Jan. 1</i>
<b>Regular Sunday worship:</b>	<i>Jan. 5</i>
<b>Sunday Adult Forum:</b>	<i>Jan. 5</i>
<b>Wednesday dinner/programs:</b>	<i>Jan. 8</i>
<b>Children/Youth formation:</b>	<i>Jan. 12</i>

**Visitor cards** can be found throughout the campus.

*If you're here for the first time, please fill out a visitor card! Put your completed visitor card in the offering plate, or hand it to one of our clergy after the service.*

## Christian Education

*We offer a variety of formation programs for all ages that deepen our faith.*

### **Children** (birth-5th grade)

**9:50 a.m. Sundays**

*Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program  
Parish House, 2nd floor*

### **Youth** (6th-12th grade)

**9:50 a.m. Sundays**

*Journey to Adulthood program  
Parish House, lower level*

### **Adults**

**10 a.m. Sundays – Adult Forum**

**6:30 p.m. Wednesdays – Engage!**

*Check your bulletin for upcoming adult formation offerings.*

## Worshiping with Children

Children are welcome at all services. We know kids wiggle and make noise – that's okay! Tips for engaging children in worship: Sit where they can see what's happening and point out what's happening during the service; help your child follow along in the bulletin; and bring quiet toys that are special for church. If your child needs a break from the service, feel free to walk them out and encourage them to come back and try again. Know that you probably notice your child's noises and wiggles more than anyone else.

Children's worship materials are available in the parish hall and church.

## Regular Sunday Nursery

**8:45 a.m. - End of 11 a.m. service**

**First floor, off of Parish Hall**

**Infants - kindergarten**

Please sign your children in and out of the nursery. You'll be asked to complete a registration form if it's your child's first visit.

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Organ Voluntary

## Opening Hymn

Once in royal David's city

Hymnal 102

*All stand as able when the bell rings.*

*Verse 1 – Solo*

*Verse 2 – Choir*

*All sing the remaining verses.*

*Due to copyright, a digital version of this hymn is unavailable.  
Please enjoy listening to the music.*

## Christmas Bidding Prayer

*The Priest says*

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against God until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise. But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which Christ died, and especially for the Church in our country and in this city. And because God particularly loves them, let us remember in God's name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

The Almighty God bless us with God's grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

## The First Lesson

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

*All sit.*

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel."

And to the man God said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,  
and have eaten of the tree  
about which I commanded you,  
'You shall not eat of it,'  
cursed is the ground because of you;  
in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;  
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.  
By the sweat of your face  
you shall eat bread  
until you return to the ground,  
for out of it you were taken;  
you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return."

## Carol

Adam lay ybounden,  
Bounden in a bond;  
Four thousand winter,  
Thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple,  
An apple that he took.  
As clerkes finden,  
Written in their book.

Ne had the apple taken been,  
The apple taken been,  
Ne had never our lady,  
A been heav'ne queen.

Blessed be the time  
That apple taken was,  
Therefore we moun singen.  
Deo gratias!

15th Century English Text  
Music by Boris Ord (1897-1961)

## The Second Lesson

*Genesis 22:15-18*

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

## Carol

This is the truth sent from above,  
The truth of God, the God of love,  
Therefore don't turn me from your door,  
But hearken all both rich and poor.

The first thing which I do relate  
Is that God did man create;  
The next thing which to you I'll tell  
Woman was made with man to dwell.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes,  
Till God the Lord did interpose;  
And so a promise soon did run  
That he would redeem us by his Son

And at that season of the year  
Our blest Redeemer did appear;  
He here did live, and here did preach,  
And many thousands he did teach.

Thus he in love to us behaved,  
To show us how we must be saved;  
And if you want to know the way,  
Be pleased to hear what he did say.

Traditional English Text  
R. Vaughn Williams (1872-1958)

# The Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.  
For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

## Carol

Unto us a boy is born

Hymnal 98

All stand and sing.



1 Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -  
2 Cra - dled in a stall was he with sleep - y cows and  
3 He - rod then with fear was filled; "A prince," he said, "in  
4 Now may Ma - ry's son, who came so long a - go to  
\*5 Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -



1 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the  
2 ass - es; but the ve - ry beasts could see that  
3 Jew - ry!" All the lit - tle boys he killed at  
4 love us, lead us all with hearts a - flame un -  
5 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the



1 Lord of ev - ery na - - - tion.  
2 he all men sur - pass - - - es.  
3 Beth - lehem in his fu - - - ry.  
4 to the joys a - bove \_\_\_\_\_ us.  
5 Lord of ev - ery na - - - tion.

Words: Latin carol, 15th cent., tr. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936), alt. Music: *Puer nobis nascitur*, melody from *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; harm. Geoffrey Turton Shaw (1879-1943).

## The Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9

*All sit.*

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
    who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
    one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
    from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
    when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
    to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
    in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
    to the ends of the earth.



# Carol

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming

Hymnal 81, verses 1-2

All stand and sing.

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!  
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,  
\* 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.  
with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.  
dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the  
To show God's love a - right, she bore to  
true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.  
us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.  
death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

Words: St. 1-2 German, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934). St. 3, Friedrich Layritz (1808-1859); tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth (1845-1925); ver. *Hymnal 1940*. St. 3, Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Es ist ein Ros*, melody from *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599; harm. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621).

*All sit.*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

## Carol

Of one that is so fair and bright  
Velut maris stella,  
Brighter than the day is light,  
Parens et puella:  
I cry to thee, thou see to me, Lady, pray thy Son for me  
Tam pia,  
That I may come to thee.  
Maria!  
All this world was forlorn  
Eva peccatrice,  
Till our Lord was y-born  
De te genetrice.  
With ave it went away Darkest night, and comes the day  
Salutis  
The well springeth out of thee.  
Virtutis.  
Lady, flow'r of ev'rything,  
Rosa sine spina,  
Thou bare Jesu, Heaven's King,  
Gratia divina:  
Of all thou bear'st the prize, Lady, queen of paradise  
Electa:  
Maid mild, mother es Effecta.  
Effecta.

Anonymous Text  
Music by Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

# The Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:1, 3-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

## Carol

O little town of Bethlehem

Hymnal 78

*All stand and sing.*

*Unison or harmony*



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
\*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,  
5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;  
5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,  
5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.  
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893). Music: *Forest Green*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

## The Seventh Lesson

*Luke 2:8-16*

*All sit.*

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see— I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
 and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

## Carol

Ding dong, merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing;  
ding dong, verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing.  
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!  
E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen,  
And io, io, io, by priest and people sungen.  
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!  
Pray ye dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers;  
may ye beautifully rhyme your evetime song, ye singers.  
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!

Words by George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)

Music: 16th Century French Tune harmonized by Charles Wood (1866-1926)

## The Eighth Lesson

*Matthew 2:1-11*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

# Carol

In the bleak midwinter

Hymnal 112

All stand and sing.

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
 2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;  
 3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,  
 4 What can I give him, poor as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:  
 cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim throng - ed the air;  
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed  
 but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,  
 if I were a wise man, I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
 the Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.  
 wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.  
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894). Music: *Cranham*, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934).

## The Ninth Lesson

*John 1:1-14*

*All sit.*

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.

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
 2 God from — God, — Light from Light e - ter - nal, —  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, —  
 \*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle, —  
 \*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger, —

1 come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 2 lo! he ab - hors — not the Vir - gin's womb;  
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;  
 4 leav - ing their flocks, — draw — nigh to gaze;  
 5 we would em - brace — thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son — of the Fa - ther;  
 3 glo - ry to God, — glo - ry in the high - est;  
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;  
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -



dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6      Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
           born this happy morning;  
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
 Word of the Father,  
 now in flesh appearing;

*Refrain*

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others. Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

## The Collect

*The Priest says*

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.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## Greetings and Announcements

# The Holy Communion

*The Celebrant continues with the offertory sentence.  
Please stand as the bread and wine are brought forward.*

## Offertory Anthem

Verbum caro factum est  
Habitavit in nobis  
Notum fecit Dominus  
Salutare suum  
Prope invocavit me  
Pater meus es tu

Word was made flesh  
Dwelt among us  
The Lord has made known to us.  
His salvation for us.  
Near, he called on me.  
You are my father.

Text: Anonymous 15th Century English based on John 1  
Music: 15th Century Carol edited by Richard Proulx (1937-2019)

## Presentation Hymn

Joy to the World

Hymnal 100, vs. 1, 2, and 4

*Please stand as you are able.*

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
\*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

- 1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
- 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
- 3 far as the curse is found, far
- 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,  
 peat the sound - ing joy,  
 as the curse is found,  
 won - ders of his love,

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

## The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

*Celebrant* *People*  
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
 It is right to give God 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 you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

## Sanctus et Benedictus

*All Sing.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*The Celebrant continues*


We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."


### Memorial Acclamation

*Celebrant*




There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

*Celebrant and People*



We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -



rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all, presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.


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.

*Celebrant* *People*



A - men.

## The Lord's Prayer



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

# Agnus Dei

*All sing.*



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy



on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy



on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

*Celebrant* Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

*People* **May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.**

*Communion is offered in the form of bread and wine. To receive bread only, open your hands, where the priest will place a wafer (gluten-free wafers available).*

*Wine is offered through sipping from the cup or intinction by the chalice bearer. To drink from the cup, first consume the bread. When the chalice bearer approaches, gently guide the cup to your mouth. For intinction, the chalice bearer will take the bread, dip it in the wine, and place it back in your hand.*

*If you would like to receive a blessing in place of communion, please come forward to the altar and place your hands across your chest.*

## Communion Motet

O magnum mysterium  
Et admirabile sacramentum,  
Ut Animalia viderent Dominum natum,  
Jacentem in praesepio.  
O beata virgo,  
cujus viscera meruerunt portare  
Dominum Jesum Christum.  
Alleluia

O great mystery,  
and wonderful sacrament,  
that animals should see the new-born Lord,  
lying in a manger!  
Blessed is the Virgin  
whose womb was worthy to bear  
our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!

Text from the Matins of Christmas in the Roman Breviary  
Music by Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

# Communion Hymn

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Hymnal 324



1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, 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!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885). Music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906.



# Communion Hymn

Of the Father's love begotten

Hymnal 82



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -  
 2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,  
 3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
 4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,  
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that  
 bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the  
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on  
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry



are, that have \_\_\_\_\_ been, and that fu - ture  
 world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his  
 earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in  
 and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal



years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
 sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
 con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
 vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_

This hymn may be performed in equal note values: ♩ ♪ ♪ ♪

Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410?); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt. Music: *Divinum mysterium*, Sanctus trope, 11th cent.; adapt. *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; acc. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956).

## Postcommunion Prayer

*The Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**God of all grace,  
may we live in expectation and hope,  
and may the gifts we have received at this table  
remind us not only of the gift of your Christ,  
but of your steady presence among us,  
that we may act faithfully in response to your love.**

## The Christmas Blessing

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**



1 O Sa - vior of our fall - en race, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 O Je - sus, ve - ry Light of Light, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 Re - mem - ber, Lord of life and grace, \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 To - day, as year by year its light \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 For from the Fa - ther's throne you came, \_\_\_\_\_  
 6 O Christ, Re - deem - er vir - gin - born, \_\_\_\_\_



1 O Bright - ness of the Fa - ther's face,  
 2 our con - stant star in sin's deep night;  
 3 how once, to save our fall - en race,  
 4 bathes all the world in ra - diance bright,  
 5 his ban - ished chil - dren to re - claim;  
 6 let songs of praise your Name a - dorn,



1 O Son who shared the Fa - ther's might be - fore the world knew  
 2 now hear the prayers your peo - ple pray through - out the world this  
 3 you put our hu - man ves - ture on and came to us as  
 4 one pre - cious truth out - shines the sun: sal - va - tion comes from  
 5 and earth and sea and sky re - vere the love of him who  
 6 whom with the Fa - ther we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit



1 day or night,  
 2 ho - ly day.  
 3 Ma - ry's son.  
 4 you a - lone.  
 5 sent you here.  
 6 ev - er - more. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. Gilbert E. Doan (b. 1930). Copyright © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Used by permission.  
 Music: *Gonfalon Royal*, Percy Carter Buck (1871-1947). By permission of Oxford University Press.

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

## Postlude

Organ Voluntary

# Worship Leaders

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## **Lectors**

Erica Jackson  
Maryann Younger  
Bynum Walter  
Carolyn Coolidge  
Richard Stickney  
Joe Chambliss  
Sue Guptill  
Randy Guptill  
Rebecca Slaughter

## **Crucifer**

Henry Sommerville

## **Eucharistic Ministers**

Treat Harvey  
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## **Livestream Support**

Paul Keys

## **Ushers**

Darrell Powell  
James Rives  
Jim Desper  
Lowell Dargbeh

## **Altar Guild**

Virginia Bristol  
Cynthia Gration  
Darrell Powell

## **Verger**

Bill Pierson

# What's Happening at St. Philip's

## Holiday Office Schedule

Tuesday, Dec. 24: Open 9 AM – 12 Noon  
Wednesday, Dec. 25: Closed  
Thursday, Dec. 26: Closed  
Friday, Dec. 27: Closed  
Monday, Dec. 30: Open 9 AM – 3 PM  
Tuesday, Dec. 31: Open 9 AM – 12 Noon  
Wednesday, Jan. 1: Closed  
Thursday, Jan. 2: Open

*Some staff members may be available by appointment.  
Please contact staff members directly to arrange a meeting.*

## End-of-Year Giving

### Is there still time to fulfill my 2024 pledge?

Yes! Please send your payments by December 31. Your timely gifts help St. Philip's pay end-of-year bills on time. Mailed gifts must be postmarked by December 31.

## Adult Forum resumes January 5:

*The Trees Discernment Proposal  
Sunday, January 5, 10 a.m. in the parish hall*

What has the Harris Property Committee discerned about The Trees? Come to our first Sunday forum of the year to learn more about what's been happening at The Trees and hear about the committee's recommendation about The Trees' future. The committee presented their report to the vestry in November, and the vestry will vote on the recommendation in January. Come for stories, conversation, and questions about The Trees!

## Help Us Fill the Gap!

### Fall 2024 Stewardship Campaign

We've seen a 5% increase in pledges this year – thank you to our new pledgers, and to everyone who's increased their pledge! We still have a gap between current pledges and what's needed for next year's budget.

If you haven't pledged yet, please pledge now to help us fill the gap!



**Pledge online**

## Epiphany Chili Cook-off

*January 6, 5:30 p.m. – Parish Hall*

Who will win the golden spoon? Our Epiphany celebration features our third annual chili cook-off before the 7 p.m. service!



**RSVP** 

**RSVP by January 2** to attend, to enter the chili cook-off, or to bring a side dish.

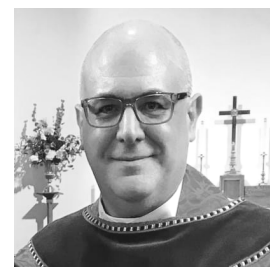
*Got chili questions? Contact Stephanie Johnson at [stephj47@earthlink.net](mailto:stephj47@earthlink.net).*

## Guest Preacher the Rev. Phillip Bass

*Sunday, January 5*

On Sunday, January 5, we'll welcome guest preacher the Rev. Phillip Bass, founding priest of The Beloved Community at The Trees. The Beloved Community is a community dedicated to providing healing ministries outside of a traditional church setting, especially for those who have experienced religious trauma. (St. Philip's supports The Beloved Community through use of The Trees for their worship services and support groups.)

Phillip previously served as associate rector of the Church of the Nativity in Raleigh, and he's also a licensed clinical mental health counselor. Make sure to welcome him on January 5!



## Flowers for The Beloved Community at The Trees

During Advent, we started sharing our altar flowers with The Beloved Community at The Trees. Every Sunday a member of TBC drops by St. Philip's after the 11 a.m. service and gathers the flowers, which then are rearranged to grace their worship space at The Trees that afternoon and evening. (Lucky flowers; they get to hear the prayers and hymns multiple times each Sunday!)

## January Adult Forums: More Light! Unfolding a Symbol

January 12, 19, and 26 • 10 a.m.  
Parish Hall and Zoom

*"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."*

What does it mean to be light in the world? Throughout January and February, join Gabe in exploring activities and experiences related to the collection of meanings that the symbol of light represents in our faith and our day-to-day lives. This series will focus on practical experiences and activities to ground and expand our understanding.

January 12: More Light – Sight

January 19: More Light – Kindness

January 26: More Light – Bearings (Locating Ourselves)

## Engage! Poetry Unbound: Conflict and the Human Condition

Wednesdays: January 8, 22, 29, Feb 5, 12, 19, 26  
6:30 p.m. in the library

Throughout the Epiphany season, join Gabe in listening and responding to a mini-series by Pádraig Ó Tuama, host of the podcast Poetry Unbound. This seven-part series focuses on poems that have something to show us about conflict, peace-making, and the human condition. On Wednesday evenings, we'll listen to a short podcast together (10-12 minutes), then respond using questions and other prompts to help us make insightful connections to our faith and life.

Learn more: [onbeing.org/series/poetry-unbound](http://onbeing.org/series/poetry-unbound)

## Engage! The Heavenly Jerusalem Brought to Earth

Wednesday, January 15  
6:30 p.m. in the library

Our own Norman Pendergraft, chair emeritus of the art department at NC Central University, will give a presentation on art and architecture that "makes use of light as an intentional help to spiritually transport the beholder towards the divine realm." Along the way, we'll come to a new understanding and appreciation of the Gothic and Neo-Gothic Styles.

## Make lunch at UMD

Saturday, January 4, 11:15 a.m.

Every first Saturday, a group from St. Philip's preps and serves lunches for our Urban Ministries of Durham neighbors. Join us!

Contact Cecily Peterson for more info at [cecily.p@me.com](mailto:cecily.p@me.com)

## Ladies' Breakfast

Wednesday, January 8, 9 a.m.  
Foster's Market, 2694 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd

**Schedule change:** Ladies' Breakfast will meet January 8 instead of January 1. Ladies of every age are invited to join us for breakfast. We meet the first Wednesday of most months to share in conversation and get to know each other beyond the "Peace" in church.

Email Darrell Powell at [dl7jp\\_2w8@yahoo.com](mailto:dl7jp_2w8@yahoo.com) or call her at 412-828-0502 for more details.

## Old Guys' Breakfast

Wednesday, January 8, 9 a.m.  
The Refectory Cafe, 2726 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd

**Schedule change:** Old Guys' Breakfast will meet January 8 instead of January 1. Are you an old – or not-so-old – guy? Come have breakfast with our older but young-at-heart men at the Refectory Cafe. All gentlemen, regardless of age, who have time for good coffee, excellent food, great fellowship and conversation are welcome to join us.

Email Ron Thompson at [ncron271@hotmail.com](mailto:ncron271@hotmail.com) for more details.



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The Rev. Maryann D. Younger, *Rector*  
The Rev. Gabe Lamazares, *Associate Rector*  
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