



St Philip's

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
HOLY EUCHARIST
WITH CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS
10 AM, DECEMBER 28, 2025

Welcome!

The Season of Christmas

Welcome to St. Philip's! Join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, beginning with Christmas Eve and Day and extending for 12 more days – because there's too much joy, peace, and gratitude for just one day. We crown the season with a Eucharist for the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6, welcoming the Magi from their long travels and offering gifts with them to the newborn Christ. May your celebration of Christmas ripen and mature each day as we celebrate together.

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

Social time available after all services:

Following 8am: Breezeway entrance

Following 9am: Garden close

Following 11am: Social hour in parish hall

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.

Please ask if you need help – we'll make sure you find the right place.

Worship & Formation

Sundays

8am	Holy Eucharist (<i>Chapel</i>)
9am	Holy Eucharist for all ages (<i>Parish Hall</i>)
10am	Adult Forum (<i>Parish Hall</i>) Children's Formation (<i>2nd floor</i>) Youth Formation (<i>Lower level</i>)
11am	Holy Eucharist with choir (<i>Church</i>)
12:30	Social Hour (<i>Parish Hall</i>)

Wednesdays

5:30pm	Holy Eucharist (<i>Chapel</i>)	
5:30-6:30	Dinner (<i>Parish Hall</i>) →	
6-6:25	Family Choir (<i>2nd floor</i>)	
6-6:30	Beginners' Handbell Choir (<i>Lower level</i>)	
6:30-7	Intermediate Handbell Choir (<i>Lower level</i>)	
6:30-7	Junior Choir (<i>2nd floor</i>)	
6:30pm	Engage! Adult formation (<i>Library</i>)	

Worshipping 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.

Nursery

9:30 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.

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.

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Please enjoy listening to the music.

Bidding Prayer

The Celebrant 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 the manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him 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 his whole world; for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and the 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 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.

And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

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.

The Almighty God bless us with his 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).

The Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-35, 38

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

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum;
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus [Christus].
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus [Christ].
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Traditional Catholic Prayer
Music by Stephanie Martin (b.20th Century)

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

Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light,
and usher in the morning;
O shepherds, shrink not with affright,
but hear the angel's warning.
This child, now weak in infancy,
our confidence and joy shall be,
the power of Satan breaking,
our peace eternal making.

Original German text by Johann Rist (1607-1667),
English translation by John Troutbeck (1832-1899)
Melody by Johann Schop (ca.1590 - ca.1664),
harmonization by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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.

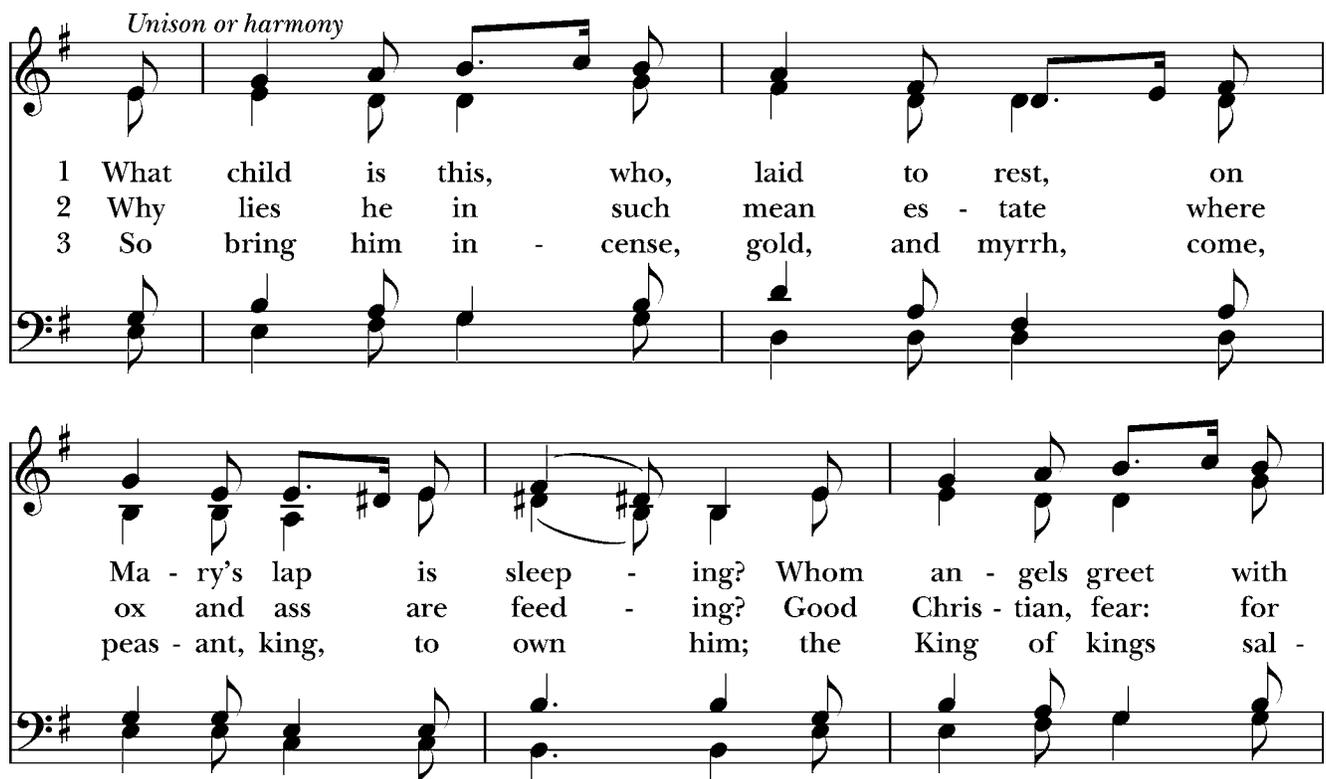
Carol

What child is this, who, laid to rest

Hymnal 115

All stand and sing.

Unison or harmony



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,
Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

Hymn continues on next page.

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: *Greensleeves*, English melody; harm. *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871.

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.

Carol

O Come All Ye Faithful

Hymnal 83, verses 1-3, 6

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;

Hymn continues on next page.

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

Sanctus et Benedictus

Sung by all

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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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.

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The Celebrant continues

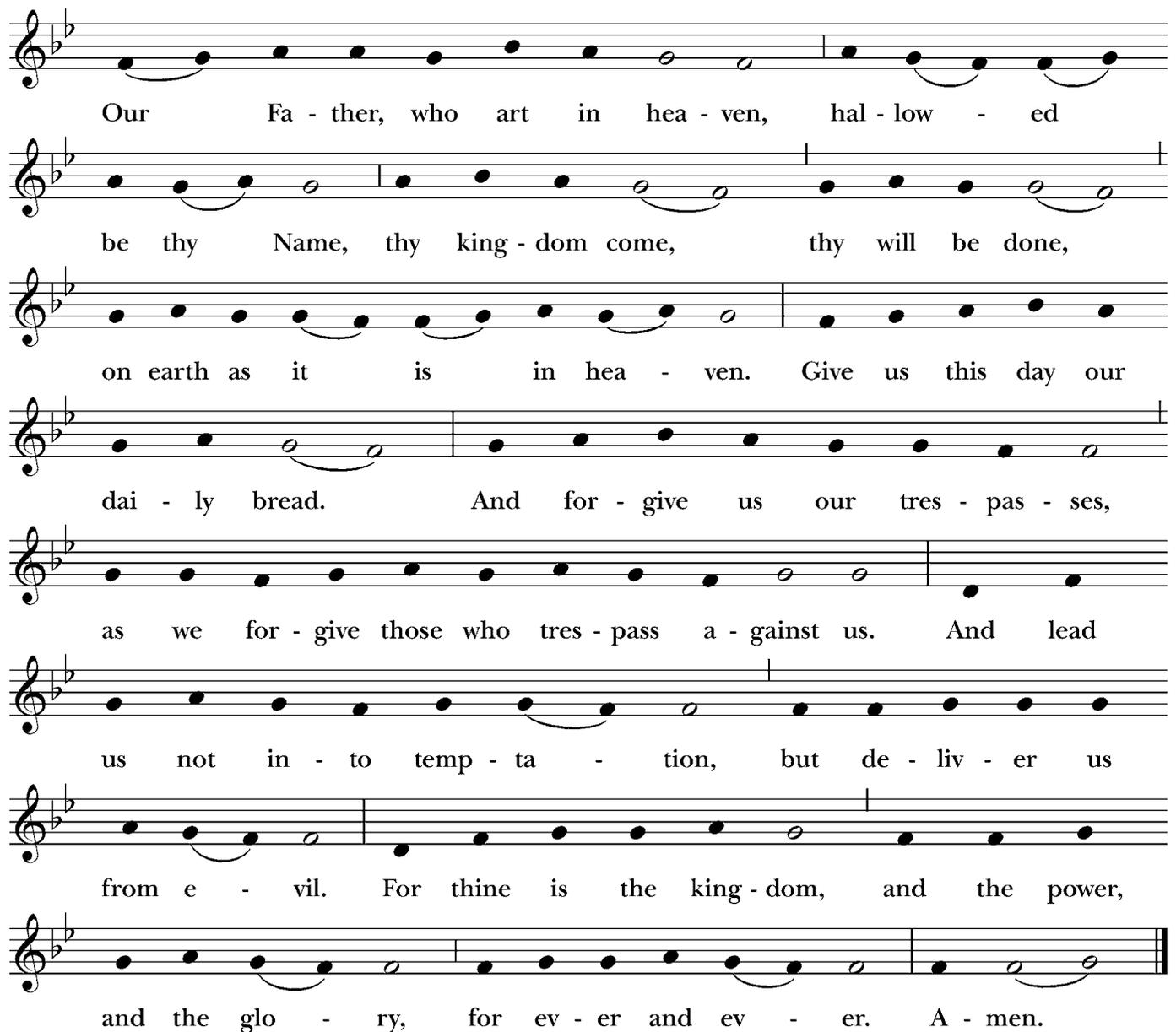
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite 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.

Celebrant

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

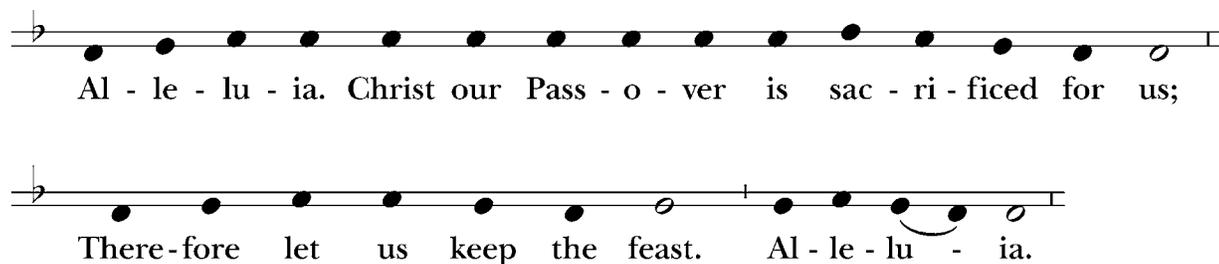


Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - 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.

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The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.



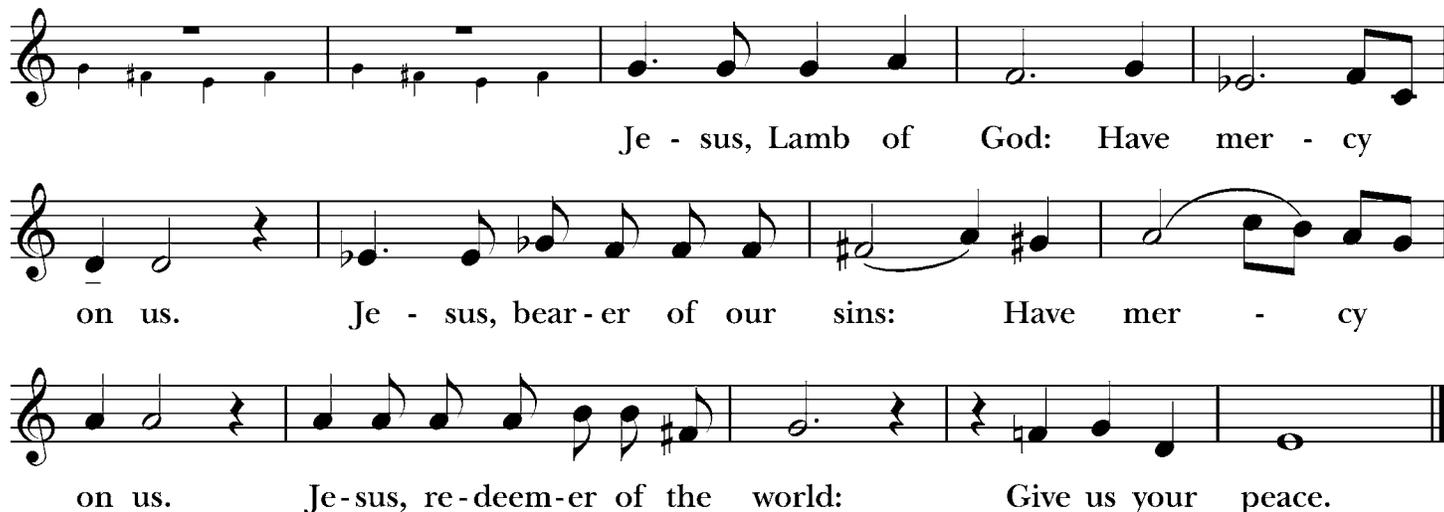
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

Music: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991). Copyright © 1971 Mason Martens.

Fraction Anthem

Sung by all



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.

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992). Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

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

A Boy was born in Bethlehem,
Rejoice for that, Jerusalem!
Alleluya.

He let himself a servant be,
That all mankind He might set free:
Alleluya.

Then praise the Word of God who came
to dwell within a human frame:
Alleluya.

Text: Anonymous 16th Century German, translated by Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)
Music by Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

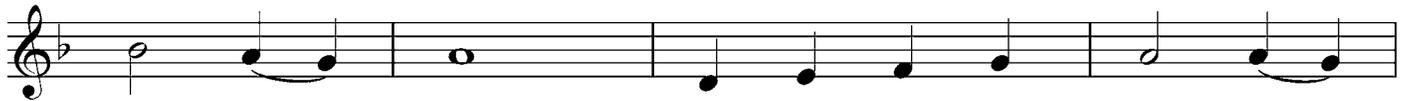
Communion Hymn

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).

Communion Hymn

O Savior of our fallen race

Hymnal 86



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!

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 Music: *Gonfalon Royal*, Percy Carter Buck (1871-1947). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

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.**

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 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!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915).

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

Lectors

Carolyn Coolidge
Junior Choir Members
Joe Chambliss
John Sommerville
Virginia Bristol
Sarah Johnson
Randy Guptill
Maryann Younger
Gabe Lamazares

Ushers

Jim Desper
Freda Tucker
Diantha Daniels
Richard Stickney

Crucifer

Treat Harvey
Amanda Harrison

Eucharistic Ministers

Sue Guptill
Bill Pierson

Livestream Support

Paul Keys

Altar Guild

Virginia Bristol
Cynthia Gratton
Sarah Johnson

Verger

Ron Thompson

Choir

Soprano

Sarah Ázeline
Erin Conn
Nancy Davis
Erin Gasch
Barrett Mardre
Laura Nichols
Salome Sandoval

Bass

Michael Adams
Forrest Burris
Colin Anderson
Jacob Groff
Jack Mitchell
Johnny Reis

Alto

Carolyn Coolidge
Erica Jackson
Kimberly Slentz-Kesler

Tenor

Mitchner Howell
Tim Riggs
David Smith
Gabe StClair
Del Wigfall

What's Happening at St. Philip's

Holiday Office Schedule

Monday, December 29: Open 9 AM – 3 PM

Tuesday, December 30: Open 9 AM – 3 PM

Wednesday, December 31: Open 9 AM – 12 Noon

Thursday, January 1: Closed

Some staff members may be available by appointment.

Please contact staff members directly to arrange a meeting.

Wednesday, January 7

Wednesday Night Dinner and programs resume

Sunday, January 11

10am Sunday formation resumes

End-of-Year Giving

Is there still time to fulfill my 2025 pledge?

Yes! Please send your payments by December 31.

Your timely gifts help St. Philip's pay end-of-year bills on time.

How soon do I need to give?

- **Dropping off in person:** Bring your gift before 2pm on December 29 (contact bookkeeper Laura Dearth at finance@stphilipdurham.org to arrange a drop-off time.)
- **Credit card:** Initiate the gift by December 28
- **Mailed gifts:** Postmark by December 31

Christmas Potluck Social Hour

Today, December 28 • 11am • Parish Hall

Got leftover Christmas goodies coming out your ears? Bring 'em to share at a Christmas potluck social hour! Candy canes, pecan sandies, buckeyes, shortbread, pie, Rice Krispie treats, cheese, chocolate in any form, fruitcake... all Christmas treats are welcome. Note this Sunday's social hour starts at 11am.

New Year's Eve Eucharist

Wednesday, December 31 • 5:30pm • Chapel

We'll gather in the chapel for a special Eucharist to close the year and begin the new one. Join us for some time to reflect on what we'll leave behind and what we'll take with us into the new year.

Epiphany Chili Cook-off & Potluck

January 6 • 6pm • Parish Hall

Who will win the golden spoon and silver potholder? Our Epiphany celebration features our fourth annual chili cook-off and potluck before the 7pm Epiphany service!

Please RSVP by Sunday, January 4, whether you're entering the cook-off, bringing a side dish, or just enjoying some good food. May the best chili cook win!

RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/EpiphanyChili>



RSVP 

Intern Katie Bracy Limkeman's Last Day

Next Sunday, January 4

Katie Bracy Limkeman's last day with us is Sunday, January 4. During her time with us, Katie preached, led Engage! programs, attended various ministries, supported the 9am service, helped create our All Saints' service, and participated in multiple roles at the 11am service. While we're sad for her departure, we look forward to her continued discernment within the Diocese of North Carolina. Join us in wishing Katie well!



Tenth Day of Christmas Social Hour for all ages

Next Sunday, January 4 • 10am • Parish Hall

On the 10th day of Christmas, my true love gave to me... ten lords a-leaping! Christmas isn't over yet! Gather for a festive Christmas social hour with merriment and Christmas treats.

Make Lunch at UMD

Saturday, January 3 • 11:15am

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

Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/umdlunch>

Host Social Hour

Our social hour after the 11 a.m. service is lay-led, and it takes you to make it work! Hosts bring snacks, set them up, and hang around to talk to folks. You'll have a great time! **Sign up** on the parish hall easel, or email office@stphilipdurham.org to request a date.

Community News

Virtual Religious Trauma Support Group

Tuesdays • 7–8:30pm • January 13 – May 5

Hosted by The Beloved Community

Led by Sam Laurent, PhD

Religious trauma refers to the physical, emotional, or psychological distress caused by religious beliefs, practices, or structures. It can have lasting effects on a person's physical, mental, social, emotional, or spiritual well-being. Anyone who identifies as having experienced religious trauma is welcome at this new online support group hosted by The Beloved Community.

For more info and to register:

<https://belovedcommunitydurham.org/ministries>

Support Cold Weather Shelters in Durham

100 Days of Warmth • Contribute or volunteer

Durham's 100 Days of Warmth Campaign envisions a Durham where every person has a warm, safe place to sleep on cold nights. You can help make that vision a reality by supporting 100 Days of Warmth – a coordinated plan to increase the number of safe, warm places available to our neighbors this winter. The campaign supports non-profits operating cold weather shelters, including Urban Ministries.

Learn how you can help:

<https://linktr.ee/durhamcommunitysafety>

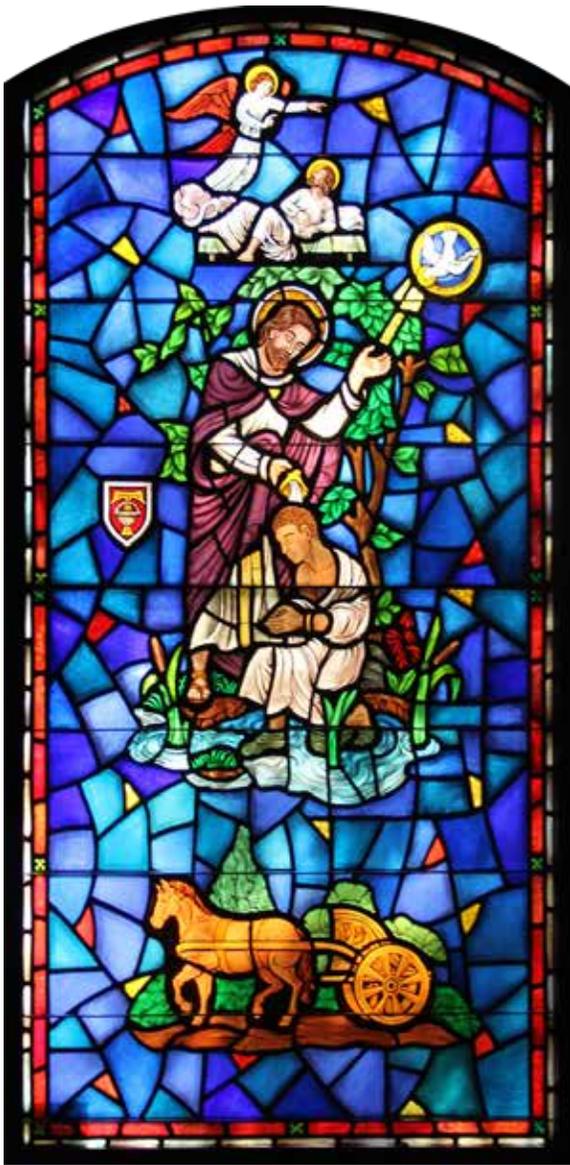


Advent & Christmas

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

Christmas

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| Wed, Dec 24 | 4pm | Holy Eucharist with Pageant |
| | 9:30pm | Carol Sing |
| | 10pm | Solemn High Mass |
| Thu, Dec 25 | 10am | Holy Eucharist |
| Sun, Dec 28 | 10am | Christmas Lessons & Carols with Eucharist |
| | 11am | Social hour Christmas potluck
<i>bring your leftover goodies to share</i> |
| Wed, Dec 31 | 5:30pm | New Year's Eve Holy Eucharist
<i>(no other programs)</i> |
| Sun, Jan 4 | 8, 9, 11 | Regular worship schedule returns |
| Tue, Jan 6 | 6pm | 4th Annual Chili Cook-off (RSVP) |
| | 7pm | Feast of the Epiphany worship |



St. Philip's Clergy and Staff

The Rev. Maryann D. Younger, *Rector*
The Rev. Gabe Lamazares, *Associate Rector*
The Rev. Lisa Fischbeck, *Priest Associate*
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Pogoloff, *Priest Associate*
The Rev. Jim Craven, *Priest Associate*
Emily Sparks, *Ryals Minister for Families*
Chris Reed, *Interim Youth Assistant*
Lewis Moore, *Director of Music Ministries*
Amanda Robinson, *Parish Administrator*
Grace Camblos, *Minister for Communications*
Gwenetta Drewery, *Parish Custodian*
Amanda "Mya" Meyer, *Parish Sexton*
Ashley Eastham, *Bulletin Coordinator*
Tonya Wilson, *Parish Chef*
Laura Kirby, *Executive Director, The Trees*
Olynda Smith, *Operations Manager, The Trees*
Henry Kennelly, *Seminarian in Residence, The Trees*
Katie Bracy Limkeman, *Diocesan Intern*

St. Philip's Vestry

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Sue Guptill	Caroline Wang
Marty Nelson	Emily Yeatts



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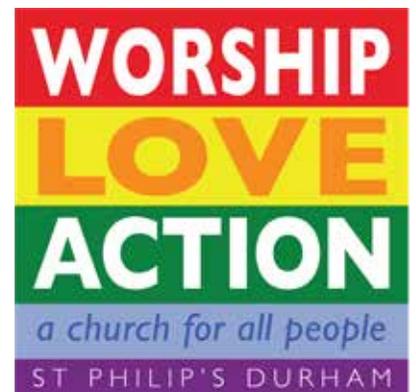


Calendar

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St. Philip's is a church for all people. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you at St. Philip's. We believe God loves us all – no exceptions!