



St Philip's

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a church for all people

CHRISTMAS EVE
HOLY EUCHARIST
10 PM, DECEMBER 24, 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 (Chapel)
9am	Holy Eucharist for all ages (Parish Hall)
10am	Adult Forum (Parish Hall) Children's Formation (2nd floor) Youth Formation (Lower level)
11am	Holy Eucharist with choir (Church)
12:30	Social Hour (Parish Hall)

Wednesdays

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

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.

Sunday Morning Nursery

8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. (no nursery on Christmas Day)

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 prophet Isaiah cries out:
A child has been born for us, a son given to us... and he is named
Wonderful counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.*

*All through this season of Advent we have been longing for the light.
And now, Christ our Light is here!*

*This light that is given, this astonishing event from long ago,
continues to live on in our hearts today.
How wonderful!*

*Merry Christmas, and welcome to St. Philip's on this joyous day, the celebration of
the incarnation of Jesus Christ! As a community of Worship, Love, and Action, St.
Philip's is a church for all people.
It is so good to be with you.*

*If you're new or visiting, please fill out a welcome card located in the pew and leave it
with an usher. You can also find out more about St. Philip's at stphilipsdurham.org,
or on Facebook or Instagram (@stphilipsdurham).*

*For now, please sit back and relax to hear these ancient scriptures and hymns as they
illuminate the love of God coming into the world.*

*While angels proclaim joy
and assure us there is nothing to fear,
we join Mary as she ponders all that surrounds her.*

This mystery, this miracle of new life, born to us once more.

*May the abundant blessings of God embrace you with love and light,
filling you with wonder this happy day.*

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude by String Quartet

Opening Hymn

O come, all ye faithful

Hymnal 83

As you are able, please stand and sing.

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.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant
Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

People
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

Gloria

Sung by all

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

5. you are seated at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

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.
You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
 and all the garments rolled in blood
 shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96

Sung by the choir.

Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of
his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor
of his sanctuary!

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

Anglican Chant by Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
he has made the world so firm
that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

The Second Reading

Reader A reading from the letter to Titus.

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

Gradual Hymn

While shepherds watched

Hymnal 94

As you are able, please stand and sing.

Descant

2 "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou - bled mind;
6 "All glo - ry be to God on high and on the earth be peace;

1 While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the ground,
2 "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou - bled mind;
3 "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day is born of Da - vid's line
4 "The heaven - ly Babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played,
5 Thus spake the ser - aph, and forth - with ap - peared a shin - ing thron

2 "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man - kind.
6 good will hence - forth from heaven to men be - gin and nev - er cease."

1 the an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.
2 "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man - kind.
3 the Sa - vior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:
4 all mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands, and in a man - ger laid."
5 of an - gels prais - ing God, who thus ad - dressed their joy - ful song:

6 "All glory be to God on high
and on the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to men
begin and never cease."

The Holy Gospel

The congregation remains standing for the reading of the Gospel.

Luke 2:1-1-20

Assisting Minister

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People



Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 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.

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,

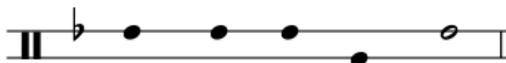
“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

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. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Assisting Minister

The Gospel of the Lord.

People



Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Anthem

As you are able, please stand and sing.

A la nanita nana, nanita ea, nanita ea,
mi Jesus tiene sueño, bendito sea, bendito sea.

A la nanita nana, nanita ea, nanita ea,
mi Jesus tiene sueño, bendito sea, bendito sea.

Fuentella que corres clara y sonora,
ruiseñor que en la selva cantando lloras:
callad mientras la cuna se balancea,
a la nanita nana, nanita ea.

A la nanita nana, nanita ea, nanita ea,
A la nanita nana, nanita ea, nanita ea.

Lullaby, lullaby, lullaby -by
my Jesus is sleepy, bless him, bless him.

Lullaby, lullaby, lullaby -by
my Jesus is sleepy, bless him, bless him.

Little spring bubbling clear and loud,
nightingale singing plaintively in the forest:
keep quiet while the cradle rocks to and fro,
lullaby, lullaby, lullaby -by,
Lullaby, lullaby, lullaby -by.

Spanish Folks Song
Arranged by N. Luboff (1917-1987)

The Nicene Creed

As you are able, please stand.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Intercessor bids the prayers.

Wondrous God, whose love was made flesh on this holy night, hear us, as we pray, and take to your heart all our longings and thanks:

Hear us and help us, O God.

Wonderful Counselor, give wisdom to the leaders of the nations, that they might guide us to peace. Bring an end to all war and violence.

Wonderful Counselor, may your justice and righteousness be established on the earth.

Mighty God, make your church to be one, in spirit and truth, strong with courage and rich with grace. Help us to tell the sweet, good news of your love in all we say and do, and especially as we reach toward each other.

Mighty God, may your church be united in serving the world.

Everlasting Father, help all who suffer to remember your love. Bring relief, and strength to endure, to those who are lonely, dying, and in pain. Help especially with all those who are sick and stay near to those in prison.

Everlasting Father, may the day come soon when our tears are wiped away by your own hand.

Prince of Peace, help us to bring an end to all poverty and racism, which keeps your children hungry and powerless. Grant that your peace would rule in our hearts and in our lives.

Prince of Peace, may you come soon to reign among us.

Child of David's throne, may all who live with you in glory help us, by their example and prayer, to find our way home. Give us, especially, the courage of Isaiah, of Mary, and of John. Grant us the wonder of the shepherds and magi. Fill us with the songs of the angels.

Son of David, make us one with all your saints who enjoy your presence day and night.

The Celebrant prays

Wondrous God, thank you for the miracle and grace of Christmas. May we be true, all the year long, to its call to believe the impossible and to make our humble humanity the place of your dwelling. Hear us we pray, and take to your heart all of our longing and thanks; through Jesus Christ, through the Spirit. **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 you are able as the bread and wine are brought forward.*

Offertory Anthem

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be
upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,
The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Presentation Hymn

Joy to the World

Hymnal 100

Please stand and sing 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

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 people remain standing or kneel. 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."

Celebrant

Therefore, according 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.

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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 blessed Philip the Deacon and 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.

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The Celebrant continues

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.

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.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is a simple, stepwise line of eighth notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, Bb5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, Bb6, C7. The second staff continues the melody with a similar stepwise line: G6, A6, Bb6, C7, D7, E7, F7, G7, A7, Bb7, C8, D8, E8, F8, G8, A8, Bb8, C9.

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.

The musical notation is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three staves. The first staff has a whole rest followed by a half note G4, quarter notes A4, Bb4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, Bb5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, Bb6, C7. The second staff continues with a quarter note G6, eighth notes A6, Bb6, C7, D7, E7, F7, G7, A7, Bb7, C8, D8, E8, F8, G8, A8, Bb8, C9. The third staff continues with a quarter note G8, eighth notes A8, Bb8, C9, D9, E9, F9, G9, A9, Bb9, C10, D10, E10, F10, G10, A10, Bb10, C11.

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

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

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.

Music by Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

Text: Anonymous 16th Century German translated by Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Communion Hymn

God rest you merry, gentlemen

Hymnal 105



1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;
2 From God our heaven - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came
3 "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;
4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:
this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,
and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might."
this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

Communion Hymn

O Savior of our fallen race

Hymnal 86



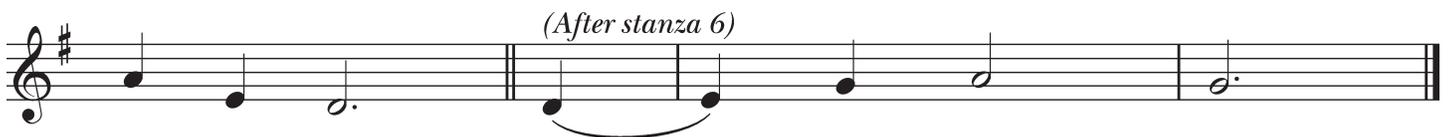
1 O Sa - vior of our fall - en race, _____
 2 O Je - sus, ve - ry Light of Light, _____
 3 Re - mem - ber, Lord of life and grace, _____
 4 To - day, as year by year its light _____
 5 For from the Fa - ther's throne you came, _____
 6 O Christ, Re - deem - er vir - gin - born, _____



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



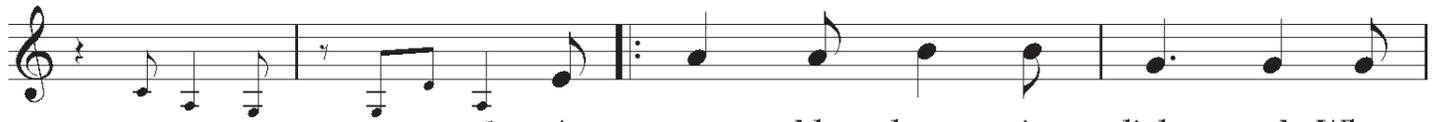
1 day or night,
 2 ho - ly day.
 3 Ma - ry's son.
 4 you a - lone.
 5 sent you here.
 6 ev - er - more. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Communion Hymn

A stable lamp is lighted

Hymnal 104



1 A sta - ble lamp is light - ed Whose
 2 (This) child through Da - vid's ci - ty Shall
 3 (Yet) he shall be for - sak - en, And
 4 (But) now, as at the end - ing, The



glow shall wake the sky; The stars shall bend their voic - es,
 ride in tri - umph by; The palm shall strew its branch - es,
 yield - ed up to die; The sky shall groan and dark - en,
 low is lift - ed high; The stars shall bend their voic - es,



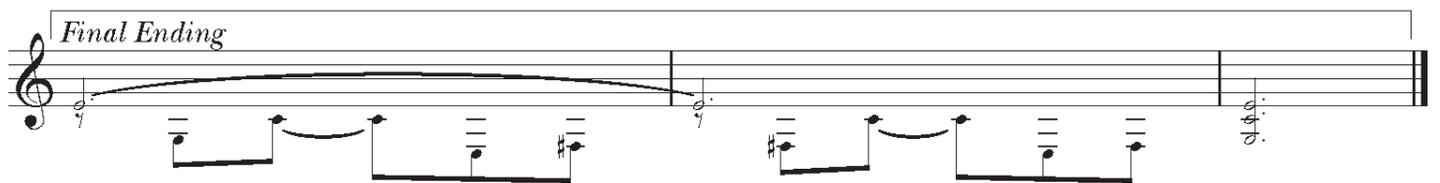
And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry,
 And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry,
 And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry,
 And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry,



And straw like gold shall shine; A barn shall har - bor hea - ven,
 Though hea - vy, dull, and dumb, And lie with - in the road - way
 For ston - y hearts of men; God's blood up - on the spear - head,
 In prais - es of the Child By whose de - scent a - mong us



A stall be - come a shrine. _____ 2 This
 To pave his king - dom come. _____ 3 Yet
 God's love re - fused a - gain. _____ 4 But
 The worlds are rec - on - ciled. _____



Communion Hymn

Silent night, holy night

Hymnal 111

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
 heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885). Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910).

Postcommunion Prayer

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.**

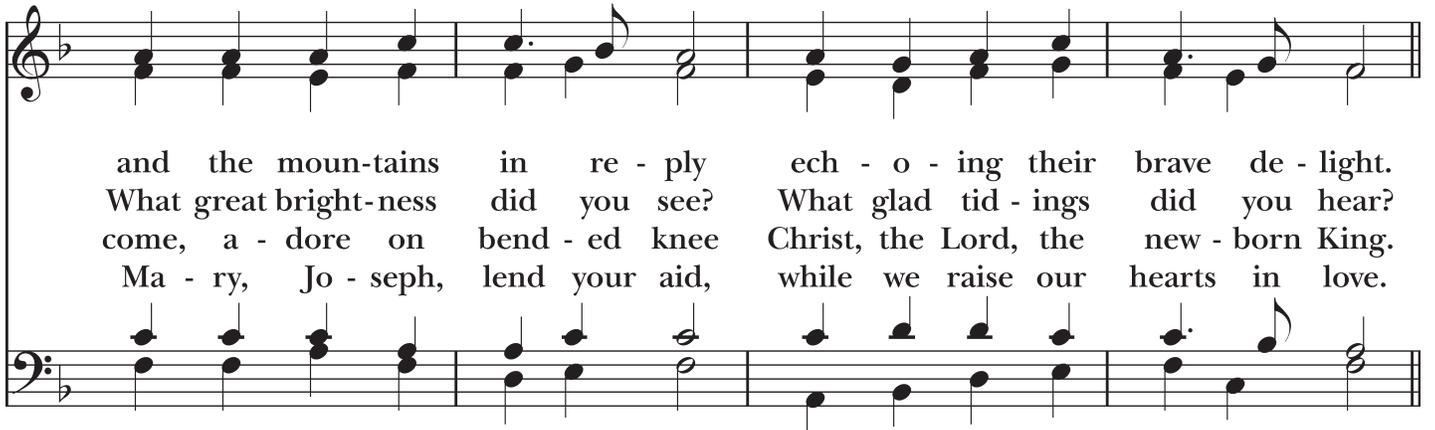
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Angels we have heard on high

Hymnal 96

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

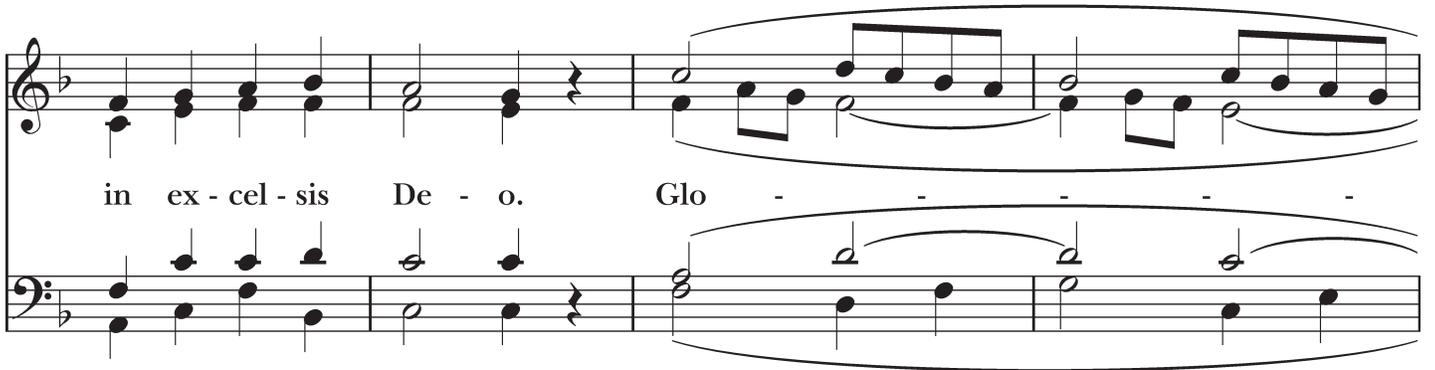


and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain



Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -



- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958).

The Dismissal

Deacon

Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia.

People

Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Postlude

In dulci jubilo

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Christmas Greenery Given to the Glory of God

In Memory of:

Mike Griffis
Elizabeth and Charles Ruffo
Andrew Johnson
Betsy Rollins
Jane Desper Landreth
The Rev. Ted Glusman
Dorothy Manning
Chuck Nordgren
Willie Ip
Sarah & Buck Alford
Susan Reynolds
Dave Bowman
Shearer & Carolyn Bowman
Nancy & Kenan Rand
Kirk Patrick Eidson
Susan Armbruster
Andrew and Maureen Mercer
My wise mother, Loretta Tvrdy,
(by Ellen Tvrdy)
Dearest friends, Linda Burton
White & Christine Blair Cole,
(by Christina Pogoloff)
Ida Whitaker
Betty and Arch Bass, Jr

In Honor of:

Margot Scott Griffis
Julia Bynum Walter
Matthew George Walter
Melynn, Tim, Tyler, and Vivian
Glusman
Mya Meyer
The Rev. Julie Blake Fisher
The Rev. Kip Colegrove
Walter Denning III
The Choir
Altar Guild
Our beloved children, Lizzie and Michael, and their spouses, Steven and Erin (by Christina Pogoloff)
Sally Anne King Pitts
Our grandchildren: Henry, Margaret, Isabelle, and Kiran (by Judy & Dan Pearson)

Donated by:

Mona Griffis
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Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who did the work of greening the church, led by Bill Pierson, Cathy Halloran, and Head Verger Ron Thompson.

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Truman Semans
Jim Desper

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Cecily Peterson

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Barrett Mardre
Laura Nichols
Salome Sandoval

Bass
Michael Adams
Forrest Burris
Colin Anderson
Jacob Groff
Johnny Reis
Alex Smith

Alto
Carolyn Coolidge
Erica Jackson
Valerie Wettlaufer

Tenor
Mitchner Howell
Tim Riggs
David Smith
Gabe StClair
Del Wigfall

String Quartet
Allison Willet, violin
Cortney Baker, violin
Suzanne Rousso, viola
Paula Peroutka, cello

What's Happening at St. Philip's

Holiday Office Schedule

Wednesday, December 24: Open 9 AM – 12 Noon

Thursday, December 25: Closed

Friday, December 26: Closed

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 Lessons and Carols

This Sunday, December 28 • 10am • Church & Online
No formation hour this day. Nursery available 9:30–11:45am

This Sunday we'll have ONE worship service at 10am – Christmas Lessons and Carols with Eucharist in the church. Join us for this beautiful service combining hymns and choir anthems!

The tradition of Christmas Lessons and Carols dates from 1880, when it was first sung at Truro Cathedral on Christmas Eve – the same year St. Philip's was organized. The service includes nine lessons and nine carols related to the Christmas story, with the carols following each lesson illustrating what was read.

Christmas Potluck Social Hour

This Sunday, 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!



RSVP 

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>

Intern Katie Bracy Limkeman's Last Day

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

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>

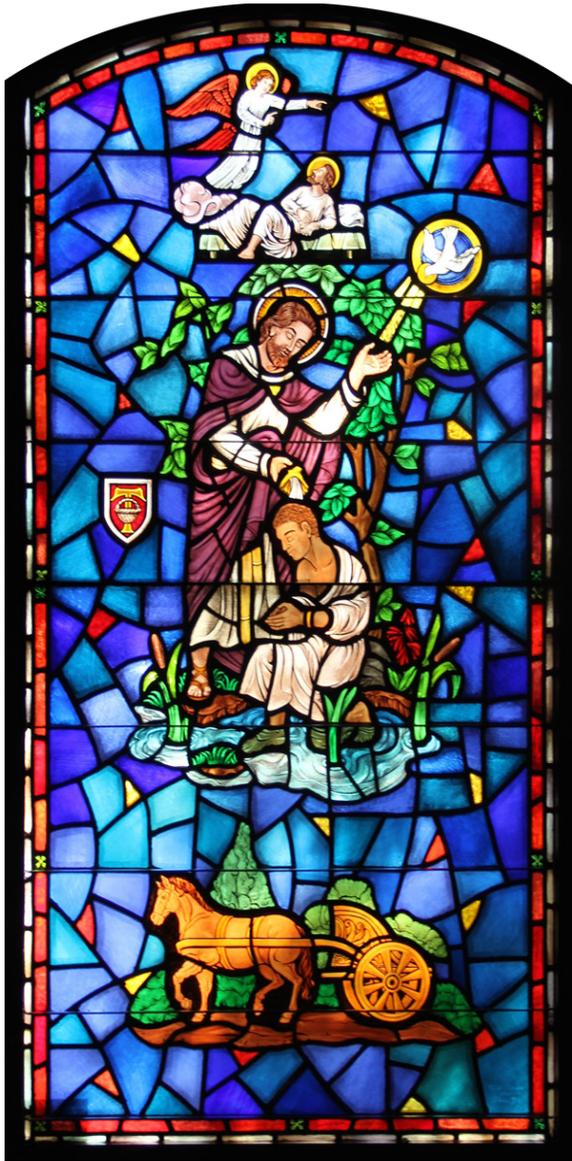


Advent & Christmas

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 |



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Olynda Smith, *Operations Manager, The Trees*
Henry Kennelly, *Seminarian in Residence, The Trees*
Katie Bracy Limkeman, *Diocesan Intern*

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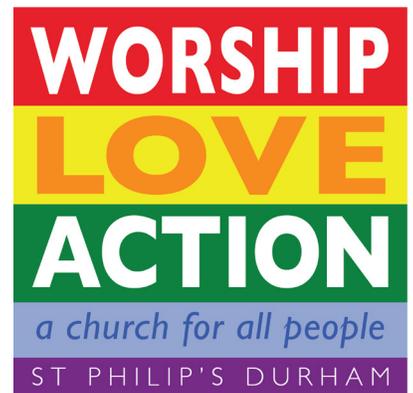


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St. Philip's is a church for all people. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you at St. Philip's. We believe God loves us all – no exceptions!