

Seeking Christ

Journey through Lent

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
HOLY EUCHARIST
11 AM, MARCH 1, 2026

Lent at
St Philip's
episcopal church

Welcome!

The Season of Lent

Welcome to St. Philip's! Lent offers us time to prepare to celebrate the Resurrection on Easter—forty days of practices to deepen our awareness of the dust and glitter that we are: deepening our connection to God, advocating for generosity and justice for the poor, and weaning ourselves from all the ways we try to escape the pain and possibility of our very ordinary lives. Time is short. Our days are precious. There is always time to come back to ourselves, to one another, and to God.

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>)	
6-6:45	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

8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

First floor, off of Parish Hall

Infants – kindergarten

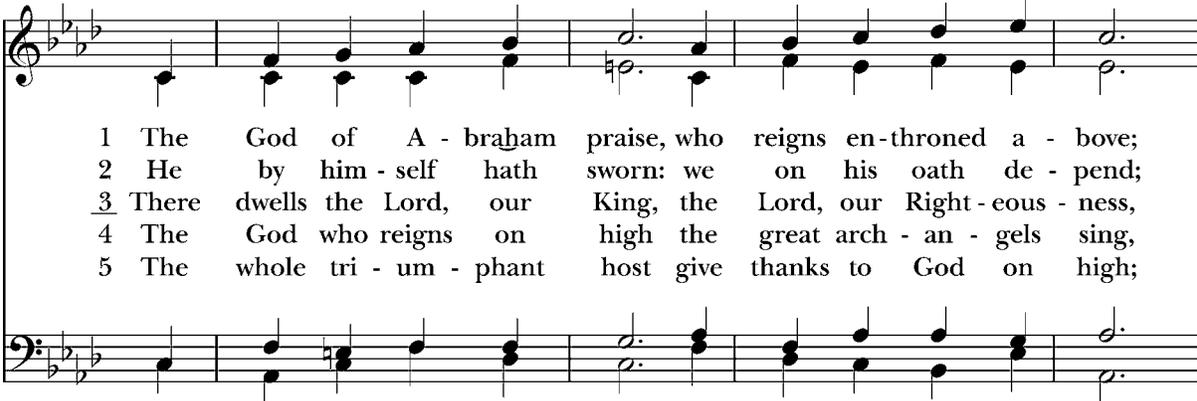
Please sign your children in and out of the nursery. You'll be asked to complete a registration form if it's your child's first visit.

Organ Voluntary

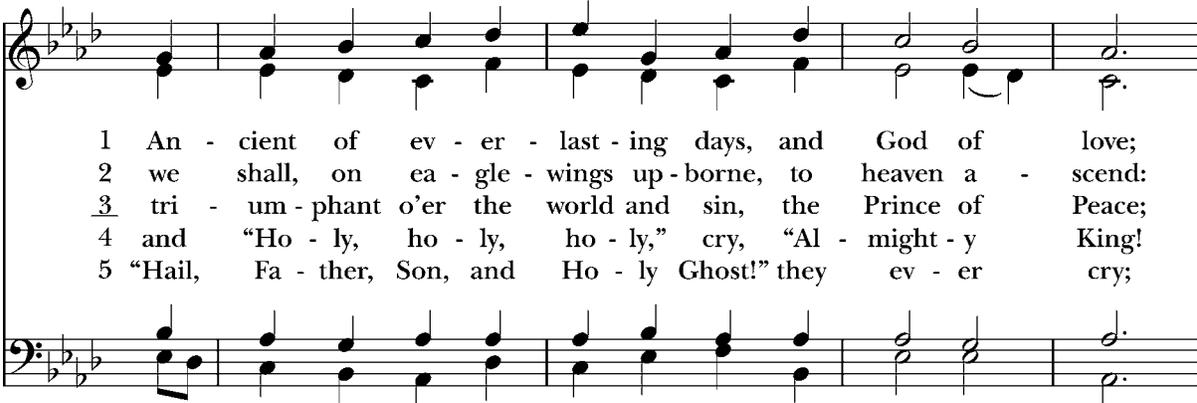
Opening Hymn

The God of Abraham praise

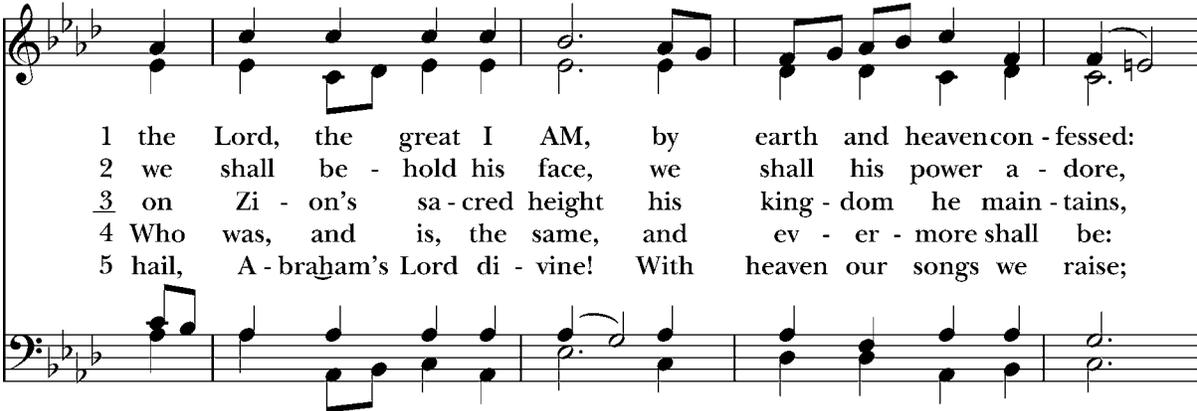
Hymnal 401



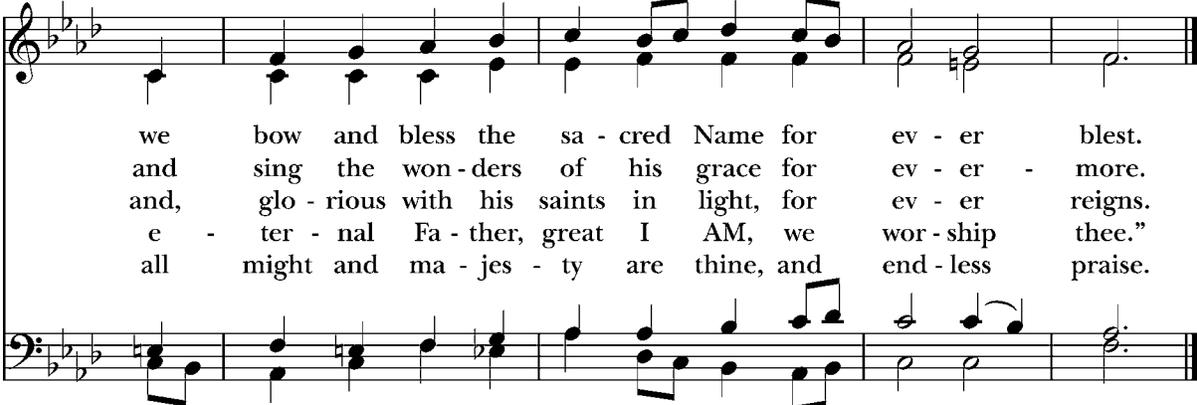
1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

A Penitential Order

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Celebrant continues,

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The Decalogue

The Decalogue may be said, the people kneeling.

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

The Confession of Sin

The Celebrant bids the confession.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

The choir sings the psalm.

Anglican Chant by Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- ² My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- ⁴ Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- ⁵ The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- ⁶ So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- ⁸ The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

The Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878); alt. Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional: oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch*, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926).

The Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

Preacher The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Preacher The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Gabe Lamazares

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able.

**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 Leader and People pray responsively,

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Sam and Jennifer, our own Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health; especially those in the Durham County Jail, **Jason, Ricardo, Travis, Freddy, Andrea, Brandon, Tiquan, Kidane, Brian, and Julio**; in our parish we pray for **Anne, Coye, Erin, Claudia, Cal, Lisa, Nilda, Diane, Nick, Angie, Diane, Karen, Fred, Lily, Sam, Becky, Federico, Lindley, Tom, Michele, Brenda, Clara, Kappy, Andres, Robert, Giles, Ciara, Charlotte, Sandy, Truman, Carol, Madison, Sylvia, Mike, Frances, Cyndy, Beth, Dory, William, Jennifer, Anne, Annette, Justin, Rowena, Sarah, Samuel, Mitali, Louise, Donna, Seth, Lisa, Dorothy, Sharon, Aileen, Paul, Margot**, and for those we name either silently or aloud, (*pause*); we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, (*especially* _____), and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant concludes

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, 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

God so loved the world,
God so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that who so believeth, believeth in Him
should not perish, should not perish
but have everlasting life.

Music by Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

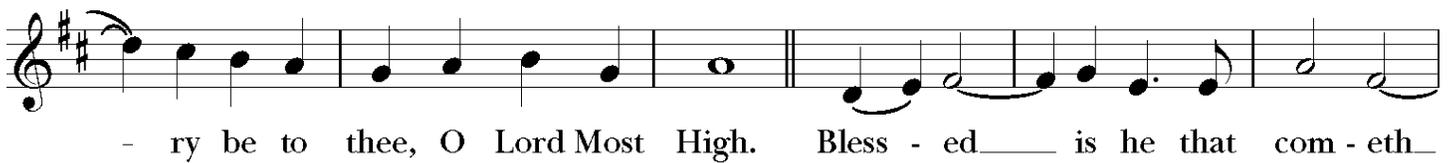
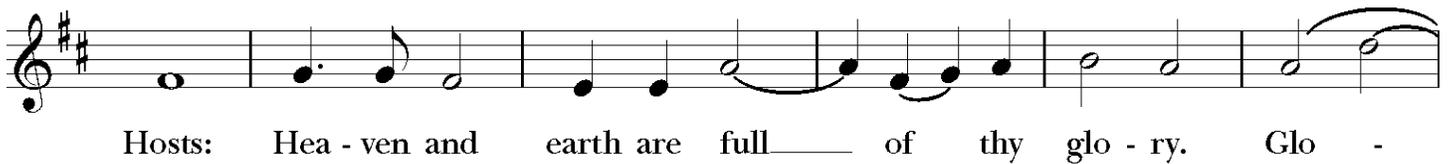
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus et Benedictus

All sing.



The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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

**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 Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Lamb of God

All sing.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

The Celebrant says,

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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 Hymn

And now, O Father, mindful of the love

Hymnal 337

1 And now, O Fa - ther, mind - ful of the love that
2 Look Fa - ther, look on his a - noint - ed face, and
*3 And then for those, our dear - est and our best, by
*4 And so we come; O draw us to thy feet, most

bought us, once for all, on Cal - vary's tree, and hav - ing with us
on - ly look on us as found in him; look not on our mis -
this pre - vail - ing pres - ence we ap - peal; O fold them clos - er
pa - tient Sa - vior, who canst love us still! And by this food, so

him that pleads a - bove, we here pre - sent, we here spread
us - ings of thy grace, our prayer so lan - guid, and our
to thy mer - cy's breast! O do thine ut - most for their
awe - some and so sweet, de - liv - er us from ev - ery

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forth to thee, that on - ly of - fering per - fect in thine
 faith so dim: for lo! be - tween our sins and their re -
 soul's true weal! From taint - ing mis - chief keep them pure and
 touch of ill: in thine own ser - vice make us glad and

eyes, the one true, pure, im - mor - tal sac - ri - fice.
 ward, we set the pas - sion of thy Son our Lord.
 clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to per - se - vere.
 free, and grant us nev - er - more to part from thee.

Words: William Bright (1824-1901), alt. Music: *Unde et memores*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

Communion Hymn

When Christ was lifted from the earth

Hymnal 603

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
 2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and
 3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -
 4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
 al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us
 vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels
 I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.
 as his friends and loves us as we are.
 but a face, a per - son, and a name.
 cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

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Communion Hymn

The great Creator of the worlds

Hymnal 489

1 The great Cre - a - tor of the worlds, the sov - ereign God of heaven,
 2 He sent no an - gel of his host to bear this might - y word,
 3 He sent him not in wrath and power, but grace and peace to bring;
 4 He sent him down as send - ing God; in flesh to us he came;
 5 He came as Sa - vior to his own, the way of love he trod;

1 his ho - ly and im - mor - tal truth to all on earth hath given.
 2 but him through whom the worlds were made, the ev - er - last - ing Lord.
 3 in kind - ness, as a king might send his son, him - self a king.
 4 as one with us he dwelt with us, and bore a hu - man name.
 5 he came to win us by good will, for force is not of God.

6 Not to oppress, but summon all
 their truest life to find,
 in love God sent his Son to save,
 not to condemn mankind.

Words: Epistle to Diognetus, ca. 150; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Tallis' Ordinal*, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585).

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 Solemn Prayer

The Assisting Minister says,

Please kneel or bow for the solemn prayer.

Celebrant

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Lift high the cross

Hymnal 473

Descant



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain



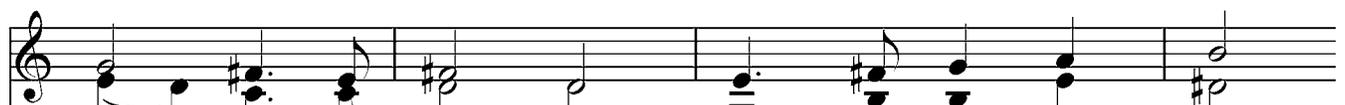
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim



till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.



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Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Repeat Refrain



the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.



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The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Worship Leaders

Eucharistic Ministers

Amanda Harrison
Joshua Aguiar

Healing

Martin Fowler

Livestream Support

Paul Keys

Altar Guild

Virginia Bristol
Rebekah Radisch
Cynthia Gratton

Lectors

Richard Ammons
Bynum Walter

Ushers

Diantha Daniels
Lemac Tubman
Freda Tucker
Ashley Njai
Richard Stickney

Verger

Bill Pierson

Crucifers

Clara Viars
Ezra Viars

Torch Bearers

Sam Pace
Julian tietje

**Social Hour hosted by
Sandwich Brigade**

Choir

Bass

Michael Adams
Jack Mitchell
Johnny Reis
Alex Smith

Tenor

David Smith
Gabe StClair
Del Wigfall
Chase Taylor

Soprano

Erin Conn
Erin Gasch
Barrett Mardre
Laura Nichols
Rebekah Shamberger
Genevieve Lipp

Alto

Carolyn Coolidge
Erica Jackson
Valerie Wettlaufer
Kimberly Slentz-Kesler

What's Happening at St. Philip's

Sunday Forum: Lenten Haiku

Today • 10am • Parish Hall

As we journey through Lent, haiku offers a simple way to notice God's presence along the path. These brief poems invite stillness as we reflect on where we're being led, what we're letting go of, and how Christ may be meeting us in this season. Join us to write and share Lenten haiku together.

Engage! For Such a Time As This: An Emergency Devotional

*Wednesdays starting February 25 • 6:30pm
Library and Zoom*

This Lent, as many of us carry worry, fatigue, and unease about the direction of our common life as a nation, you're invited to read *For Such a Time as This: An Emergency Devotional* by Hanna Reichel. This collection of brief chapters offers honest reflection, steadfast faith, and steady guidance for anxious times. Each week on Wednesday nights, we'll gather to discuss a few chapters. Join us Wednesdays this Lent.

More info: stphilipsdurham.org/lent-book-study-2026

Healing Eucharist

*This Wednesday, March 4 • 5:30 pm
Chapel*

Every first Wednesday, at our regular 5:30 Eucharist time, we offer a public service of healing with Eucharist, prayers, anointing, and laying on of hands for those who wish it. All are welcome.

Vestry Highlights

The vestry met Monday, February 23. Here's what happened:

Maryann and the vestry welcomed our four new members, elected at annual meeting. Maryann outlined goals and priorities for the year, including deepening community connections, supporting congregational growth, and renewing plans for a ministry fair to strengthen engagement across parish life and outreach.

Gabe presented the 2025 parochial report, noting the diocese's growing focus on community impact and engagement. He shared encouraging news of rising attendance and participation. The vestry voted unanimously to approve the report.

Senior Warden Marty Nelson reviewed vestry committee structure and introduced two new committees – Youth Programming and UMD – reflecting growing engagement across the parish. Vestry members submitted preferences for committee assignments.

Connie Semans and Liz Sappenfield shared an update from the Sacred Spaces Committee, celebrating Phase 1 accomplishments, including the new roof, and previewing plans for Phase 2. Come to the March 15 Sunday Forum to learn more about the next chapter of caring for St. Philip's historic church!

The vestry discussed Maryann's upcoming sabbatical this coming May through July. Vestry members expressed strong support for this time of rest and renewal. More details will be shared in the coming months as we prepare for Maryann's time away.

Baptism Opportunities

St. Philip's will offer baptisms at Easter and Pentecost:

- **Easter Vigil:** April 4, 8pm (*sign up by March 15*)
- **Easter Sunday:** April 5, 8:30am (*sign up by March 15*)
- **Pentecost:** May 24, 9am or 11am (*sign up by May 3*)

If you're interested in baptism for yourself or your child, please complete an online baptism form.

Baptism Form: Tinyurl.com/StPBaptismForm

Ladies' Breakfast

This Wednesday, March 4 • 9am
Guglhupf Restaurant (2706 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd)

Inviting all ladies of every age to join us for breakfast. We meet the first Wednesday of every month to share in conversation and get to know each other beyond the "Peace" in church. Email Carol Linden at carol@effectivewithpeople.com for more details.

Old Guys' Breakfast

This Wednesday, March 4 • 9am
Refectory Cafe (2726 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd)

Are you an old – or not-so-old – guy? Come have breakfast with our older but young-at-heart men at the Refectory Cafe this coming Wednesday. All gentlemen, regardless of age, are welcome to join us. Email John Sommerville at cjsommerv@gmail.com for more details.

Get your nametag

As our community grows, we're trying something many of you have asked for: nametags! Nametags make it easier to start conversations, reduce the awkwardness of forgotten names, and help longtime parishioners and newer folks get to know one another.



**Get a
nametag**

Get a nametag: Tinyurl.com/StPhilipsNametags

Nametags and Pacemakers – Our nametags attach to clothes with magnets. If you have a pacemaker, let us know in the sign-up form. If you already signed up, we can swap out the magnet for a pin – just email office@stphilipsdurham.org.

Make Lunch at UMD

Saturday, March 7 • 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: Tinyurl.com/UMDLunch

March Book Group: "My Friends"

Next Sunday, March 8 • 12:30pm • Parlor

Join the book group in discussing "My Friends" by Fredrik Backman, a funny, moving tale of four teenagers whose friendship creates a bond so powerful that it changes a complete stranger's life twenty-five years later. Come whether you've finished the book or not!

Events at the Trees

Quiet Day at The Trees

*This Tuesday, March 3 • 10am–2:30pm •
The Trees (1701 Pleasant Green Rd)*

Come join us as we start the new year with a bit of quiet and centering surrounded by the trees. The house and trails are all open and available. At noon, we will offer Simple Presence, a shared time of silence for 10 minutes. Contemplative practice suggestions and creative offerings will be available.

A Contemplative Path through Lent:

A Different Kind of Fast

*Tuesdays • February 24 - March 31
11:30am–12:30pm OR 5:30–6:30pm
The Trees (1701 Pleasant Green Rd)*

Are you feeling like you'd like this Lenten season to be different? Is the way of the Desert Fathers and Mothers – who modeled silence, detachment, and stepping away in order to deepen and clarify – calling to you this year? Using *A Different Kind of Fast* by Christine Valters Paintner, we'll explore practical contemplative practices while we consider letting go of endless distractions and busyness. Led by Laura Kirby, Executive Director at The Trees. Suggested donation \$20 a session, \$120 for series.

Sign up: Tinyurl.com/DifferentFast

Nature Journaling

*Fridays through March 27 • 10:30am
The Trees (1701 Pleasant Green Road)*

Come observe the changing of seasons at The Trees. We'll use the practice of nature journaling to help us slow down and focus our attention on the wonder of creation. Bring a notebook, your favorite pen and drawing supplies (extra materials will be on hand), and sturdy shoes for walking on the trails. No experience needed – you don't need to be "good" at drawing to enjoy tuning in to nature! For more info, email Liz Sappenfield at esappenfield@gmail.com.

Community News

“Her Heart is Slowly Breaking”: A Women’s History Tour of Stagville

Saturdays in March • 11am

Historic Stagville • 5828 Old Oxford Highway

In recognition of Women’s History Month, visit Historic Stagville for a special guided tour of the Bennehan House and grounds featuring the stories of enslaved women from Stagville. Their personal stories, reconstructed with careful research, illuminate the experiences of countless women who endured bondage in North Carolina.

\$10 plus tax; space is limited. 60–75 minute tour intended for adult visitors and includes walking indoors and outdoors. Content includes themes of violence, sexual violence, and family separation.

Register: Tinyurl.com/WomenStagville

Coastal Journey: Charleston and Savannah

March 10-16 • Spaces still available

Carolina Friends School

Join an upcoming racial reconciliation journey sponsored by Carolina Friends School. Traveling with a small group of open-hearted participants, you’ll explore the beauty and complexity of Charleston and Savannah through the lens of American, Southern, and Black history – from enslavement to the 2015 white supremacist violence at Mother Emanuel AME and the congregation’s witness of resilience, as well as enduring Gullah Geechee traditions and more. Several parishioners have participated in past trips and highly recommend the experience.

Learn more: Tinyurl.com/CFSCoastalJourney

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS ON REDUCING VIOLENCE IN DURHAM

Learn where the violence reduction strategic plan is headed and help map the strengths already in our community. Together, we'll set shared priorities and shape the next phase of violence reduction.

Session Details

MARCH 13 | 11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
MARCH 20 | 11:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Sessions are offered in person and online.
Food provided at in-person sessions.
Use the link below or scan the QR code to the right with your phone's camera to register and receive location details and updates:

www.bit.ly/violencereduction



**We hope you'll join us in building a safer,
stronger community- together.**

Learn more at www.durhamnc.gov/5490/Violence-Reduction



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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*
Tonya Wilson, *Parish Chef*
Laura Kirby, *Executive Director, The Trees*
Olynda Smith, *Operations Manager, The Trees*
Henry Kennelly, *Seminarian in Residence, The Trees*

St. Philip's Vestry

Senior Warden: Marty Nelson	Jeff Pitts
Junior Warden: Mike Uhl	Andy Slaughter
Heather Beard	Natalie Sommerville
John Bowman	Caroline Wang
Jill Downs	Bynum Walter
Sue Guptill	Emily Yeatts

Non-voting members:

Treasurer: Marcus Southern **Clerk:** David Kneeburg



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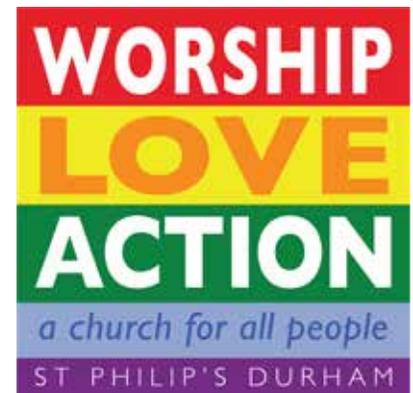


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St. Philip's is a church for all people. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you at St. Philip's. We believe God loves us all – no exceptions!