

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

Southport, North Carolina



The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost:
August 16, 2026
10:00 am

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

SONG OF PREPARATION

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face;
surely, the presence, of the Lord is in this place.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Thou, whose almighty word"

Hymnal 371

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

(The celebrant prays)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GLORIA *(sung by all)*

WLP 900

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING: Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Lector	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

PSALM 133 (*The Psalm is prayed responsively by whole verse.*)

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
2 **It is like fine oil upon the head ***
that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

THE SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Lector	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN: *"When I survey the wondrous cross"*

Hymnal 474 vs. 1,2

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 15:10-28

Deacon	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People	Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came

and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Deacon	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SEQUENCE HYMN: *"When I survey the wondrous cross"*

Hymnal 474 vs. 3

THE SERMON

The Rev. Lin Walton

THE NICENE CREED (*Celebrant and people together*)

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 worshipped 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: **Form III** (*the people respond with the petitions in bold*)

Deacon	Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People	That we all may be one.

Deacon	Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People	That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Deacon We pray for; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Sarah, our Bishop; Lin and Pam, our clergy; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Deacon We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Deacon Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Deacon We pray for the sick and suffering and those who care for them. We pray also for those on the Parish Prayer List and the Prayer List of the Daughters of King. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Deacon We pray for those who have died. Give to the departed eternal rest.
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Deacon We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Deacon Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *(silence)*

(The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.)

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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 PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS: WELCOME AND MINISTRY IN FOCUS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

(Celebrant continues): It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS *(sung by all)*

WLP 858

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(The people may stand or kneel)

(Celebrant continues) Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith (*Celebrant and people say together*):

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

(*Celebrant continues*) We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 and people acclaim together*) **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Celebrant and people pray together*)

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

(Please follow the usher's instructions as you come to the altar and receive Holy Communion.)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*Celebrant and people pray together*)

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.

SENDING PRAYER FOR EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Deacon In the name of Christ, and of this congregation, we send you forth bearing the body and blood of Christ to those who cannot be with us today. Take God's holy Word, the prayers of this congregation, and this holy food for holy people.

People **We who are many are one Body because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: "*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun*"

Hymnal 544

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Richard "Lin" Walton, *Celebrant and Preacher*

The Reverend Deacon Pamela Hayes, *Deacon*

Ricky Evans, *Verger*

Debbie Skillman, *Director of Music*

Lectors: Jane Mitchell, Kim Bernard

Eucharistic Ministers: Ellen Wester, Marcie Wright

Ushers: Jane Mitchell, Gerard Haviland, Jim Belvin, Bertie Belvin

Vestry Person of the Day: Tracy Baltz



Fr. Lin is hosting drop-in office hours every week! Stop by the office on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 PM or Thursday mornings from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. No appointment needed—just drop in for a chat.



Theology Uncorked – Wednesday, August 19th Capeside Brewery on Howe St. @ 5pm. We will continue our discussion on the Beatitudes. See you there!

HOMEcoming SUNDAY!!!

SEPTEMBER 13th at 9:00 am

September 13th is the day all of St. Philip's parishioners come together for ONE service at 9:00 followed by a Luncheon from MOAM. (the Summer Service on Oak Island has concluded for the season)

JOIN IN THE FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!

ECW Lunch Bunch- Thursday, August 27, 2026 , 11:30am, at OLIVERS on The Cape Fear, 101 W. Bay Street, Southport, NC . Oliver's serves upscale cuisine, service and extraordinary waterfront views of the Cape Fear River. Make your reservation NOW for the Main Dining Room or RSVP no later than 8/20/26 to MaryAnn Bonifant at bonifantma@gmail.com . ECW lunches are open to ALL women, so invite a friend. Please wear your Name Badge. We look forward to seeing you!

Food Pantry Needs July/August/September

St. Philip's, we are in Summer and the needs of the hungry increase with school vacation. Please continue to give food items starting with the list below and open your hearts. When you're in the grocery store just pick up a couple of extra items and donate them to the food pantry. Keep up God's work.

List:

Cold Cereal (Adult/Children) and Hot Cereal
Fruit (Cans)
Vegetables (Cans, No Green Beans /Corn)
Canned Meats/Proteins
Spaghetti/Spaghetti Sauce
Snacks
Soups (Chicken Noodle, Tomato, Vegetable, ...)
Rice/Dry Beans
Mustard/Ketchup/Spices
Cookie/Cake Mix
Bisquick
Cooking Oil
Instant Potatoes

Adult Education and Formation Begins
September 20th with Fr. Lin.

Watch for More Details to follow....

Give Your Jewelry a Second Life for a Great Cause! If you have jewelry you no longer want or need, consider donating it to support our upcoming **Fall Festival Fundraiser**. Every piece donated helps make this event a success, with all proceeds directly benefiting those in need throughout Brunswick County.

To Donate: Drop off your items at the Parish Office Front Desk.

Questions? Please contact Pat Elliott at patelliott94@gmail.com.

Attention all St. Philip's Women! Next April 28-30, 2027, the women of St. Philips will venture off to Pine Knolls Shores for our annual retreat. This September ECW will hold a lottery for the 20 spots available. Please let me know if you are interested in attending and I will add your name to the list. Also, if you have any questions, please reach out to me @ alice.bkennedy@gmail.com Thank you.

ECW Fall Festival News

It's time to be working on craft items for sale for the Fall Festival which is the first Saturday in October (October 3). Deirdre Doyle and Jane Mitchell will be coordinating with those who are making items for the sale. We know there are lots of our parishioners who do some type of craft and we hope that you would be willing to make some for the Fall Festival. We would like to know who is making items so would like you to contact one of us and let us know what you are making and how many of the items you will be bringing to the Chapel Annex on September 25. There are supplies available (shells, baskets, wreath forms, some artificial flowers, maternal, yarn, and ribbon) in the chapel annex for various craft items and you can contact one of us to gain access to those supplies. You can email or call either of us: Deirdre (DDoyle3@carolina.rr.com) or 704-685-2071 and Jane (twc9199291470@earthlink.net) or 919-602-2430

After the summer break, **Living Solo** will meet on Tuesday, August 25 at 10:00 am in the Chapel Annex. This group is open to men and women to share ideas (coping skills), ask questions and find answers, or just enjoy time together. This is not a grief group. No required attendance. Come as often as you like! Attendees will share practical advice with empathetic, like minded people.

Find the joy in living solo!

For more information, please contact Diane Sloan. (diruart@gmail.com)



After a two month Summer break, the Book Discussion Group will meet next on Wednesday, September 16 at 10:30 to talk about *A Far-Flung Life* by M.L. Stedman. The book deals with the subject of secrets never to be shared and how to find a path forward when there are no right answers. All who share a love of reading are welcome!

Join us for the Summer Service at Register Park each Sunday at 9:00. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the Intracoastal waterway.

Celebrant - August 16 - Bill Pickering

Celebrant - August 23 - Mary Curtis

Celebrant - August 30 - Bill Pickering

🔔 St. Philip's Golf Tournament: We urgently need Committee Chairs for:• Sponsorships; Finance (co-chaired); Marketing; Operations; Volunteers

Time is of the essence. Like... two weeks essence. Terry Meyers, ECW President, has bravely agreed to Direct this project, but she cannot do it alone unless she suddenly develops eight arms and a clone. So we need humans. Preferably organized humans. Golf knowledge is absolutely NOT required—if you can organize a calendar or send an email, you're qualified.

Join us. Make SPC history. Be able to say, "I was there when it all began." Contact Terry Myers at (919) 4917360 or tmyers2now@gmail.com ASAP!!!!

A Choral Invitation from the Choirmaster

The music ministers of St. Philip's, our chancel choir, invite you to join our worship ministry. Those who enjoy singing, listening, learning, and working with others to create musical offerings for our 10:00 AM worship service are welcome to join our dedicated group. The choir rehearses every Wednesday evening from 5:30 until 7:30PM, September through May, preparing music for Sundays, and choral services such as Tenebrae, and Advent Lesson and Carols. The choir also provides music for two services for the High Feast of Easter and other services as requested by the clergy.

We will start the program year on Wednesday, September 9 with our first rehearsal in the choir room beginning at 5:30 PM. If you have a desire to make music with others we'd love to see you there.

If you would like more information about the choir feel free to contact me in person, by phone 910 - 470-5652, or email me at deborahtskillman@gmail.com. I am sure that a current choir member would be more than happy to share the "choir experience".

"Sing with all your heart, for in your voice the love of God finds expression." Anonymous

Prayers of the People In keeping with our commitment to love one another, please offer prayers daily for those on our prayer list.

Alice K., Anna D., Stewart S., Paula S., Betsy A., Jamy F., Joe C., Lainey F., Bill J., David F., Judy G., Rick M., Lori C., Jill P., Nina E., Larry E. Mary F., Holly M., Beverly H., Terry M., Julie, Mary Beth R., Rich G., Mary K., Penny, Claire K., Ashton B., Beth R., Melinda, Sandy I., Michael W., Sarah P., Erin, Sawyer, Jordan, Martha J., Michael W., Michelle B., Penny C., Guy K., Dottie G., Karen G., Anne R., Marissa R., Bob S., Bill W., Anita H., Janet W., Paul W., Joseph L., Linda G., Pat P., John K., Phil K., Angela R., Elyse C., Katha G., Susan S., Garth E., John O., LeeAnn H., Jake H., Larry W., David H., Maureen W., Michael W., Adelynn H., Kay G., Henry L., Bill B., Ann T., Carolyn, Bud B., Sharon S., Nan B., Jean M.

Please pray for the victims and families of the many conflicts around the world, and all those affected by recent natural disasters. Please pray for all refugees from strife; pray for the starving, the homeless, the needy. Please pray for all seminarians and all those discerning their call to serve God.

Please pray for those who serve in the Armed Forces, especially: **Ricky, Cassia L.**, Noah D., Gorden B, Leila B., Shawn R., Spencer P., Parker P., Colin P., Ryan, Julious F., Alex, Amanda, Ileana F., Jordan E., Brooke, Cam, Oliver, Julie, Eric, Conall, Tom, Ben, John, Devon, Christopher, and Scotty.

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Vestry

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2025-2027 Vestry Tracy Baltz, Donna Foster, Paul Palmer, Kris Holt

2026-2028 Vestry Doyle Brinson, Chris Romig, Mary Russell, Marty Younts

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