

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

Southport, North Carolina



The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost:
August 23, 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: "When morning gilds the skies"

Hymnal 427

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.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING: Exodus 1:9-2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?” The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.” Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

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

PSALM 124 (*The Psalm is prayed responsively by whole verse.*)

- 1 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
- 2 **If the LORD had not been on our side, ***
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 **Then would the waters have overwhelmed us ***
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
- 6 **Blessed be the LORD! ***
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 **Our help is in the Name of the LORD, ***
the maker of heaven and earth.

THE SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God~ what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: "God is love"

Hymnal 379 vs. 1,2

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:13-20

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: "God is love"

Hymnal 379 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 and one cup. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: "Glorious things of thee are spoken"

Hymnal 522

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: Susan Chase, Frank Darzano

Eucharistic Ministers: Aedan Barnes, Maitland Barnes

Ushers: Dennis Courtnage, Cathie Courtnage, Mary Snell, Rich Holt

Vestry Person of the Day: Kris Holt

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

The Bishop is coming! October 21ST

Bishop Sarah will officially install Fr. Lin as the Rector of St. Philip's Church. Come join us as we celebrate his new ministry at our church. The Installation service will be held at 6:00 PM in the Main Sanctuary with a reception to follow.



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.

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!

ECW Fall Festival News

ECW Fall Festival Craft Workshop -Friday, September 18, 2026 from 10:30 am to 12:30pm

Friday, September 18, 2026 is a craft workshop for the ECW 2026 Fall Festival. A Shell and Craft Workshop at the Chapel Annex is to be held from 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Please contact Deidre Doyle if you are planning to attend (ddoyle3@carolina.rr.com) or 704-685-2071.

Bring with you a high heat glue gun and glue sticks and material with which to work such as cones, balls, wreaths, etc. There are a number of supplies in the craft room upstairs in the Chapel Annex or bring items you have found in craft stores or thrift stores. Looking online at crafts is a good way to find something you will want to make.

**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.



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!

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)

ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS ~ Crafts being made for the 2026 Fall Festival need to be brought to the Chapel Annex on **Friday, September 25 from 10:30 to 2:30**. Please contact Deirdre Doyle (ddoyle3@carolina.rr.com) or 704-685-2071 or Jane Mitchell (twc9199291470@earthlink.net) or 919-602-2430 if you cannot make that date and schedule a drop off with one of us.

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

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.

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

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 deborahskillman@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

 **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!!!!

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., 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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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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