

# St. Philip's Episcopal Church

## Southport, North Carolina



The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost:  
September 6, 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: "At the Lamb's high feast we sing"

Hymnal 174

## 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*)

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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 us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**THE FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-14**

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

**PSALM 149** (*The Psalm is prayed responsively by whole verse.*)

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; \*  
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; \*  
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

- 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people \*  
and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \*  
let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat \*  
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations \*  
and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains \*  
and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \*  
this is glory for all his faithful people.  
Hallelujah!

**THE SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14**

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: *"I want to walk as a child of the light"*

Hymnal 490 vs. 1,2

**THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:15-20**

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not

listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: *“I want to walk as a child of the light”*

Hymnal 490 vs. 3

THE SERMON

Fr. 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

## 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)*

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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: "*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*"

Hymnal 376

## 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: Marygrace Barber, Chris Barber

Eucharistic Ministers: Anita DuBois, Marcie Wright

Ushers: Craig Elliott, Pat Elliott, Ross Lively, Scott Willloth

Vestry Person of the Day: Chris Romig

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God in Loving Memory of my husband,  
Douglas Stone by Sandy Stone.*

## The Bishop is coming! October 21<sup>ST</sup> at 6:00PM Installation of our New Rector

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. Please contact Lorraine to arrange participation in a car pool (either as driver or rider).

### HOMEcoming SUNDAY!!!

SEPTEMBER 13th 9:00 am

September 13th is the day all of St. Philip's parishioners come together for ONE service at 9:00. We will have a wonderful grilled chicken lunch provided by our Men on a Mission and sides

Fr. Lin will NOT be having drop-in office hours on September 9<sup>th</sup> or September 10<sup>th</sup>. Please make plans for the following week to stop in for a chat.

### Adult Formation with Fr. Lin Begins September 20<sup>th</sup> 9:10 AM in the Parish Hall

This course is based on the book by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine - "The Hidden Secrets of the Gospel of John"

John's Gospel offers readers a new language —of being born anew, of living water, of wind and spirit, of the "I am"—that enhances how we understand the divine, how we experience the world, and how we participate in the mystery of faith.

The book is available on Amazon.

## THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks in part to the great participation by St. Philips, **Day4Hope** was a wonderful day of giving. Starting with the \$5000 that ECW granted to them, we continued with many contributions of books and school supplies by parishioners, over ten volunteers the day of the event and members of MOAM hauling tables to Supply Elementary on Friday and pickup on Saturday. Click on this link to see the final report [Day4Hope Final Report](#). Day4Hope has become an annual event, so keep it in mind for next year and consider getting involved!

**Adult Formation with Deacon Pam begins September 20<sup>th</sup> in room 202 at 9:10 AM.** We'll explore two books: *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande and *Like Trees Walking: In the Second Half of Life* by the Rev. Jane Sigloh. We invite you into a thoughtful and hope-filled conversation about aging, purpose, and living well in every season of life.

(Check Enews for more details)

**ECW Lunch Bunch** - Come join us! Our monthly luncheon will take place on WEDNESDAY, Sept. 23, 2026, 11:30am at SOUTHPORT GOURMET AND SUSHI BAR, ( Private Dining Room), 1643 N. Howe Street, Southport, NC. This Venue offers good Chinese food, service, pricing and parking. Our Speaker will be Murray Cadenhead from Wades Jewelry. Bring all your questions regarding gems, diamonds and trends. Be sure to RSVP no later than Sept. 16 to MaryAnn Bonifant at [bonifantma@gmail.com](mailto:bonifantma@gmail.com). ECW lunches are open to ALL women, so invite a friend. Wear your Name TAG. We look forward to seeing YOU!

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!

**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](mailto:ddoyle3@carolina.rr.com)) or 704-685-2071 or Jane Mitchell ([twc9199291470@earthlink.net](mailto:twc9199291470@earthlink.net)) or 919-602-2430 if you cannot make that date and schedule a drop off with one of us.

**Golf Tournament Update** - Our 2027 fundraising golf tournament is moving forward, and we're now confirming committee leadership roles. Current assignments are:

Director: Terry Myers

Finance: Judy Ratcliffe & Bob Fuchs

Volunteers: Kim Bernard

Open leadership roles:

Sponsorship

Marketing / Registration / Website

Venue Selection & Operations

We also need additional volunteers to serve on each committee, thank you to those who have already reached out.

To keep the event on track, we must finalize leadership positions within the next 2-3 weeks. It's a significant commitment, but the impact on our parish and community programs is tremendous.

Please contact me or Craig with any questions or if you're interested in helping. Contact Terry Myers at (919) 4917360 or [tmyers2now@gmail.com](mailto:tmyers2now@gmail.com) ASAP!!!!

### **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

### **FALL FESTIVAL BAKE SALE**

**Bertie Belvin** ([bertiebelvin@gmail.com](mailto:bertiebelvin@gmail.com); 910-368-1254), **Karen Stoeckle** ([chefkaren2@gmail.com](mailto:chefkaren2@gmail.com); 203-605-2661) and **Dottie Roberts** ([dottie031@comcast.net](mailto:dottie031@comcast.net); 910-477-6227) are coordinators for the Bake Sale. This is an important part of the Fall Festival and an opportunity to help us raise funds for our local outreach programs. Sign-up sheets for bakers will be available in September. Please share your baking skills.

**Croquet Tournament** - St. Philip's will host our 2nd annual Croquet Tournament on Sunday, October 11, starting between 11:00-11:30 AM. We'll play using an NCAA-style doubles bracket—lighthearted, social, and open to all ages and skill levels.

Whether you're experienced or brand-new to croquet, come join the fun, meet new people, and enjoy friendly competition. Sign up in the Narthex, invite friends, and save the date. Questions? Contact Craig Allan at 603-707-1982.

### **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](mailto: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.

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

**Kaitlyn P., Woody U., Penn P., Tom P., Danice P., Alice K., Anna D., Stewart S., Mike C.,** Paula S., Betsy A., Lainey F., Bill J., Derwood R., David F., Rick M., Lori C., Jill P., Nina E., Larry E. Mary F., Julie, Holly M., Beverly H., Terry M., Mary Beth R., Rich G., Mary K., Penny, Claire K., Ashton B., Beth R., Melinda, Sandy I., Michael W., Sarah P., Erin, Sawyer, Jordan, 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., Peter B., 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.

For all who have died in the communion of your church, especially **John Kennedy and Julie Harrelson.** May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace. Please keep Alice and Tommy and both families and friends in your prayers at this difficult time.

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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**2024-2026 Vestry** Paul Bailey, Bill Happer, Ross Lively, Angela Urquhart

**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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