

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

Southport, North Carolina



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026
9:00 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: "All creatures of our God and King"

Hymnal 400 vs. 1-4

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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 14:1-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

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

PSALM 114 (*The Psalm is prayed responsively by whole verse.*)

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 **Judah became God's sanctuary ***
and Israel his dominion.

- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 **The mountains skipped like rams, ***
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 **You mountains, that you skipped like rams? ***
you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 **Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water ***
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

THE SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:25-35

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: *"When Israel was in Egypt's land"*

Hymnal 648 vs. 3,4

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 me, 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:

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: "Crown him with many crowns"

Hymnal 494

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: Barbara Edwards, Don Halbert

Eucharistic Ministers: Judie Ratcliffe, Cynthia Davis

Ushers: Bob Fuchs, Cathie Courtnage, Susan Heckler, Debbie Evans

Vestry Person of the Day: Paul Palmer

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God in Loving Memory of Ruth Crane
By Frazer Crane.*

The Bishop is coming! October 21ST 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).

Fr. Lin will be having drop-in office hours on September 16th from 2:00 – 4:00 and September 17th from 10:00 – 12:00.

FALL FESTIVAL BAKE SALE

Bertie Belvin (bertiebelvin@gmail.com; 910-368-1254), **Karen Stoeckle** (chefkaren2@gmail.com; 203-605-2661) and **Dottie Roberts** (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.

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 . ECW lunches are open to ALL women, so invite a friend. Wear your Name TAG. We look forward to seeing YOU!

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.

Adult Formation with Fr. Lin Begins September 20th 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.

Adult Formation with Deacon Pam begins September 20th 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)

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!

You can stop Hunger! Join the team St. Philip's on October 18th at the SOIIF walk to help those that are hungry or in threat of having their electricity or water turned off in Brunswick County. Come walk with us and be part of the solution. Contact: Margaret Melando (704-975-1697) or mmelando@aol.com

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.

Celtic Evening Prayer Service will
restart beginning Saturday,
October 10th at 5:00 PM in the
Main Sanctuary.



Theology Uncorked – Wednesday, September 2 at Capeside
Brewery on Howe St. @ 5pm. Our topic will be “Doubt and
Faith”. See you there.

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

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 ASAP!!!!

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.

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.

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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