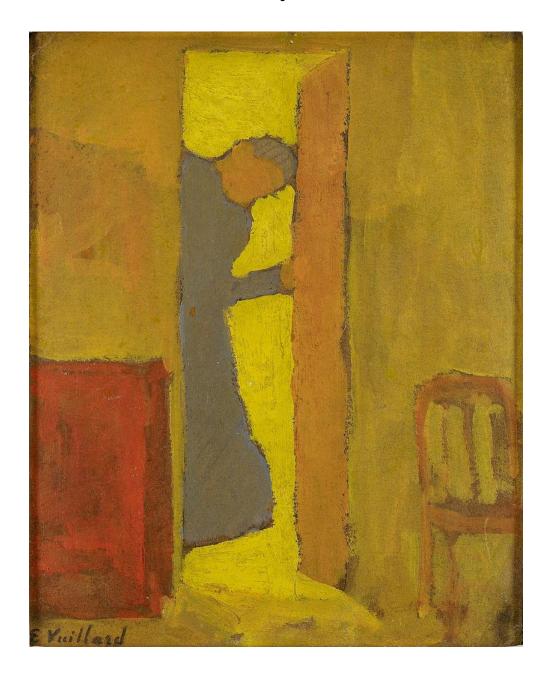
St. Philip's Episcopal Church

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Eucharist Sunday, August 10, 2025 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Welcome! We offer two services today: one at 8:00 a.m. and one at 10:30 a.m. The 10:30 a.m. service is broadcast on <u>Facebook Live</u> or <u>YouTube</u>. Livestreaming begins at 10:25 a.m. If you are visiting, please fill out a visitor card (located in the pew rack) and drop it in the offering plate or hand to an usher.

The Word of God

PRELUDE Notturno Ottorino Respighi

All stand as they are able.



The Celebrant says to the People

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

PEOPLE And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

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*.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (8:00 a.m. only)

The following is said, all standing

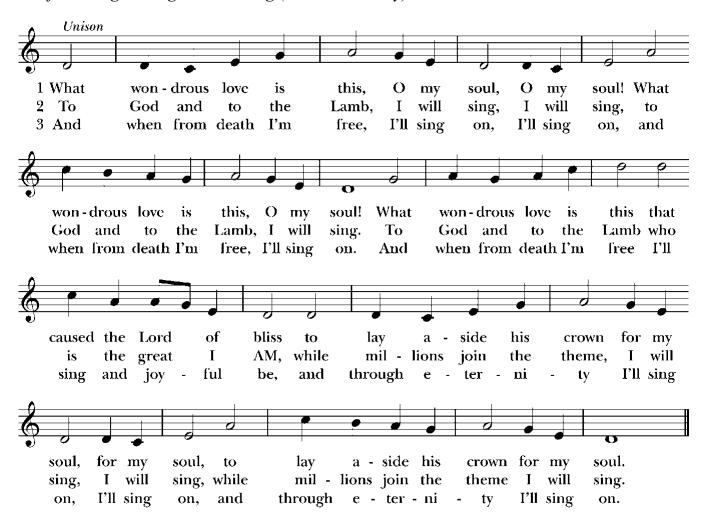
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. 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.

SONG OF PRAISE

What Wondrous Love Is This

Wondrous Love The Hymnal 1982 #439

The following is sung, all standing (10:30 a.m. only)



COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE And also with you.

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Genesis 15:1-6

All sit.

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

¹The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

READER The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE Thanks be to God.

PSALM 33:12-22 Exultate, justi

The reader and the congregation read the psalm responsively by half verse.

- ¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! * happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- ¹³The LORD looks down from heaven, * and beholds all the people in the world.
- ¹⁴From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze * on all who dwell on the earth.
- ¹⁵He fashions all the hearts of them * and understands all their works.
- ¹⁶There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; * a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- ¹⁷The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; * for all its strength it cannot save.

¹⁸Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, * on those who wait upon his love,

¹⁹To pluck their lives from death, * and to feed them in time of famine.

²⁰Our soul waits for the LORD; * he is our help and our shield.

²¹Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.

²²Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, * as we have put our trust in you.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is,

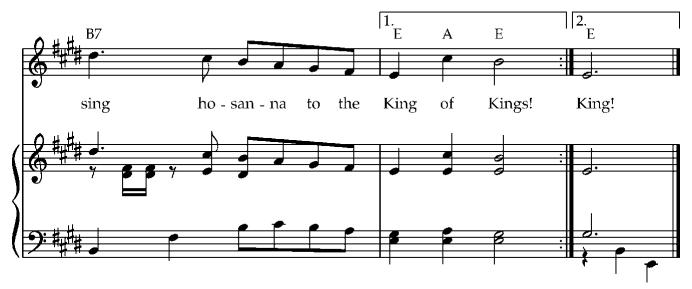
they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

READER The Word of the Lord. PEOPLE Thanks be to God.

All stand as they are able.







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HOLY GOSPEL Luke 12:32-40

PRIEST The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

PEOPLE Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, ³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

PRIEST The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Elizabeth Roles

NICENE CREED All stand as they are able.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dressed and ready for the coming of the kingdom, let us pray for the bounty of God in every place.

For this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place.

PEOPLE Lord, have mercy.

For all nations and their leaders, and for mercy, justice, and peace in the world.

PEOPLE Lord, have mercy.

For good weather and abundant crops, and for travelers and those on vacation.

PEOPLE Lord, have mercy.

For the sick and the dying, the poor and the oppressed, prisoners and their families, and victims of violence and abuse.

Christy Adams, Nelle Adams, Debbie Alford, Dez Blue, Christopher Bolk, Leslie Brown, Jay Curwen, Carl Denny, Lance Dickenson, Nancy Dillard, Suzanne Dininny, Dianne and Howard Dyer, Judith Egan, Annette Ellerton, Liz Ford, John Gannon, Kathy Haehnel, Tim Harris, Howard Jackson, Kay Jones, Lyn Kane, Roxann Kibin, Michael Kirwen, Ruth LePine, Tom Lewis, Elisabeth Marchant, Dottie Marcinko, Johnny Martinez, Kathryn McKinley, Nathalie Moffitt, Mark and Leslie Montgomery, Jenifer Morrow, Veronica Morrow, Francisco Leon Olea, Paula Paddick, Nancy Patterson, Judy Pierce, Debbie and John Poe, Liam Rial, Jim Rice, Mary Rose, Hudson Rudisill, Gabrielle Ruge, Roy Sawyer, Linda Schieve, Frank Shoemaker, Alice Silva, Isabella Smith, Ray Snellgrove, Brenda Summers, Jeff Tiddy, Mike Tiddy, Jim Tso, Emily Walthall, Ed Wiseman, Risdon Wood, Brent and Nancy Zeigler, Amber, Barry, Charles, Courtney and Nikarra, Dave, Ellen, Kurt, Mary, and Pat.

For all those on our parish prayer list.

PEOPLE Lord, have mercy.

For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead, remembering Lucy Rodes.

PEOPLE Lord, have mercy.

For our city and every community, and for our families, companions, and all those we love.

PEOPLE Lord, have mercy.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

PEOPLE To you, O Lord.

We give thanks for the flowers at the altar, given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for our Flower Guild, who use their gifts to bless our worship space year-round with beautiful arrangements.

We pray for those who are expecting childbirth, remembering Sarah and Ryan Richardson.

In our diocese, we pray for La Capilla de Santa Maria, Hendersonville; St. Mary of the Hills, Blowing Rock; and St. Mary's, Asheville. In our Anglican Communion, we pray for The Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda.

The priest concludes with this collect

God of Abraham, whose people are like the stars in the sky, hear the prayers we offer this day and bring us in faith to the land you promised; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

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.

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.**

PEACE

CELEBRANT The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Rest in the Lord from Elijah

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

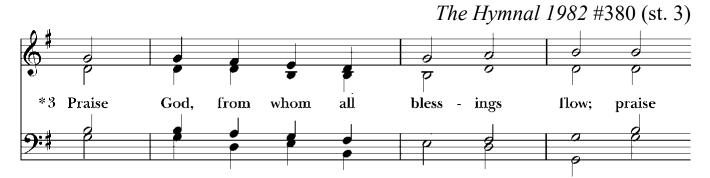
Brittnee Siemon, mezzo soprano

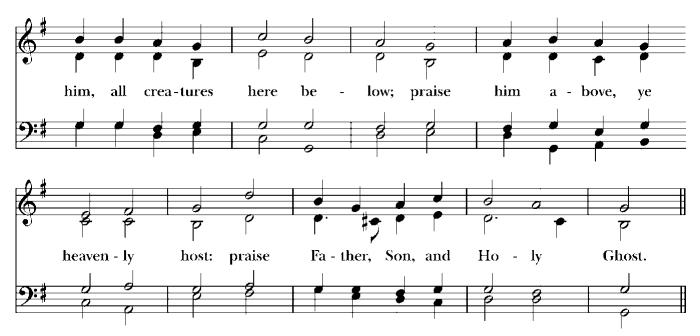
O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him,
And He shall give thee thy hearts desires.
Commit thy way to Him, and trust in Him,
And fret not thyself because of evil doers.
O rest in the Lord, and wait, wait patiently for Him.

(The text is from Psalm 37)



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GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people stand as they are able.

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE And also with you.

CELEBRANT Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE We lift them to the Lord.

CELEBRANT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

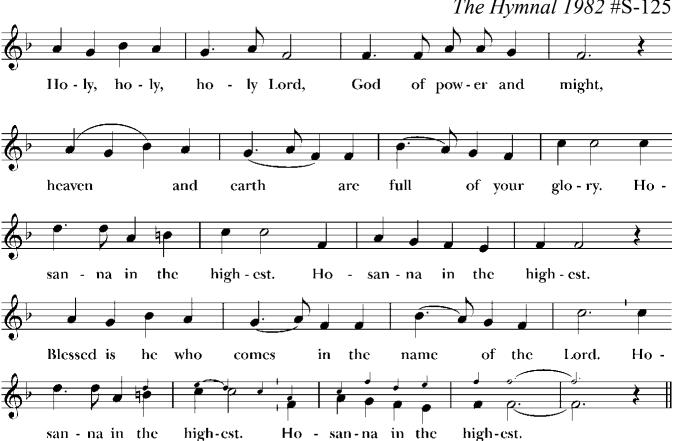
For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Richard Proulx





The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker 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

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, 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 Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

The Celebrant then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND FRACTION ANTHEM

CELEBRANT We break this bread

to share in the Body of Christ.

PEOPLE We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread. Alleluia!

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who seek Christ are invited to receive the bread and wine standing or kneeling at the altar rail. If you choose not to receive the wine, let the server know that you want only the bread by placing one hand over your heart (receiving only the bread is full communion). If you prefer not to take communion, you may come forward for a blessing, crossing your arms over your chest, or not come forward at all; no one will judge you.

To receive the wine by intinction, please come to the altar rail. Extend your hands, palms flat, and the bread will be placed there for you to dip the bread into the wine.

To receive the wine by sipping from the chalice, please also come to the altar rail, consume the bread, then please help the Lay Eucharistic Minister guide the chalice to your lips to sip.

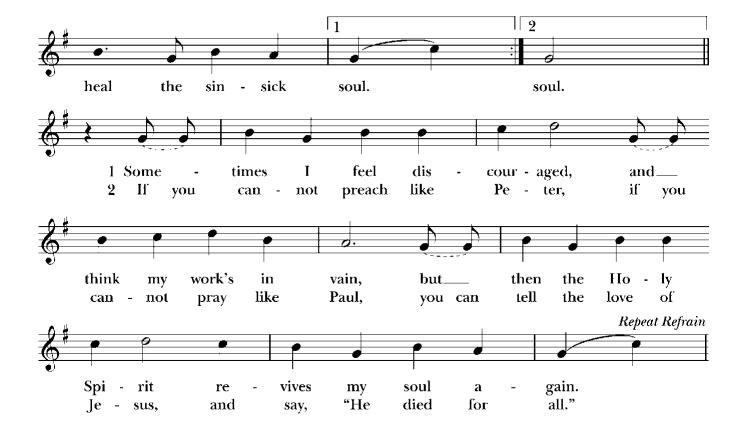
Please wait for an usher to release you from your pew to come forward. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

HYMN

Sometimes I Feel Discouraged

l Balm in Gilead The Hymnal 1982 #676





PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

This prayer takes the place of the Post Communion Prayer for those worshiping at home.

Gracious God, since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The people stand as they are able.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

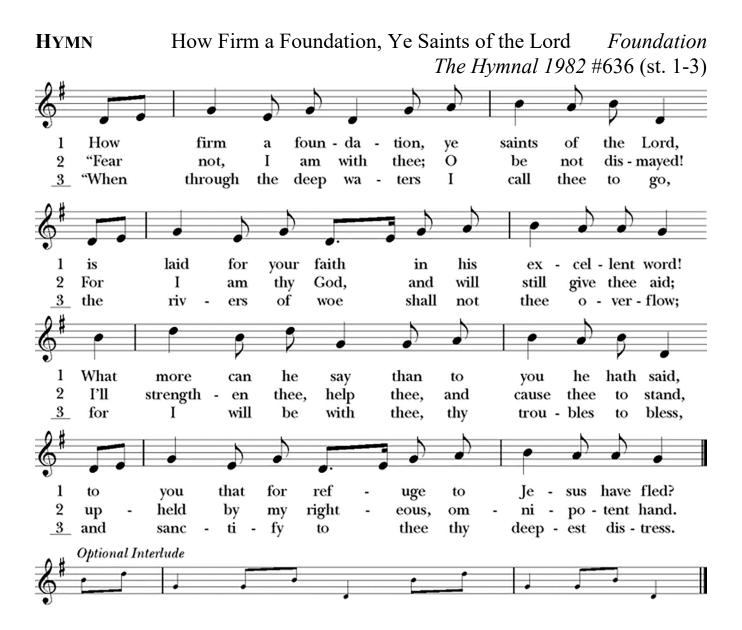
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

After the prayer, the People respond

Amen.

BLESSING



DISMISSAL

The priest offers a dismissal, and the people respond

PEOPLE Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Deo Gratias François Couperin

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Hearing Loop assistance is available inside this building. Set hearing aid on "T" (telecoil) setting. Headsets are also available in both the narthex and Miller Hall that will allow access to the Hearing Loop. Please see an usher for help.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

We welcome children of all ages in all our worship services. In the narthex, you can find worship bags with quiet activities for children. Nursery for children Kindergarten age and younger is available today beginning at 10:15 a.m. for our 10:30 a.m. service. An usher can direct you to our nursery located on the lower level of our parish building.

THIS SUNDAY AT ST. PHILIP'S

- **Sunday at 8:00 a.m.** During this season, we enjoy sharing the same Holy Eucharist, Rite II liturgy in our Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. spoken service as the 10:30 a.m. service.
- **Nursery at 10:15 a.m.** Nursery for children Kindergarten age and younger is available today beginning at 10:15 a.m. An usher can direct you to our nursery located on the lower level of our parish building.
- Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Join us for Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music) at our 10:30 a.m. service.
- Coffee Hour after the 10:30 a.m. service All are invited and always welcome to join us in Miller Hall (our large upstairs meeting room) after the 10:30 a.m. service for juice or coffee and fellowship. This is a great chance to mingle, meet new people, or just relax with friends.

LEM AND READER REFRESHER MEETINGS – AUGUST 17

It's that time again! All Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) and Readers are asked to attend our annual refresher meetings on Sunday, August 17 in the sanctuary.

- **LEM Meeting:** ~9:00 AM (between the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services) *If you can come, great! Since nothing is changing or has changed—please let Gena know if you can't attend.*
- Reader Meeting: ~11:30 a.m. (after the 10:30 a.m. service)

If you serve as both a LEM and a Reader, just attend the LEM meeting.

These gatherings are a time to reconnect, refresh our practices, and prepare for the season ahead. Elizabeth will join us too. Thank you for all you do to help shape beautiful, meaningful worship!

JOIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY OF ALL AGES AS WE GATHER FOR OUR PARISH PICNIC AUGUST 24!

Important - Please help us plan by signing up!!

When - Sunday August 24 from 12:00 to 3:00

Where - The picnic pavilion at Lake Atagahi in Connestee Falls

Why - Great Food, Wonderful Fellowship, Lots of Fun, and Fresh Air

What - Singing, swimming, games, children's playground, and, of course, breaking bread together!

Details - The church will provide fried chicken, water, lemonade, paper goods, and utensils (you are welcome and encouraged to bring your own plates and utensils if you like). We ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share. We will have lifeguards for swimming in the lake.

Questions - Contact Jan Bolena (828-508-8818 or jbolena@comporium.net)

Please sign up either on the board in Easel Alley (the hallway leading to the church office) or <u>on Realm</u>. This will help us determine how much chicken to order, but also, Connestee Falls is a gated community, and they ask that we provide a list of all people planning to attend.

For directions to Lake Atagahi, <u>click here</u> or ask in the parish office.

GIVING IS A SPIRITUAL ACT!

Thank you for investing your treasure in the work and mission of St. Philip's. Your gift supports our Growth in Faith – through an engaging array of spiritual, intergenerational, and educational offerings with an exciting focus on youth and children. Visit https://www.stphilipsbrevardnc.org/donate to explore donating. To make a gift now use Realm or text STP to 73256.

THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

The Season after Pentecost is the sixth and final season of the church year. This season, sometimes referred to as "ordinary time," is the longest of the Church year, lasting through summer and well into late autumn, ending with the coming of Advent. During the Season after Pentecost we recount the stories of Jesus' ministry, read and study passages from the Old Testament, and discuss letters written by disciples for members of the early church. The color for the Season after Pentecost is green, appropriate for the season of growth.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Birthdays

10 Page Lemel	13 Cindy Decker	15 Gordon Murray
11 Susan Lefler	13 Edward Fradley	15 Shannon Fennessy
11 Anne Gilson	13 Betsy Fletcher	15 Linda Threatte
11 Andrew Schmidt	13 Pat Rich	15 Joe Collins
12 Carol Moore	14 Diane Adams	15 Sharon Linnea

13 Dan Elliott14 Nathan McCabe13 Jerry Brown14 Kevin Greene

Anniversaries

10 Mike and Kay Tiddy 15 Keith and Gena Hawk

WEEKLY SERVICES AT ST. PHILIP'S

Join us each week at our services of Holy Eucharist!

- Sundays, 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (spoken)
- Sundays, 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music)
- Tuesdays, 2:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II (*College Walk Senior Living Community Chapel*)
- Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing (Chapel)

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Officiant			The Rev. Elizabeth Roles
Director of	Music Ministry		Brittnee Siemon
Organist			Kate Murray
Altar Guild	•••••		Jo Buescher
			Penny Mann
8:00 a.m.			
Acolyte	Nancy Harger	Ushers	Betty Creese
Reader 1	deRosset Myers		Kathryn Polmanteer

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Reader 2 Jim Tyson Liturgical Coordinator
Reader 3 Mary Dryselius Nancy Harger
LEM Holly Votaw

10:30 a.m.
Acolytes Peggy Bridges

Reader 1

Charlotte Cook LEMs Denis Bolena
Denis Bolena Fred Brown

Reader 2 Molly Tartt Daphne Chalaron

Reader 3 Mary Whitson Offering Counters
Ushers Craig Gralley Janet Gralley

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MINISTERS: The Baptized People of God The Rt. Rev. José Antonio McLoughlin, Bishop The Rev. Elizabeth Roles, Rector

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OUR VISION: Rooted in God's word and guided by Christ's example, St. Philip's Episcopal Church will be a loving, inclusive community committed to living out Christ's commandments.



OUR MISSION: *Guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit, and informed by Scripture, tradition and reason, we will:*

- Learn and teach by word and example how God continues to be at work in the world and in our lives;
- Love and serve all people as Christ loves us;
- Grow in faithful stewardship of the resources God has given us; and
- Celebrate joyfully this faith in our life, worship, prayer, and service.

