St. Philip's Episcopal Church

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Eucharist Sunday, August 31, 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.

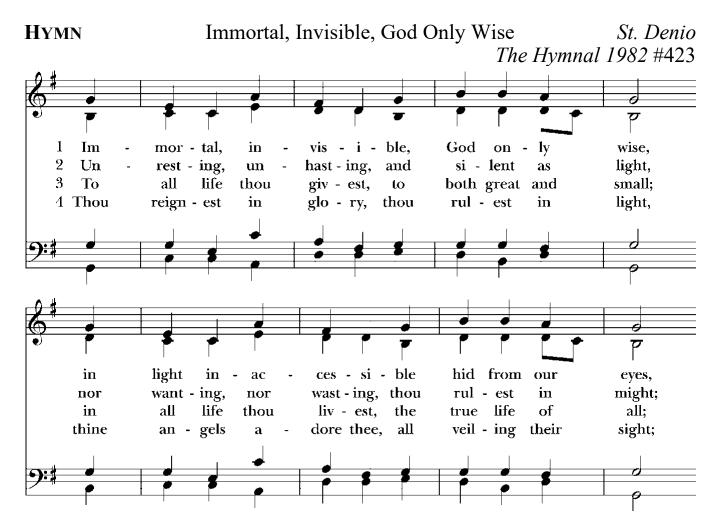
The Word of God

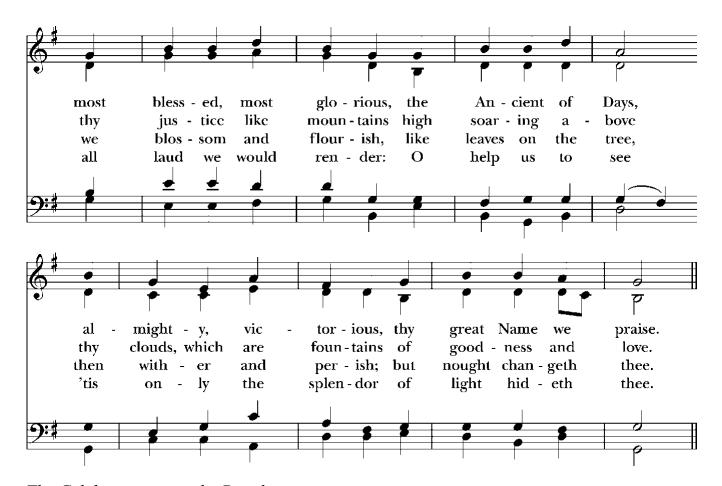
PRELUDE

Tiento from suite medivale

Jean Langlais

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*.

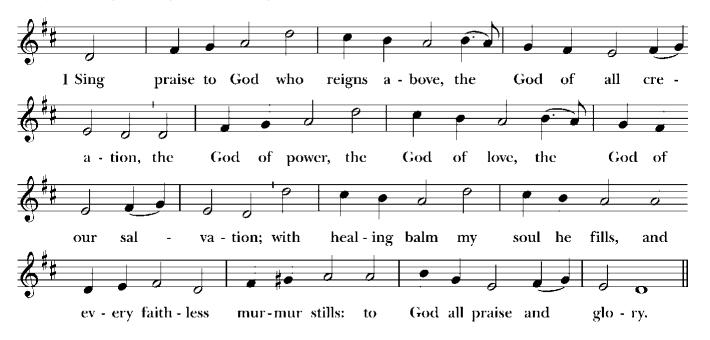
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (8:00 a.m. only)

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 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns above Mit Freuden zart
The Hymnal 1982 #408 (st. 1)

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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Proverbs 25:6-7

All sit.

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs.

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

PSALM 112

Beatus vir

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

¹Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord * and have great delight in his commandments!

- ²Their descendants will be mighty in the land; * the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- ³Wealth and riches will be in their house, * and their righteousness will last for ever.
- ⁴Light shines in the darkness for the upright; * the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- ⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending * and to manage their affairs with justice.

For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; * their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

⁸Their heart is established and will not shrink, * until they see their desire upon their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor, * and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; * the desires of the wicked will perish.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

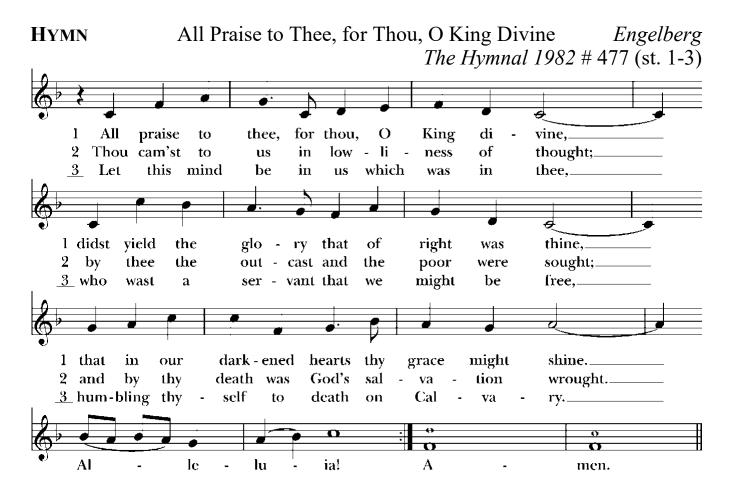
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

All stand as they are able.



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

PEOPLE Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at

the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.

¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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 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

Gathered in worship on this Sunday, let us pray.

Almighty God, we ask for your grace, that our love to always be inclusive:

PEOPLE Teach us to care, O Christ.

Help us to always be welcoming and not exclusive:

PEOPLE Guide us to be aware, O Christ.

Fill and transform the hearts of those convicted by your Spirit:

PEOPLE That in faith they might be reconciled to you, O Christ.

Give comfort and healing to those in conflict or pain.

PEOPLE For heart and mind ever true, O Christ.

Help us to resist avarice, usury and greed:

PEOPLE Teach us to be fair, O Christ.

Help us to deliver our abundance to those in need:

PEOPLE That we might equitably share, O Christ.

We ask for strength for our congregation to minister beyond our avenue:

PEOPLE Help us in mission, our faith ever confessed, O Christ.

We pray for our leaders, in government, business, church, and classrooms, to lead with compassion.

PEOPLE Guide them each in their respective role, O Christ.

Grant us wisdom for our speech to be careful, mindful and yet filled with passion

PEOPLE Grant us courage for us to extol, O Christ.

We pray for those who have departed, remembering Bruce Burney.

PEOPLE May light perpetually be imparted upon them, O Christ.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Christy Adams, Nelle Adams, Debbie Alford, Dez Blue, Christopher Bolk, Leslie Brown, Jay Curwen, Carl Denny, Lance Dickenson, Nancy Dillard, Suzanne Dininny, Jan Dryselius, 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, Lisa Rodke, 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 Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the flowers at the altar, given to the Glory of God and in memory of all those who rest in the St. Paul's in the Valley cemetery, especially Jane Walker Freeman and her family, by the Flower Guild.

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

In our diocese, we pray for All Saints, Linville; and the Church of the Resurrection, Little Switzerland. In our Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church of South India (United).

The priest concludes with this collect

Holy One, we know that you will never fail us nor forsake us. Help us to continually live within this promise, giving us generosity of hearts and minds to serve you and one another, as we glory in the promise of one accord. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is the same—yesterday, today and forever. **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

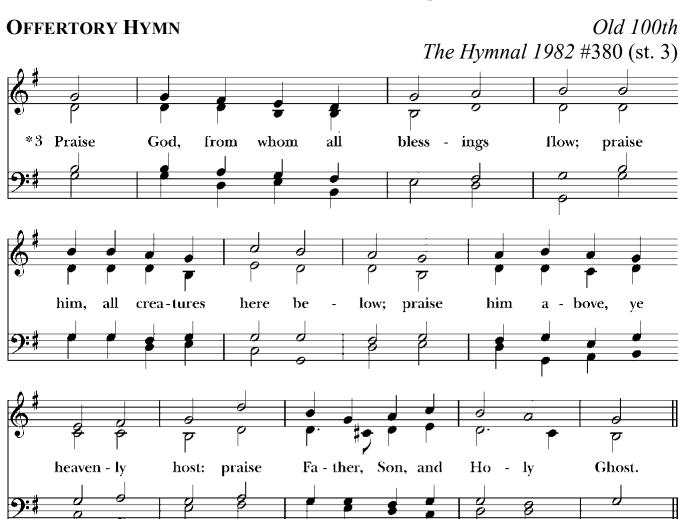
The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

Steal Away

arr. by John Rutter

Brittnee Siemon, mezzo soprano



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.

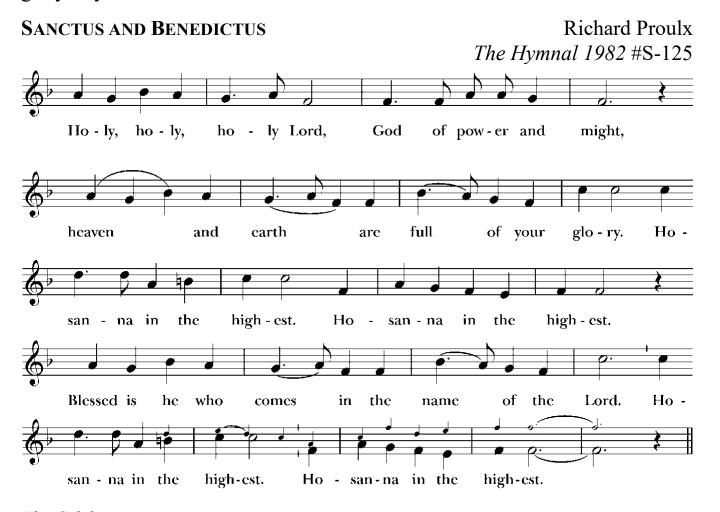
PEOPLE It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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:



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!

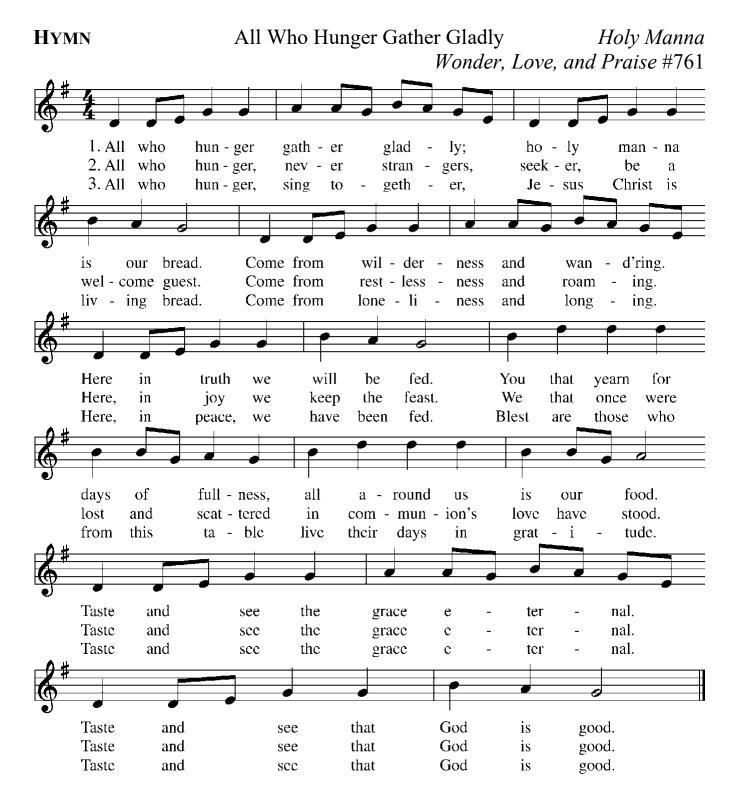
THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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.



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

(Hymn continues on the next page.)



DISMISSAL

The priest offers a dismissal, and the people respond

PEOPLE Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Organ Concerto in d minor, mvmt III

J.S. Bach





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.

DAILY PRAYERS FOR SCHOOL

It is a beloved tradition at St. Philip's for the Daughters of the King to pray daily throughout the school year for those dear to us who are in school – wherever they may be. On Sunday, August 31, 2025, you will find blue Back to School prayer request slips in the pews. Please complete and drop in the Prayer Requests basket as you leave church.

FAREWELL TO KATE MURRAY

Kate Murray has been a treasured part of the music ministry team at St. Philip's throughout the past year. During that time, she has artfully prepared countless

collaborations with our vocal choirs, handbell ringers, and children in well over one hundred and fifty services containing music offerings.

Join me in thanking her for sharing her gifts with us. She'll finish out the month of August and is on to new adventures. Dr. Vance Reese will join Brittnee and the music ministry team as our interim organist until a permanent replacement can be found. Many best wishes for continued happiness in Kate's new married life and move to Simpsonville, SC.

If you would like to make a gift to honor Kate's ministry with us, please write a check to St. Philip's with "Gift for Kate" in the memo line. (Note: these gifts are not tax-deductible.)

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR TODAY

In 1989, John T. Freeman gave a gift to endow the "Jane Walker Freeman Fund," to be used for altar flowers "to the glory of God and in remembrance of all those who reside in the St. Paul's in the Valley, especially Jane Walker Freeman and her family." In addition, the request was made that on the last Sunday in August the flowers ("wild flowers, especially daisies") be displayed with this verse from the Universal Prayer by Alexander Pope:

Teach me to feel another's woe, to hide the fault I see, that mercy I to others show that mercy show to me.

Today the flowers at the altar are given by our Flower Guild in memory of Jane.

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 7, when our program year begins with the return of adult formation, children and youth formation, nursery, our choir (at our 10:30 a.m. worship service), and a Coffee Hour with food!

That evening, CrossTown, our interdenominational youth group for 6th-12th grades, begins their program year at 5:00 p.m. at St. Philip's!

GIVING IS A SPIRITUAL ACT!

Realm or text STP to 73256.

Thank you for investing your treasure in the work and mission of St. Philip's. Your gift supports our invitation: "All are Welcome" is at the core of who we are. Our parishioner and clergy relationships, email communications, and online presence invite, welcome, and connect new people into our community. Visit https://www.stphilipsbrevardnc.org/donate to explore donating. To make a gift now use

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

31 Molly Fennessy	04 Lily Carter	04 Edie Gabcik
01 Ken Adams	04 Jann Mellman	05 Denis Bolena
01 Amani Duncan	04 Carole Hilderbran	05 Bill Rigot

Anniversaries

31 Steve and Susan Martin	02 Arnie and Susan Andresen
31 Jeff and Kathy Ambrose	04 Bru Izard and Debra Izard
01 Eric and Wendy Manner	05 Grant and Anne Bullard
01 John and Anne Lippincott	06 Bob and Charlotte Farrand

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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Officiant	The Rev. Elizabeth Roles
Director of Music Ministry	Brittnee Siemon
Organist	Kate Murray
Visiting organist	Jackson Morton
Altar Guild	Penny Mann
	Beverly Yeager
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8:00 a.m.

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Acolyte	Jann Mellman	Ushers	Gordon Murray
Reader 1	Jan Dryselius		Julie Murray
Reader 2	Melanie McKague	Liturgical Coordinator	
Reader 3	Holly Votaw		Ed Nezelek
LEM	de Rosset Myers		
10:30 a.m.			
Acolytes	Melissa McCabe		
	Kathryn Polmanteer	LEMs	Daphne Chalaron
Reader 1	Jann Mellman		Susan Lefler
Reader 2	Kieran Mehta		Jann Mellman
Reader 3	Mary Whitson	Offering Counters	

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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.

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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.

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