

# St. Philip's Episcopal Church

**The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**



**Holy Eucharist**  
**February 1, 2026**

**8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

Welcome! We offer one service today at 10:30 a.m. The 10:30 a.m. service is broadcast on Facebook Live or YouTube. 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

Oboe Concerto in d minor, ii adagio

Marcello

arr. J. S. Bach

*All stand as they are able.*

### HYMN

Praise to the Holiest in the Height

Newman

*The Hymnal 1982 #446 (st. 1, 3-4)*

1 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the  
3 O wis - est love! that flesh and blood, which did in  
1 and that the high - est gift of grace should flesh and

1 depth be praise; in all his words most  
3 Ad - am fail, should strive a - fresh a -  
4 blood re - fine: God's pres - ence and his

1 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!  
3 gainst the foe, should strive, and should pre - vail;  
4 ve - ry self, and es - sence all - di - vine.

*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

*The following is sung, all standing (10:30 a.m. only) The Hymnal 1982 #S 280*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT      The Lord be with you.  
 PEOPLE            **And also with you.**  
 CELEBRANT      Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All are seated.*

## FIRST READING

Micah 6:1-8

*All sit.*

Reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah.

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the LORD says:

“Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.”

<sup>3</sup>“O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup>O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

<sup>6</sup>“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

<sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

READER  
PEOPLE

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 15

*Domine, quis habitabit?*

*The reader and the congregation read the psalm responsively by half verse.  
The congregation chants the entire psalm with choir.*

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
**who may abide upon your holy hill?**

<sup>2</sup>Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
**who | speaks the truth from his heart.**

<sup>3</sup>There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
**he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.**

<sup>4</sup>In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
**but he honors those who fear the LORD.**

<sup>5</sup>He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
**and does not take back his word.**

<sup>6</sup>He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
**nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

<sup>7</sup>Whoever | does these | things \*  
**shall never be overthrown.**

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,  
“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to

those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

<sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

*All stand as they are able.*

**HYMN**      **Bless'd Jesus, at Thy Word**      *Liebster Jesu*  
*The Hymnal 1982 #440*

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to  
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness  
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred  
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night  
 ced - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teachings  
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to  
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.  
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.  
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

PRIEST        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
 PEOPLE        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your

reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

PRIEST                    The Gospel of the Lord.  
PEOPLE                    **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## SERMON The Rev. Angela Emerson

## **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.**

Form III

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**  
Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy, remembering Jesra Stoll;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

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

*Christy Adams, Alston, Peggy Ayres, Barry, Dez Blue, Christopher Bolk, Leslie Brown, Charles, Courtney, Jay Curwen, Dave, Dave, Norah Davis, Carl Denny, Lance Dickenson, Nancy Dillard, Suzanne Dininny, Jan Dryselius, Dianne and Howard Dyer, Judith Egan, Ellen, Annette Ellerton, the Borgia family, Liz Ford, Colten Frey, Edie Gabcik, John Gannon, Charlotte Gilmore, Jane Glenn, Kathy Haehnel, Tim Harris, Howard Jackson, Kay Jones, Lyn Kane, Roxann Kibbin, Michael Kirwen, Kurt, Rick Laws, Ruth LePine, Tom Lewis, Elisabeth Marchant, Dottie Marcinko, Johnny Martinez,*

*Larry Maupin, Mark and Leslie Montgomery, Veronica Morrow, Jenifer Morrow, Nikarra, Pam, Pat, Nancy Patterson, Judy Pierce, Judy Pierce, Debbie and John Poe, Bev and Milbrey Raney, Liam Rial, Jim Ride, Lisa Rodke, Mary Rose, Hudson Rudisill, Gabrielle Ruge, Linda Schieve, Frank Shoemaker, Alice Silva, Isabella Smith, Ray Snellgrove, Caroline Stein, Brenda Summers, Arden Swift, Marcia Thies, Mike Tiddy, Jim Tso, Jeremy Tuck, Emily Walthall, Penny Williams, Eileen Gilson Williams, Ed Wiseman, Risdon Wood, Judy Yancey*

In our diocese, we pray for seminarians, and all students, faculty and staff involved in Theological Education, giving thanks for Brad Wilson. In our Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church of England.

*The Celebrant continues*

Eternal God, our beginning and our end: bring us, with all creation, into your glory, revealed through the ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **CONFSSION OF SIN**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Minister and People*

**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.**

## ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 Liturgy of the Table

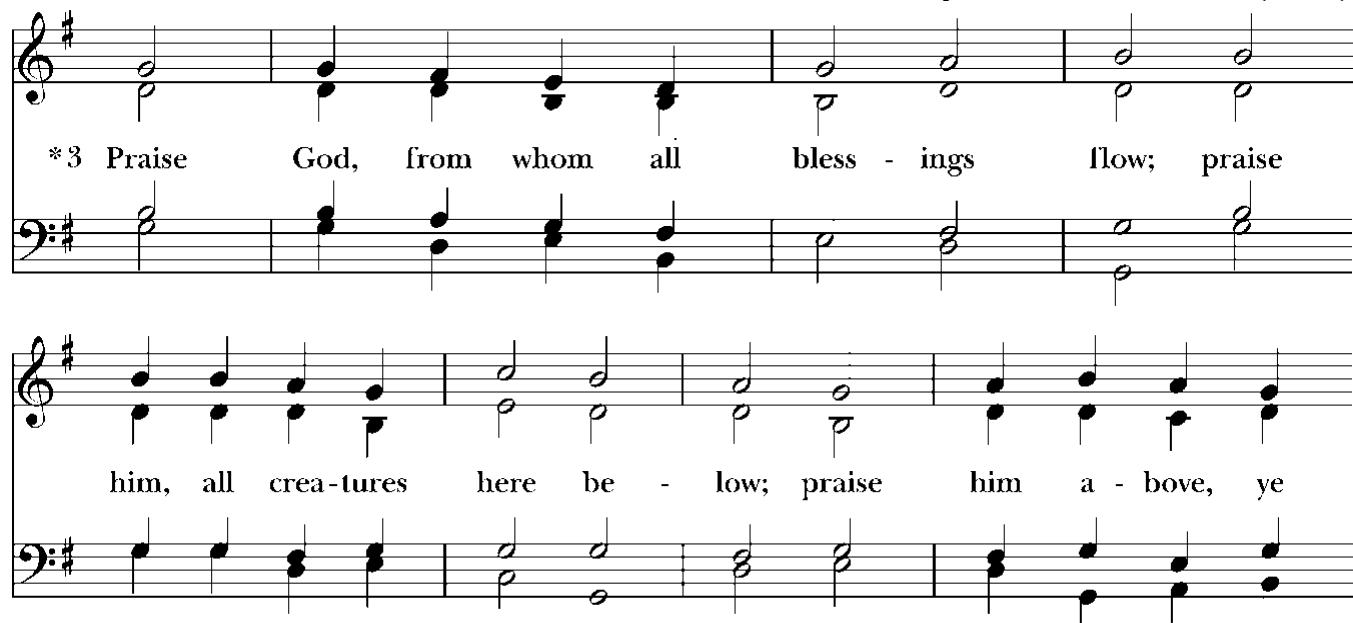
#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM God Is a Spirit

W. Sterndale Bennett (1816-1875)

God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. For the Father seeketh such to worship him. (Text: John 4:23, 24)

(10:30 a.m. only)

*Old 100th  
The Hymnal 1982 #380 (st. 3)*



\*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye



## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The people remain standing as they are able.*

Eucharistic Prayer 1  
*Enriching Our Worship 1*

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 our thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

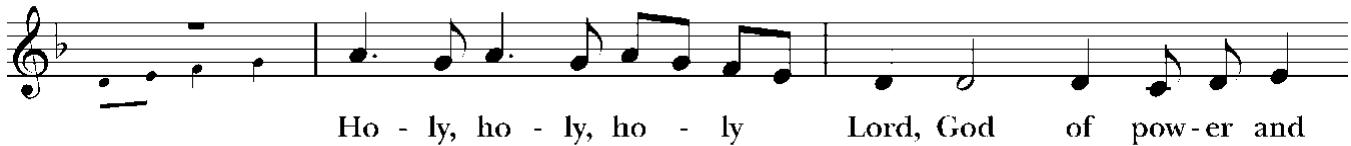
Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

*Celebrant and People sing*

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Robert J. Powell (1932-2025)  
*The Hymnal 1982 #S 129*



might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Philip and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. ***AMEN***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People*

**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.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel      *St. Petersburg*  
    *The Hymnal 1982 #574*



1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science  
2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to  
3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious  
4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the  
 all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from  
 to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to  
 pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and  
 sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us  
 catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of  
 God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.  
 with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.  
 pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.  
 may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

*The congregation stands when the Celebrant returns to the altar.*

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*This prayer takes the place of the Postcommunion 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.

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

## PRAYER FOR THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

*After the prayer, the People respond*

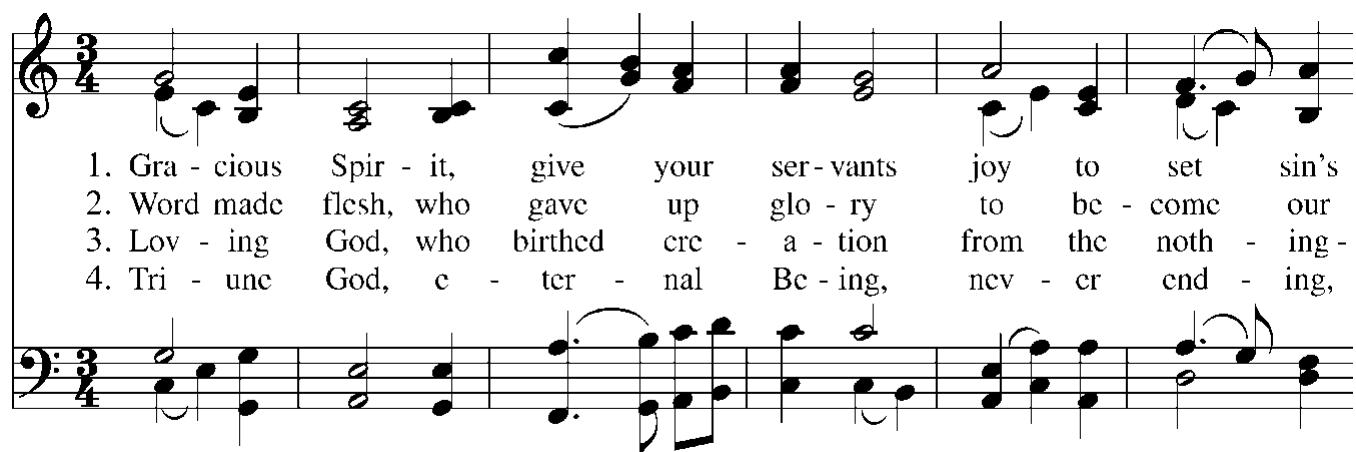
**Amen.**

## BLESSING

### HYMN

Gracious Spirit, Give Your Servants

*Abbot's Leigh  
Wonder, Love, and Praise #782*



1. Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser - vants joy to set sin's  
2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come our  
3. Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the noth - ing -  
4. Tri - une God, c - ter - nal Be - ing, nev - er end - ing,



## DISMISSAL

*The priest offers a dismissal, and the people respond*

PEOPLE      **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Estampie

Anonymous

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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: WEATHER UPDATE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

A winter storm is predicted for this weekend, January 30-February 1, 2026. To err on the side of caution, here is our revised schedule for the weekend:

- **The 8:00 a.m. service on Sunday, February 1, 2026, will be suspended this week.**
- **The Annual Meeting at 9:15 a.m. will be postponed until Sunday, February 8, 2026.**
- Christian Formation for all ages (nursery, Godly Play, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School, Lectio Divina, Coffee & Conversation, and "Exploring the Episcopal Way" will be suspended on Sunday, February 1, 2026.
- **The 10:30 a.m. service will be livestreamed from the church by the Rev. Angela Emerson. You are welcome if you can SAFELY attend.** Please know that it is possible that the sidewalks and parking lot may not be shoveled, so please use caution.  
*Note: if you are scheduled for a Sunday ministry and are unable to get to church, there is no need to ask for a sub or contact us!*

## JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 8, 2026

The Annual Parish Meeting and Vestry Elections will take place Sunday, February 8, 2026, at 9:15 a.m. in the sanctuary, and will be livestreamed on Facebook Live and YouTube\*. A nursery / childcare for children 5th grade and under will be available.

For those attending/voting from home: on Sunday, February 8, 2026, an e-mail blast will be e-mailed Sunday morning with a link to our online ballot, where parishioners may vote for three candidates. The ballot link will be available from 9:15 – 9:45 a.m. only. The link will also be posted in the Facebook and YouTube comments and on the website during this time period.

Reports from parish leaders will be offered, and the 2026 ministry funding budget will be presented. Since vestry nominations are closed, we will vote for three of our five candidates: Jeff Ambrose, Frank Duckworth, Mike Dunham, Kiran Mehta, and Kerry Mosher. We will return to our usual Sunday morning schedule on Sunday, February 15, 2026.

In the week following Sunday's Annual Meeting, an e-mail blast will go out with links to all the reports.

**Read more here: our five candidates have answered the question "Why do you want to serve on the Vestry?"**

### **HELP ST. PHILIP'S SAVE MONEY!!**

2025 Year End Contribution Statements are available in the hallway to Miller Hall. If you pick the statement up there, you get it sooner and save the church the cost of postage.

### **50s POTLUCK DINNER AND FAMILY GAME NIGHT FEBRUARY 6**

Join us for a **50s Potluck Dinner & Family Game Night on Friday, February 6, from 5:30–8:30 p.m.** as we gather as a church family to recreate an old-fashioned 1950s evening of food, games, and fellowship for all ages. **Optional 50s dress-up is encouraged, with prizes for best attire and game winners\*, and nursery care provided.** Please **sign up in Easel Alley (outside the parish office)** with your name, number attending, and the 50s-style dish you will bring, or e-mail [office@stphilipsbrevardnc.org](mailto:office@stphilipsbrevardnc.org). (**Bad weather plan:** If Transylvania County Schools are canceled or released early, the potluck will be postponed to **Friday, February 13.**)

**Dress for the 1950s Potluck (Optional):** Join the fun by dressing either in typical 1950s attire or 1950s church dress. Family photographs will be taken, dress judged, and gift basket prizes awarded as follows:

- 2 gift baskets for families with young children (ages birth to 12)
- 2 gift baskets for families with teens (ages 13-19)
- 2 gift baskets for “created families” (those with no children or teens). Create your own church family of 4 or 5.

### **GIVING IS A SPIRITUAL ACT!**

Thank you for investing your time in the work and mission of St. Philip's. Your volunteer effort supports many ministries at St. Philip's. Visit Easel Alley (outside the parish office) or visit <https://www.stphilipsbrevardnc.org/ministries> to find spiritual work that calls to you, and learn how to get involved.

## THE SEASON AFTER THE EPIPHANY

The Season after Epiphany lasts four to nine weeks, from January 6 to the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, varying with Easter's date. Its Gospel readings reveal Jesus' divinity, including the visit of the Magi, His baptism, the wedding at Cana, the calling of disciples, miracles, and teachings. The season ends with the Transfiguration, affirming Jesus as the Son of God. Green hangings symbolize life and growth.

## NUGGET FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2026



*The St. Philip's Rectory*

The Rev. Harry Perry became rector on June 1, 1925, during a period of growth for both the town and church. He, his wife Dorothy, and their three daughters arrived just 6½ months before the fire that destroyed the Victorian wooden St. Philip's church. The rectory became the temporary home for services, Sunday School, and the Perry family. The first services in the new stone church were held February 14-15, 1927, when the Convocation of Asheville met in St. Philip's chapel, the only part of the church that was completed. That June, St. Philip's moved from mission to parish status with the vestry holding the property deed. Even with the ongoing construction, parish business was conducted

and during this time parish membership approached 100, offerings were good, and the congregation accepted the proposed 1928 Book of Common Prayer—though they were less enthusiastic about Perry's introduction of red cassocks for acolytes. Then the Depression hit. The rectory mortgage was foreclosed, forcing the Perry family into modest rentals, including one where the church negotiated rent from \$25 to \$15 monthly. At times, Sr. Warden Smedberg paid the rector's salary from personal funds. Despite these hardships, the parish—especially its women—persevered. On May 7, 1939, the new stone church was consecrated, debt free.

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

### Birthdays

01 Ellie Rudd	04 Susan Wells	06 Jim Tyson
01 Leslie Montgomery	04 Alicia Parker Sweatt	06 Murphy Smith
02 Polly Averette	04 Leigh Ann Jonsson	07 Suzan Young
02 Bill McCleery	04 Dustin Calhoun	07 Jane Rigot
03 Sean Boehrig	04 Al Ragl	

### Anniversaries

04 David Messer and Carol McCullough	04 Mark and Anne Strutz
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## WEEKLY SERVICES AT ST. PHILIP'S

Join us each week at our services of Holy Eucharist!

- Sundays, 8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I (*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*)

## COVER ART

*Sermon on the Mount.* Persian miniature depicting Jesus and the Sermon on the Mount. Date is not identified, nor the artist. (Attribution: Sermon on the Mount, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57790>[retrieved January 23, 2026]. Original source: [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Persian\\_deception\\_of\\_Jesus\\_-\\_Sermon\\_on\\_the\\_Mount.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Persian_deception_of_Jesus_-_Sermon_on_the_Mount.jpg).)

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

Officiant.....	The Rev. Elizabeth Roles
Seminarian.....	Brad Wilson
Director of Music Ministry.....	Dr. Brittnee Siemon
Organist .....	Jackson Morton
Altar Guild.....	Jo Buescher Penny Mann

## 10:30 a.m.

Acolytes	Jann Mellman Maddy Rich	LEMs	Billie Begg Daphne Chalaron Bill Mellman
Reader 1	Bill Rigot	Offering Counters	Bru Izard Jann Mellman
Reader 2	Ann Ives	Liturgical Coordinator	Nancy Harger
Reader 3	Daphne Chalaron		
Ushers	Susan Murray Tom Murray		



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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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