

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday of Easter



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Holy Eucharist
Sunday, April 19, 2026
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 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 Improvisation on the Resurrection Jackson Morton

All stand as they are able.

HYMN Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain *St. Kevin*
The Hymnal 1982 #199 (st. 1-3)

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.

The Celebrant says to the People

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

PEOPLE **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

CELEBRANT There is one Body and one Spirit;

PEOPLE **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

CELEBRANT One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

PEOPLE **One God and Father of all.**

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.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

All sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd],
³⁶“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

READER The Word of the Lord.

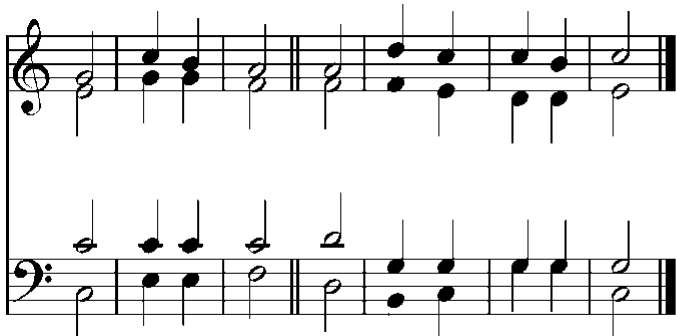
PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116:1-3, 10-17

Dilexi, quoniam
The Hymnal 1984 S-229

8:00 a.m.: The reader and the congregation read the psalm responsively by half verse.

10:30 a.m.: The congregation chants the **entire** psalm with choir.



¹I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my | sup-pli | cation, *
because he has inclined his ear to me when- | ever I | called up- |
on him.

²The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the | grave took | hold of me; *
I | came to | grief and | sorrow.

³Then I called upon the | Name of the | LORD: *
“O LORD, I | pray you, | save my | life.”

¹⁰How shall I re- | pay the | LORD *
for all the | good things | he has | done for me?

¹¹I will lift up the | cup of sal- | vation *
and | call up- on the | Name of the | LORD.

¹²I will fulfill my | vows to the | LORD *
in the | presence of | all his | people.

¹³Precious in the | sight of the | LORD *
is the | death | of his | servants.

¹⁴O LORD, | I am your | servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have | freed me | from my | bonds.

¹⁵I will offer you the | sacri- fice of | thanksgiving *
and | call up- on the | Name of the | LORD.

¹⁶I will fulfill my | vows to the | LORD *
in the | presence of | all his | people,

¹⁷In the | courts of the | LORD's house, *
in the midst of you, O Je- | rusa- lem. |
Hal-le- | lujah!

thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic

Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our

we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

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

¹³Now on that same day two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did

SPONSORS I present Frances Marie to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and sponsors

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

PARENTS AND SPONSORS

I will, with God's help.

CELEBRANT Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

PARENTS AND SPONSORS

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

QUESTION Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

ANSWER I renounce them.

QUESTION Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

ANSWER I renounce them.

QUESTION Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

ANSWER I renounce them.

QUESTION Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

ANSWER I do.

QUESTION Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

ANSWER I do.

QUESTION Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

ANSWER I do.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

PEOPLE **We will.**

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT *(8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.)*

CELEBRANT Do you believe in God the Father?

PEOPLE **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

CELEBRANT Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

PEOPLE **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

CELEBRANT Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

PEOPLE **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

CELEBRANT Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

PEOPLE **I will, with God's help.**

CELEBRANT Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
 PEOPLE **I will, with God's help.**

CELEBRANT Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
 PEOPLE **I will, with God's help.**

CELEBRANT Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
 PEOPLE **I will, with God's help.**

CELEBRANT Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
 PEOPLE **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(8:00 a.m. only)*

Form III

The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 387

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES *(10:30 a.m. only)*

CELEBRANT Let us now pray for Salma and Frances who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

LEADER Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
 PEOPLE **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LEADER Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
 PEOPLE **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LEADER Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
 PEOPLE **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LEADER Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
 PEOPLE **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LEADER Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
 PEOPLE **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LEADER Send them into the world in witness to your love.

PEOPLE **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LEADER Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

PEOPLE **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying to each one

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed for all the Candidates, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The People stand as they are able.

WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

The Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.



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 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

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 Christ's 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. 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


And now, 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.**

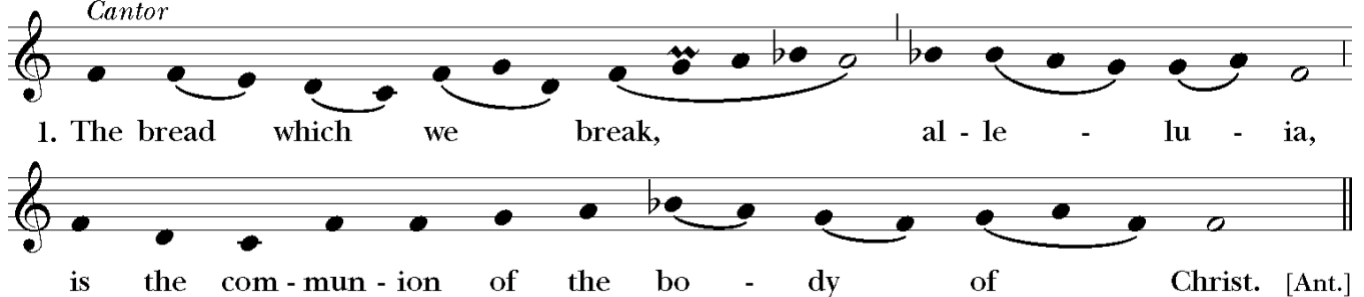
BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND FRACTION ANTHEM

Antiphon
Cantor; then All



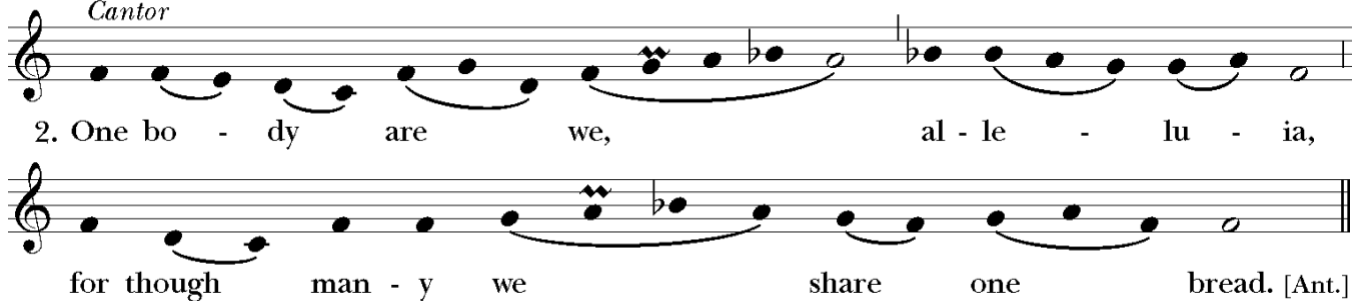
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,
is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,
for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

*St. Agnes
The Hymnal 1982 #343*

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
word of grace, in strength of which we
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

This prayer takes the place of the Postcommunion Prayer for those worshipping 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.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love
to the world and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

After the prayer, the People respond

Amen.

BLESSING

HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Sicilian Mariners

The Hymnal 1982 #708

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with two verses. The first verse is '1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy' and the second verse is '2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us'. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

DISMISSAL

The Hymnal 1982 #S 175a

Deacon

Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia.

People

Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



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.
- **Adult Formation at 9:15 a.m.** – Please see our two opportunities described below.
- **Youth Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.** – Middle and high school youth are invited to join us for Sunday School. We are using short videos from bibleproject.com to jump start our discussions. This fully animated series traces key biblical themes from their first appearance through the entire narrative of the Bible. We meet in the youth classroom located downstairs in the Education wing.
- **Godly Play at 9:15 a.m.** – Children ages 4 through 5th grade will be engaged in Godly Play. The Godly Play approach helps them to explore their faith through story, to gain religious language and to enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play. Godly Play meets in the education wing downstairs.
- **Nursery at 9:15 a.m.** – Nursery for children Kindergarten age and younger is available today beginning at 9:15 a.m.
- **Children’s Church at 10:30 a.m.** – On Sunday all children (K-5th grade) are invited to Children’s Church during the Liturgy of the Word in the 10:30 a.m. service. Children may be brought to the Sunday School room across from the Godly Play room (the youth classroom) before parents/grandparents go to church. Children will be taken to the church during the Peace and should join their family for communion.
- **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.

ADULT FORMATION SUNDAY, APRIL 19

- **GET READY, GET SET, LIFT-OFF!** In Coffee and Conversation on Sunday, April 19, we will be sharing thoughts and ideas about one of the most intriguing scriptures in the entire Bible. In its short summation of what it's all about, we have Outward, Inward, and Upward requirements for Christ-like living. Wanna know what it is? See you on April 19th! Coffee & Conversation meets in Miller Hall, our large upstairs meeting room.
- **“WALKING THE EPISCOPAL WAY”** – The class “Walking the Episcopal Way” will make up its missed classes on April 19th at 9:30 a.m. in the YAC (our large downstairs meeting room) and will conclude on April 26th. We will cover the Liturgy of the Eucharist (why we do what we do) and touch on the sacred beliefs of the Episcopal Church. If you missed the first round and are interested, please join us!

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR

We give thanks for the flowers at the altar, given to the Glory of God and in loving memory and celebration of the lives of Joyce L. Rouse and Lorne Rouse, given by their daughters Holly and Jennifer.

ST. PHILIP’S PRAYER LIST

Christy Adams, Alston, Kathy Ambrose, Peggy Ayres, Barry, Bill, Dez Blue, Christopher Bolk, Leslie Brown, Charles, Holly Renee Copeland, Courtney, Jay Curwen, Norah Davis, Carl Denny, Judy Caldwell Dexter, Lance Dickenson, Nancy Dillard, Suzanne Dininny, Jan Dryselius, Dianne and Howard Dyer, Judith Egan, Ellen, Eugene, the Borgia family, Liz Ford, Ann Franklin, Colten Frey, Edie Gabcik, John Gannon, Jane Glenn, Tim Harris, Howard Jackson, Kay Jones, Lyn Kane, Roxann Kibbin, Michael Kirwen, Kurt, Rick Laws, Ruth LePine, Tom Lewis, Elisabeth Marchant, Dottie Marcinko, Buddy Marines, Johnny Martinez, Larry Maupin, Mark and Leslie Montgomery, Veronica Morrow, Jenifer Morrow, Nikarra, Pam, Pat, Nancy Patterson, Judy Pierce, Debbie and John Poe, Liam Rial, Jim Rice, Lisa Rodke, Mary Rose, Hudson Rudisill, Gabrielle Ruge, Linda Schieve, Frank Shoemaker, Alice Silva, Isabella Smith, Ray Snellgrove, Matthew Sundstrom Sr., Barbara Staubs, Caroline Stein, Brenda Summers, Arden Swift, Marcia Thies, Mike Tiddy, Jim Tso, Jeremy Tuck, Emily Walthall, John Welch, Penny Williams, Eileen Gilson Williams, Ed Wiseman, Risdon Wood, Judy Yancey

HEALING PRAYER AND HOLY ANOINTING TO CONTINUE APRIL 19

Healing prayer and holy anointing will now become a regular part of our worship life at St. Philip's. This ministry has deep roots in the life of the Church. In the New Testament, Christians are encouraged to pray for the sick and to anoint in the name of the Lord, trusting in God's mercy, strength, and healing grace. From the early Church onward, this practice has remained a faithful sign of Christ's compassion and care for his people.

Within the Anglican tradition, healing prayer and holy anointing have long been understood as part of the Church's pastoral ministry. The Book of Common Prayer preserves this ministry as a way of commending those who are burdened in body, mind, or spirit to God's loving care. Anointing with holy oil is not magic, but a visible and holy sign of God's presence, blessing, and healing power. Together with prayer and the laying on of hands, it reminds us that Christ meets us in our weakness and draws us into his peace.

You may wish to come for healing prayer or holy anointing for many reasons: illness, chronic pain, anxiety, grief, spiritual weariness, a major life decision, recovery from surgery, family burdens, or simply a desire to place yourself more fully in God's hands. Some come seeking physical healing, others strength to endure, clarity, comfort, forgiveness, or peace. All are welcome. Whether your need is great or small, healing prayer and anointing offer a quiet and faithful way to receive the Church's prayers and to rest in the healing love of Christ.

CENTENNIAL NUGGET - STAINED GLASS IN ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH



The stained-glass windows at the altar were given in 1957 as a memorial to Elizabeth Mount Silversteen by her husband Joseph Silversteen and three daughters. Mr. Silversteen was generous in his contributions during a time when the parish needed his financial assistance.

The central panel is the Nativity; the Gospel side panel honors the parish patron St. Philip; and the epistle side panel honors St. Elizabeth, the

namesake of Elizabeth Silversteen. St. Elizabeth was the mother of John the Baptist. She conceived at a very old age, and her greeting to her cousin Mary—'Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb'—has become one of the great salutations of the Christian church. The fish emblem reminds us of St. Philip's role in feeding the multitudes. Dominating the whole window is the deep blue glass and symbol

of the circle. In religious symbolism, blue signifies heavenly love and truth. The circle is the emblem of eternity, without beginning or end. These windows are a great introduction to our Cornerstone Centennial Evensong on April 19, to be presented by the St. Philip's Chancel Choir.

Do you want to know more about these beautiful stained-glass windows? Please join us for the Cornerstone Centennial Celebration event on May 8th from 5-7 p.m. for "A Fresh Look," highlighting our art collection introducing a brief description on the stained-glass windows. A variety of art will be displayed, followed by a reception in Miller Hall, our large upstairs meeting room.

CORNERSTONE CENTENNIAL EVENSONG APRIL 19

Join us Sunday, April 19 at 5:00 pm for a musical celebration of the 100th anniversary of the laying of our church's cornerstone! This service of Choral Evensong will be sung by the St. Philip's Chancel Choir, with organist Jackson Morton and special guests under the direction of Dr. Brittnee Siemon.

The service will feature four-hand compositions for piano and organ, a Magnificat setting dedicated to the Rev. Elizabeth Roles, poetic texts by the Rev. Dr. Judith A. Davis, and new music by composers Thomas Rex Harrison and Jesse Kaiser. Additional music includes Richard Sanders' Preces and Responses and Paul Smith's Nunc dimittis, as well as Gwyneth Walker's Let the Life I've Lived Speak for Me, which will be conducted by choral scholar alumna Tamra Rouse Sutton.

We'll be joined by Margaret Templeton, collaborative pianist for the Greenville Chorale, Bart Gilleland, bass, Brooke Mathieu, soprano, and several choral scholar alumni.

Please join us for a joyful hour of music, readings, and prayer. Admission is free and all are welcome. Refreshments will be offered after the service.

IT'S GOING TO BE SO MUCH FUN!!!

Plan to join the fun at our Cornerstone Centennial Auction supporting Camp Henry and Bound for Glory Camp on Saturday, April 25! Deerwoode Reserve (395 Riversedge Rd, Brevard, NC 28712) is a beautiful venue to spend time with friends, laugh and enjoy the amazing items to be presented by a lively and entertaining auctioneer. It's an afternoon for camaraderie, some nibbles, meandering through the tables of silent auction items, and perhaps finding an astonishing treasure or two! Bring your friends and enjoy the day! Doors open at 3:00 p.m. and the Live Auction begins at 4:00 p.m.! All are Welcome!

BELONGING SUNDAY APRIL 26

We have a Special Day, twice a year, where we welcome those of you that are "new" to St. Philip's when we invite you to STAND UP and declare that you want to BELONG to us, and we attest that we WANT YOU to BELONG to us! While the mechanics of

officially joining may take a while, we want you to know that we BELONG here together! On Sunday, April 26, at our 10:30 a.m. service, we would like to recognize you as a group during the service – and then celebrate with the entire Parish Family at a Special Coffee Hour following the service. Please plan to join in with others that feel they are new – and together we'll attest we belong to each other! The Newcomers' Committee will be at Coffee Hours on Sunday, April 19 to answer any questions you might have about our Belonging Sunday!

EASTERTIDE

The Season of Easter begins with the first Alleluia of Easter and ends 50 days later on the Day of Pentecost. During this season, the liturgical color is white and the liturgies are uplifting and joyful. From the ashes of Ash Wednesday, God has brought us into the fullness of life and joy!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Birthdays

20 Lila Stewart	21 Jeannie Stellitano	22 Gordon Strayhorn
20 Mike Dunham	22 John Walter	23 Gerry Smith
20 Elizabeth Roles	22 Jo Buescher	24 Clint Roberts
21 Jacquelyn Rogow	22 Ann Smith	25 Jean Buechele

Anniversaries

20 William and Billie Begg	22 Chappie and Shannon Powell
21 Steve and Beth Womble	24 John and Mary McGinnis
21 Brian and Monica Sheedy	

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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 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*)

COVER ART: *Born Again* (1981). Color etching by Edie Mae Herrel, Columbus, Ohio. Note: Edie Mae Herrel, the multi-talented and award-winning artist, developed her distinctive style in etching and printmaking, characterized by delicacy and attention to detail. Her artwork, stimulated by biblical scripture, encourages her observers to connect deeply with spirituality and inspires them to live by the beliefs of love, truth, and joy. Read more information about the artist at [Edie Mae Herrel](http://EdieMaeHerrel.com). (Attribution: Herrel, Edie Mae. *Born Again*, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=59792> [retrieved April 8, 2026]. Original source: Image was donated by Edie Mae Herrel and Dan Herrel, dkherrel@hotmail.com, nancynuss@gmail.com, Patrick.herrel@hotmail.com.)

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Officiant..... The Rev. Elizabeth Roles
 Seminarian.....Brad Wilson
 Director of Music MinistryDr. Brittnee Siemon
 Organist Jackson Morton
 Altar Guild..... Dolores Brown
 Jo Buescher

8:00 a.m.

Acolyte	Betty Creese	Ushers	Gordon Murray
Reader 1	Jennifer Maupin		Julie Murray
Reader 2	Gena Hawk	Liturgical Coordinator	
Reader 3	Bob Wesneski		Nancy Harger
LEM	Bob Wesneski		

10:30 a.m.

Acolyte	Jann Mellman	LEMs	Peggy Bridges
Reader 1	Christie Eberhardt		Fred Brown
Reader 2	Mary McGinnis		Bill Rigot
Reader 3	Ruffin Benton	Offering Counters	
Ushers	Don Stubbs		Daphne Chalaron
	Susie Stubbs		John Harris
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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.*

