

# St. Philip's Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday of Easter



**Holy Eucharist**  
Sunday, April 26, 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**

Piano sonata 4, movement 3, Lento

Leo Ornstein

*All stand as they are able.*

**HYMN**

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

*Gelobt sei Gott*

*The Hymnal 1982 #205 (st. 1-3)*

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the  
 \*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*The Celebrant says to the People*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

PEOPLE

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*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** (10:30 a.m. only)

This Is the Feast of Victory for Our God *Festival Canticle*  
*The Hymnal 1982 #417 (st. 3)*

*Antiphon*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

3 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. [Ant.]

*Final Antiphon*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

Acts 2:42-47

*All sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

READER                    The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE                    **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 23** (*King James Version*)

*Dominus regit me*

Please join me in reading Psalm 23 in unison.

**The LORD is my shepherd; \***

**I shall not want.**

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; \***

**he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**He restoreth my soul; \***

**he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his  
Name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I will fear no evil; \***

**for thou art with me;**

**thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**

**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of**

**mine enemies; \***

**thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days  
of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

**SECOND READING**

1 Peter 2:19-25

A Reading from the First Epistle of Peter.

<sup>19</sup>It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup>"He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

<sup>23</sup>When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

READER                      The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE                     **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as they are able.*

HYMN

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Resignation

The Hymnal 1982 #664



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah  
2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence  
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me



is his Name; \_\_\_\_\_ in pas - tures fresh he  
is my stay; \_\_\_\_\_ one word of thy sup -  
all my days; \_\_\_\_\_ oh, may thy house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.\_\_\_\_  
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.\_\_\_\_  
mine a - bode and all my work be praise.\_\_\_\_



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -  
Thy hand, in sight of all my focs, doth still my  
There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers



sake his ways, \_\_\_\_\_ and leads me, for his  
ta - ble spread; \_\_\_\_\_ my cup with bless - ings  
go and come; \_\_\_\_\_ no more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.\_\_\_\_  
o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.\_\_\_\_  
or a guest, but like a child at home.\_\_\_\_

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

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

Jesus said, <sup>1</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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**      Offered by a member of the St. Philip's Community

*8:00 a.m.: The Leader reads each petition, and the People respond with the refrain "All Shall Be Well." At 10:30 a.m., all respond with the sung refrain.*

In this Easter season, help us to feel again the joy of the first disciples,

*8:00 a.m.*      **All shall be well.**

*10:30 a.m.*



All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all man-ner of thing shall be we - e - ll.

David Keller; Text by Julian of Norwich

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
**All shall be well.** *(Refrain)*

Teach us to use your creation for your purposes, that all may share the good things you provide,  
**All shall be well.** *(Refrain)*

Bless our search for justice and peace and give our leaders wisdom to carry out your will in the world,  
**All shall be well.** *(Refrain)*

Inspire us to generosity of spirit toward our neighbors,  
**All shall be well.** *(Refrain)*

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair and help us be ready to minister to all in need: prisoners, victims of abuse, the homeless, the poor,  
**All shall be well.** *(Refrain)*

Keep us conscious of all who are sick in mind or body, especially those on our parish prayer list, and strengthen all who give their energy to healing,  
**All shall be well.** *(Refrain)*

*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*

Give a peaceful end to the dying and eternal rest to the departed. Comfort all with the promise of the Resurrection,  
**All shall be well.** *(Refrain)*

We give thanks for the flowers at the altar, given to the Glory of God and thanksgiving for their 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and their 23 years at St. Philip's by William and Billie Begg.

In our diocese, we pray for St. Philip's, Brevard. In our Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

*The priest concludes with this collect*

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **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**

### **BELONGING LITURGY**

*The Celebrant invites anyone who would like to be formally welcomed to our parish family to please come forward.*

CELEBRANT We now welcome these persons who belong to this body of Christ,  
the people of St. Philip's Episcopal Church.

CELEBRANT *(to those gathered)*

Dear Friends, is it your wish to make this community of faith, St. Philip's, your church home and the people with whom you will share your journey of faith?

NEW MEMBERS     **It is.**

CELEBRANT *(to the congregation)*

Will you welcome these persons into this family of St. Philip's, embrace their gifts, their needs, and their dreams? Will you recognize that their presence and participation will change the shape of the body and help it grow in new ways? Will you support them in their journeys, and assist them in their ministries?

CONGREGATION **We will.**

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the diversity of people and cultures in this world. We bless you for enriching our lives by bringing these people to widen our circles of fellowship and reveal your living presence to us. May our knowledge of your love be made more perfect as we come to know and love them; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PEOPLE **Amen.**

CELEBRANT Let us welcome these who Belong.

PEOPLE **Amen.** *(Applause is appropriate!)*

## **The Holy Communion**

**ANTHEM**

O Love Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1979)  
Text: George Matheson (1842-1906)

O Love, O Love, O Love, that will not let me go,  
O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thy ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller be.

O Joy, O Joy, O Joy, that seeks me through the pain,  
O Joy, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain  
And feel the promise is not vain  
that morn shall tearless be.



*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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by Christ's rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS**

Richard Proulx  
*The Hymnal 1982 #S-125*

The musical score is written on five staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,". The second staff continues: "heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The third staff continues: "san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.". The fourth staff continues: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -". The fifth staff concludes with: "san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.".

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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 (8:00 a.m. only)**

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.**

*(10:30 a.m. only)*

*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**

**The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

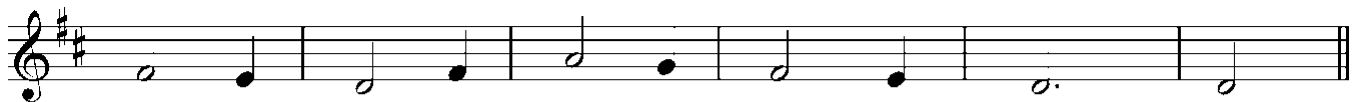
*St. Columba  
The Hymnal 1982 #645*



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness  
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed  
 \* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 \* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear  
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion  
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if  
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant  
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der  
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my  
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port  
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.  
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.  
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.  
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.  
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!  
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

**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*

**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

Praise the Lord, Rise up Rejoicing

*Alles ist an Gottes Segen  
The Hymnal 1982 #334*

1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -  
 2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,  
 3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -

vo - tion voic - ing; glo - ry be to God on high!  
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;  
 lert and liv - ing in your Spi - rit, strong and free.

Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this Eu - cha -  
 by your Blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your Bo - dy,  
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.  
 ev - ery na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - lowers be.

**DISMISSAL**

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

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**POSTLUDE** Le Rappel des oiseaux (The Flock of Birds)

Jean-Philippe Rameau



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](http://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 26**

- **COFFEE & CONVERSATION** – In Coffee & Conversation on Sunday, April 26 and May 3, Terry Decker will facilitate reflection and discussion on the topic of “What Would Jesus Do: What Does Being Christian Mean in the World.” Terry will share glimpses of Jesus in his time and place in 1st century Palestine with hopes to unpack themes of social justice, grace, and inclusion. Coffee & Conversation meets in Miller Hall, our large upstairs meeting room.
- **"WALKING THE EPISCOPAL WAY"** – The class “Walking the Episcopal Way” will conclude on April 26th at 9:15 a.m. in the YAC (our large downstairs meeting room). 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!

#### **BELONGING SUNDAY APRIL 26**

We have a Special Day, twice a year, where we welcome those of you who 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 who feel they are new – and together we’ll attest we belong to each other!

## **CORNERSTONE CENTENNIAL NUGGET - CHURCH SCHOOL FROM 1954-1957**



Church School, in 1954, began on September 1 and ran concurrently with the public school year. Sunday School classes were determined by school grade (not ages), beginning with preschool and continuing through high school. The Sunday School lesson period was preceded by a Family Service, using *The Book of Common Prayer*. Average attendance that year was 29, including both children and teens. Both were involved in projects such as creating a Thanksgiving Basket for needy children.

An institute for training church school teachers was held at Kanuga. Sunday School materials came from the national church.

The third Sunday of each month (in 1957) was designated as Church School Communion Sunday. The Jr. Choir sang, but sat with their families until time for the anthem. That year, there were 85 members on roll. 60 regularly attended Sunday School. Due to large church school numbers and less than ideal classroom conditions, the Church School Superintendent made a plea to the Vestry to consider a new and larger Parish Hall. That idea was taken into consideration, and soon plans were underway.

### **HEALING PRAYER AND HOLY ANOINTING APRIL 26**

Healing prayer and holy anointing are now a regular part of our worship life at St. Philip's. Rooted in the New Testament and carried through the Church's tradition, this ministry offers prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing with holy oil as signs of God's presence, mercy, and healing grace.

You are invited to come forward for any need—physical, emotional, or spiritual: illness, anxiety, grief, major decisions, or simply a desire to rest in God's care. All are welcome to receive these prayers and the healing love of Christ.

### **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**

26 Matt Workman	28 Todd Hall	01 Michelle Roth
28 Julie Cooley	29 Marty Kizer	01 Grant Cobb
28 Scott Elliott	30 Kristine Candler	02 Debra Izard
28 Booth Powell	30 Rose Coykendall	

### **Anniversaries**

30 Mark and Ameran Tooley	01 Chip and Rebecca Freeman
30 Mark and Page Lemel	

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

Thank you for investing your treasure in the work and mission of St. Philip's. Your gift supports our service to the community – building ramps, collecting food, tutoring children, growing vegetables, delivering meals, and many other activities. Visit <https://www.stphilipsbrevardnc.org/donate> to explore donating. To make a gift now use Realm or text STP to 73256.

## **WEEKLY SERVICES AT ST. PHILIP'S**

Join us each week at our services of Holy Eucharist!

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

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**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Officiant..... The Rev. Elizabeth Roles  
 Seminarian.....Brad Wilson  
 Director of Music Ministry .....Dr. Brittnee Siemon  
 Organist ..... Jackson Morton  
 Altar Guild.....Polly Averette  
 Kathryn Polmanteer

**8:00 a.m.**

Acolyte	Sallie Mullikin	Ushers	Betty Creese
Reader 1	Barthell Joseph		Scott Elliott
Reader 2	Melanie McKague	Liturgical Coordinator	
Reader 3	Abigail Cooley		Ed Nezelek
LEM	Kathryn Polmanteer		

**10:30 a.m.**

Acolytes	Carrie Anderson	LEMs	Christie Eberhardt
	Charlotte Cook		Bill Mellman
Reader 1	Barbara Boerner		Bill Rigot
Reader 2	Ann Ives	Offering Counters	
Reader 3	Bill Rigot		Liz Fuller
Ushers	Pat Dunham		Bill Mellman
	David Yeager		
Liturgical Coordinator			
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The Rev. Elizabeth Roles, Rector



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



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

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

