

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Eucharist

Sunday, August 30, 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

Little Mountain Church House
St. Philip's String Band Ministry

All stand as they are able.

HYMN (10:30 a.m. only)

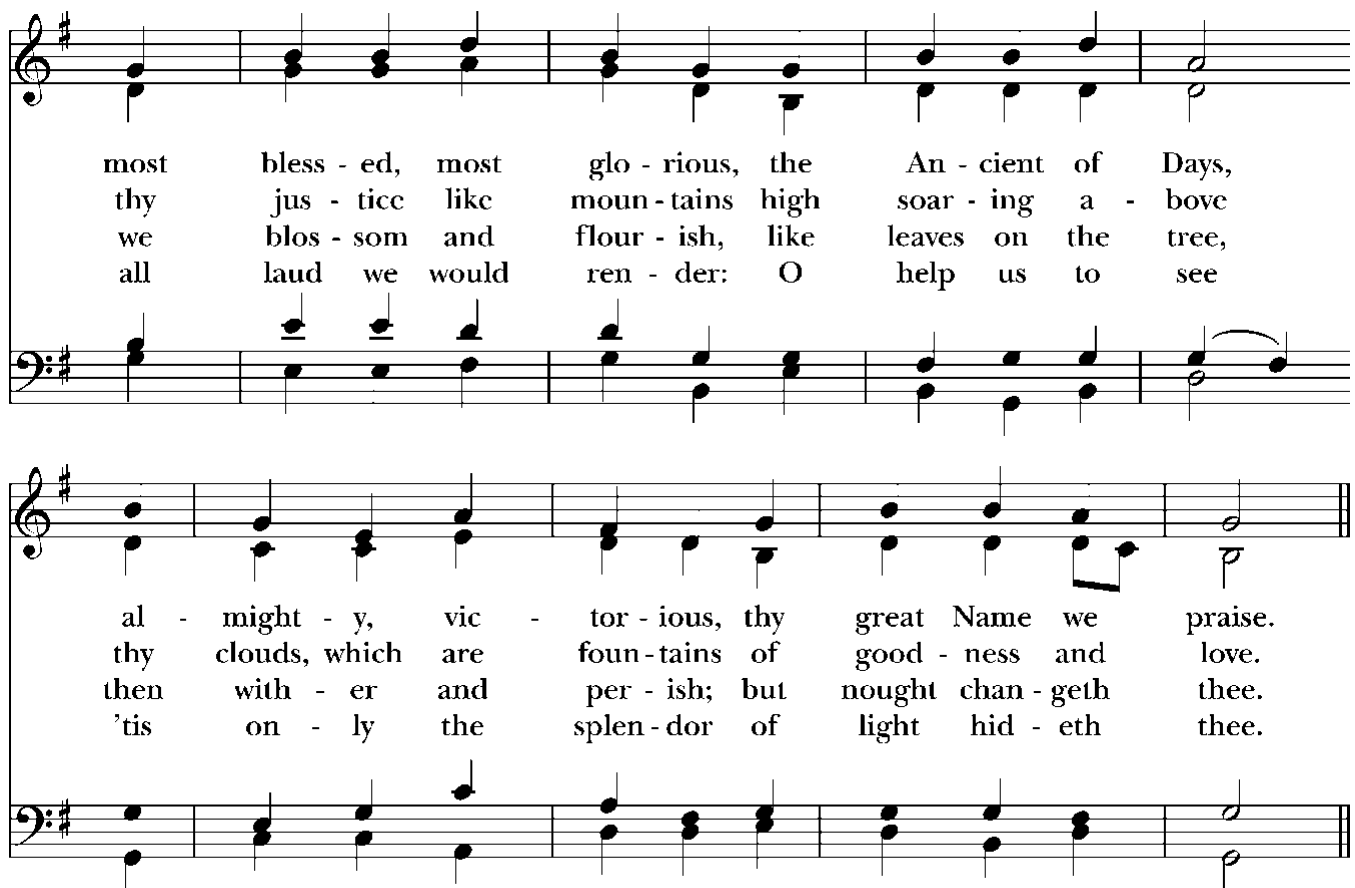
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

The Hymnal 1982 #423

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

The Celebrant says to the People

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

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

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

The following is said, all standing

**Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
 almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
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)*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation

Lobe den Herren

The Hymnal 1982 #390 (st. 4)

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly for ever adore him.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

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

All sit.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

¹⁵O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

²⁰And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,

says the LORD.

²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

PSALM 26:1-8

Judica me, Domine

Let us read the psalm responsively by half verse.

¹Give judgment for me, O LORD,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

²Test me, O LORD, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.

³For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

⁵I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,

⁷Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.

SECOND READING

Romans 12:9-21

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not

lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as they are able.

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

HYMN (10:30 a.m. only)

Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Heart

Slane

The Hymnal 1982 #488

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
thou my best thought,— by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

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

²¹Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.”

²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

SERMON

The Rev. Elise Johnstone

NICENE CREED *All stand as they are able.*

Let us rise and reaffirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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

Planning for Rites and Rituals Year A

Let us pray for the Church and the world, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

Heavenly Father, we ask your blessing upon the Universal Church, its members and our mission in the world; we pray for this congregation, for our parish clergy, for bishops and for Sean, our Presiding Bishop.

Lord, have mercy

God of wisdom and truth, guide our nation and the decision-making of those whose authority governs her future; bless all communities throughout the world with wise and reflective leaders.

Lord, have mercy

God of all creation, guarding the welfare of our world and your entire creation, nourish us in all manner of goodness, giving us the benefit of loving one another.

Lord, have mercy

Loving God, bless this community, our goals, and our desire to reach out to others in need of your grace.

Lord, have mercy

Merciful God, alleviate the suffering of all in your divine care; we pray for those affected by natural disasters and inclement weather, for those who are sick, those who suffer, those who are impoverished or hungry, those oppressed and those in despair, especially all who are exposed to violence, insult and rejection.

Lord, have mercy

Christy Adams, Alston, Kathy Ambrose, Peggy Ayres, Barry, Bill, Dez Blue, Christopher Bolk, Leslie Brown, Cassidy, Holly Renee Copeland, Courtney, Darrington Crane, Jay Curwen, Carl Denny, Judy Caldwell Dexter, Lance Dickenson, Suzanne Dininny, Jan Dryselius, Judith Egan, Ellen, Eugene, the Borgia family, Tim Courtois and family, Mike Farley, Liz Ford, Ann Franklin, Colten Frey, John Gannon, Elizabeth Harger, Tim Harris, Howard Jackson, Kay Jones, Lyn Kane, Roxann Kibbin, Michael Kirwen, Kurt, Ruth LePine, Tom Lewis, Rodge and Barbara Livengood, Kathleen Mallet, Dottie Marcinko, Buddy Marines, Johnny Martinez, Larry Maupin, Mark and Leslie Montgomery, Veronica Morrow, Tom Murray, Pam, Pat, Nancy Patterson, Judy Pierce, West Rial, Jim Rice, Linda Rigby, Lisa Rodke, Hudson Rudisill, Gabrielle Ruge, Linda Schieve, Bill Sharp, Frank Shoemaker, Alice Silva, Ray Snellgrove, Linda Stadnick, Barbara Staubs, Brenda Summers, Matthew Sundstrom, Sr., Mike Tiddy, Jenny Tierney, Jim Tso, Emily Walthall, Will, Eileen Gilson Williams, Dick and Susanne Williams, Ed Wiseman, Risdon Wood, Judy Yancey

Father of all, welcoming the souls of the departed and comforting those who mourn their loss, keep us in your steadfast care.

Lord, have mercy

Gracious God, help us to become reflections of Christ's most holy life, enabling us to live according to your will.

Lord, have mercy

We give thanks for the flowers at the altar, given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for all the saints of St. Philips, past, present, and future.

We pray for those who are expecting childbirth, remembering Claire Sikes-Clark and Zif Clark, and Magdalena and Christian Funk.

In our diocese, we pray for All Saint's, Linville; and the Church of the Resurrection, Little Switzerland. In our Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies.

CONFESSION 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 Holy Communion

VOLUNTARY

Keep on the Sunny Side
St. Philip's String Band Ministry

OFFERTORY (10:30 a.m. only)

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

*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The Book of Common Prayer
Eucharistic Prayer B*

All stand as they are able.

CELEBRANT	The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE	And also with you.
CELEBRANT	Lift up your hearts.
PEOPLE	We lift them to the Lord.
CELEBRANT	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
PEOPLE	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

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

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Celebrant and People (8:00 a.m. only)

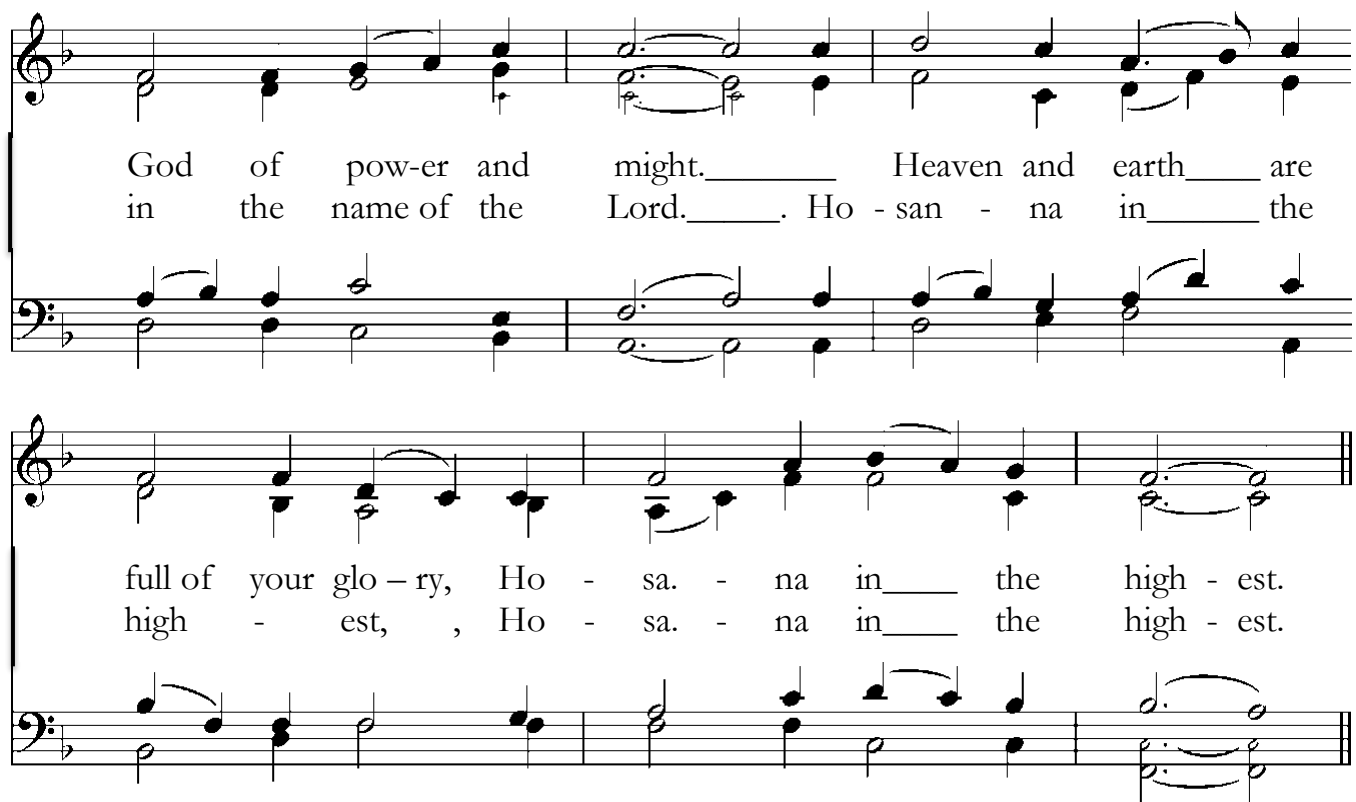
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he
who comes in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

(10:30 a.m. only)

Land of Rest - The Hymnal 1982 #304

Unison or harmony

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. ____
2. Bles - sed ____ is He who comes



God of pow-er and might. _____ Heaven and earth _____ are
in the name of the Lord. _____. Ho - san - na in _____ the

full of your glo - ry, Ho - sa. - na in _____ the high - est.
high - est, , Ho - sa. - na in _____ the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into 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 disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Philip and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then continues

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

People and Celebrant

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND FRACTION ANTHEM

CELEBRANT We break this bread
to share in the Body of Christ.

PEOPLE **We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread. Alleluia.**

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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

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

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

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

COMMUNION HYMN Take My Life, and Let It Be

Hollingside
The Hymnal 1982 #707



1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.



Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.



take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

COMMUNION HYMN

In the Garden

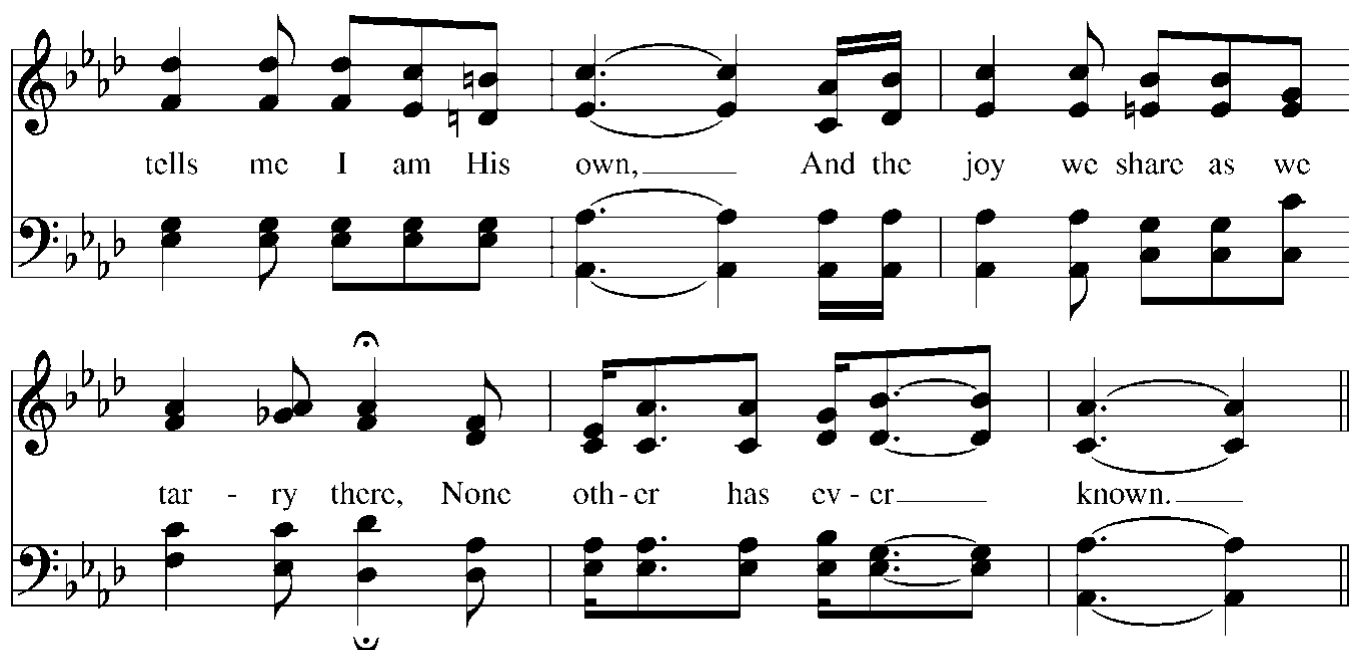
Lift Every Voice and Sing II #69

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Though the

1. dew is still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing
 2. sweet the birds hush their sing - ing; And the me - lo - dy that He
 3. night a - round me be fall - ing; But He bids me go through the

1. on my ear, The Son of God dis - clos - es.
 2. gave to me With - in my heart is ring - ing.
 3. voice of woe, His voice to me is call - ing.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He



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, My Soul, the King of Heaven *Lauda anima*
The Hymnal 1982 #410 (st. 1-2, 4)

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor
to his people in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in this faithfulness.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

DISMISSAL

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

PEOPLE

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Anchored in Love St. Philip's String Band Ministry



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.

HEARING THE WORD

The Rev. Elise Johnstone, a descendant of one of the settlement's founding families and Rector of St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, Seattle, WA, explores the early history of the Episcopal Church in Transylvania County and invites us into a faithful response. She will preach at our morning services and speak at our education hour at 9:15 a.m. in Miller Hall, our large upstairs meeting room. Supervised playground time will be open for children during the class. *All are welcome!*

HEARING THE MUSIC

The St. Philip's String Band Ministry will join us today on Sunday, August 30, at our 10:30 a.m. worship service. We look forward to the joyful music they will share as part of our worship together.

DAILY PRAYERS FOR SCHOOL

It is a beloved tradition at St. Philip's for the Daughters of the King to pray daily throughout the school year for those dear to us who are in school – wherever they may be. On Sunday, August 30, 2026, you will find blue Back to School prayer request slips in the pews. Please complete and drop in the Prayer Requests basket as you leave church.

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.
- **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.

CORNERSTONE CENTENNIAL NUGGET: THE GROWTH OF THE SHOP OF ST. PHILIP'S



The beginnings of the Episcopal Church Women's (ECW) Thrift Shop started in the 1950's, when the St. Elizabeth and St. Anne's guilds held fundraisers to repurchase the original church rectory that had been lost during the Depression. In the early 1960's, the Rev. Fred Valentine's wife suggested that the two guilds consider opening a thrift shop as a better way to raise funds and to serve the

community by offering quality clothing to those with limited means. The first thrift shop in the county opened in a small two-room house on a dirt street as a consignment shop, but within a few years, the shop changed from consignment accounting to operating strictly on community donations.

Donations must have been plentiful, because during the 1980's and 1990's, bags of clothing were delivered to established agencies both local and farther afield, including Sharing House, Miracle Hill Ministries, Christian Appalachian Project, Southwest Indian Children's Fund, and also shipped to areas hit by hurricanes and tornadoes. Donated fabric was repurposed by the volunteers and made into adult invalid bibs and wheelchair lap robes for the local nursing home.

With the increase in space and donations, the income likewise grew over the years. The September 1985 St. Philippian reported that each year, "the Thrift Shop earns about \$4,000, which is the total budget of the ECW." In 1989, the shop moved to Jordan Street, changed its name to *The Shop of St. Philip's* ("befitting their new image," according to the Rector), and recorded gross sales of over \$16,000. By 1995, gross sales at the Shop more than doubled to over \$35,000. The Shop is now in its fifth location on South Caldwell Street, run entirely by 80 volunteers, and is still the ECW's only source of funding, earning over \$350,000 in gross



income in 2025, allowing the ECW to fund outreach grants totaling \$218,000 in 2026. The Shop's mission remains two-fold: to provide quality items at reduced prices, and to support local non-profit organizations serving the under-served in Transylvania County.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!

One of the greatest gifts we can give our children and youth is the presence of caring, consistent adults who encourage them and remind them that they are loved. By volunteering for Godly Play or Youth Sunday School, you'll have the opportunity to build those relationships and help nurture the faith of our younger church family. Our greatest need is for grades 6–12, though volunteers for younger children are needed, too. Our hope is to have enough volunteers that each person serves only once every 5–6 weeks. Questions? Please reach out to Claire Sikes-Clark or Abby Glass.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED SEPTEMBER 7

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, September 7, 2026, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

GIVING IS A SPIRITUAL ACT!

Thank you for investing your treasure in the work and mission of St. Philip's. Your gift supports our invitation: "All are Welcome" is at the core of who we are. Our parishioner and clergy relationships, email communications, and online presence invite, welcome, and connect new people into our community. Visit <https://www.stphilipsbrevardnc.org/donate> to explore donating. To make a gift now use Realm or text STP to 73256.

THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

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

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*)

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Birthdays

30 Kathy Morrow	01 Ken Adams	04 Carole Hilderbran
30 Susan Murray	01 Amani Duncan	04 Edie Gabcik
30 Edward McMillan	01 Madi Capps	05 Denis Bolena
30 Kay Argroves	04 Lily Carter	05 Bill Rigot
31 Molly Fennessy	04 Jann Mellman	

Anniversaries

30 Jerry and Libby Brown	01 John and Anne Lippincott
31 Steve and Susan Martin	02 Arnie and Susan Andresen
31 Jeff and Kathy Ambrose	04 Bru and Debra Izard
01 Eric and Wendy Manner	05 Grant and Anne Bullard

COVER ART: *Wonders by Their Hands* (21st century). Anonymous mural, Sydney, Australia. Note: "Wonders are still able to be done in the city by our hands of compassion, mercy, humility, and justice." -- photography by Len Matthews. (Attribution: Anonymous. *Wonders by Their Hands*, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://act.library.vanderbilt.edu/artworks/55766> [retrieved August 25, 2026]. Original source: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/67953162@N00/7999088559>.)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Officiant.....	The Rev. Elizabeth Roles
Homilist	The Rev. Elise Johnstone
Seminarian.....	Brad Wilson
Director of Music Ministry.....	Dr. Brittnee Siemon
Music	St. Philip's String Band Ministry

8:00 a.m.

Acolyte	Jann Mellman	Ushers	Mac Morrow
Reader	Gena Hawk		Kathryn Polmanteer
Creed/Prayers	Ken Adams	Liturgical Coordinator	
LEM	Sallie Mullikin		Ed Nezelek

10:30 a.m.

Acolyte	Violet Silva	Ushers	Jan Bolena
Reader 1	Kiran Mehta		Scott Elliott
Reader 2	Molly Tartt	Offering Counters	
Reader 3	Denis Bolena		Richard Mayberry
LEM	Denis Bolena		David Yeager
	Fred Brown	Liturgical Coordinator	
	Daphne Chalaron		Ken Racht

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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.*

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