

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Eucharist

Sunday, September 6, 2026

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

Notes

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

Toccata

Theo Dubois

All stand as they are able.

HYMN (10:30 a.m. only)

All Creatures of Our God and King *Lasst uns erfreuen*
The Hymnal 1982 #400 (st. 1, 5, 7)



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



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

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.**

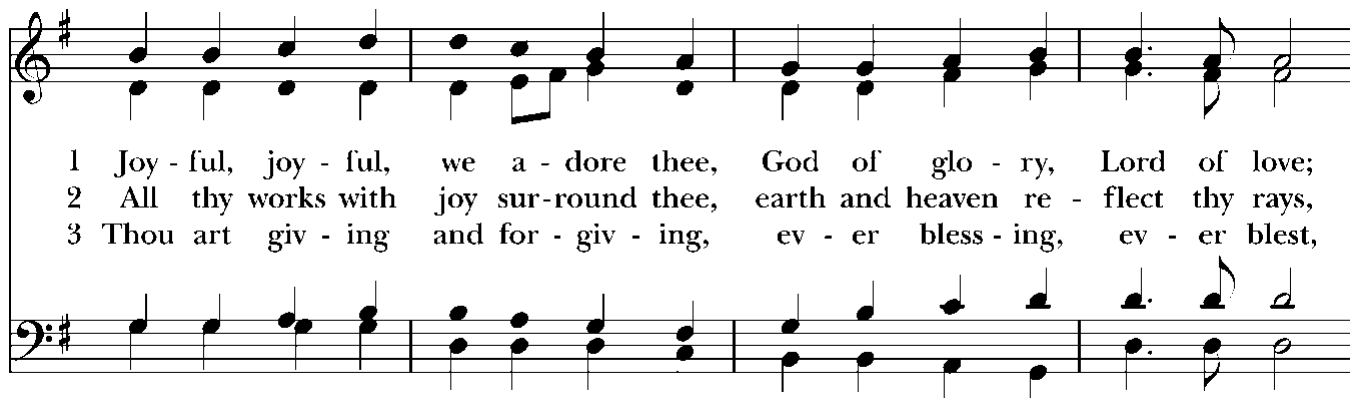
**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE (10:30 a.m. only)

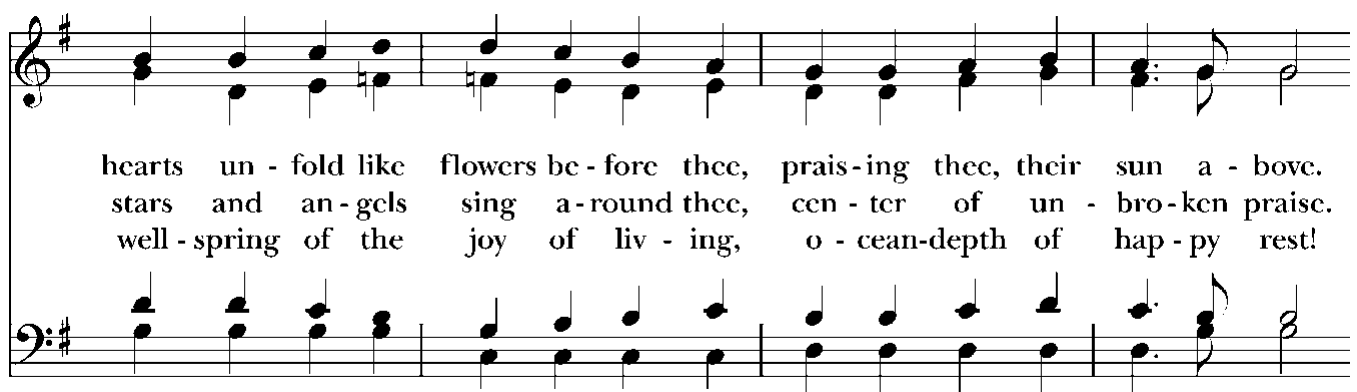
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

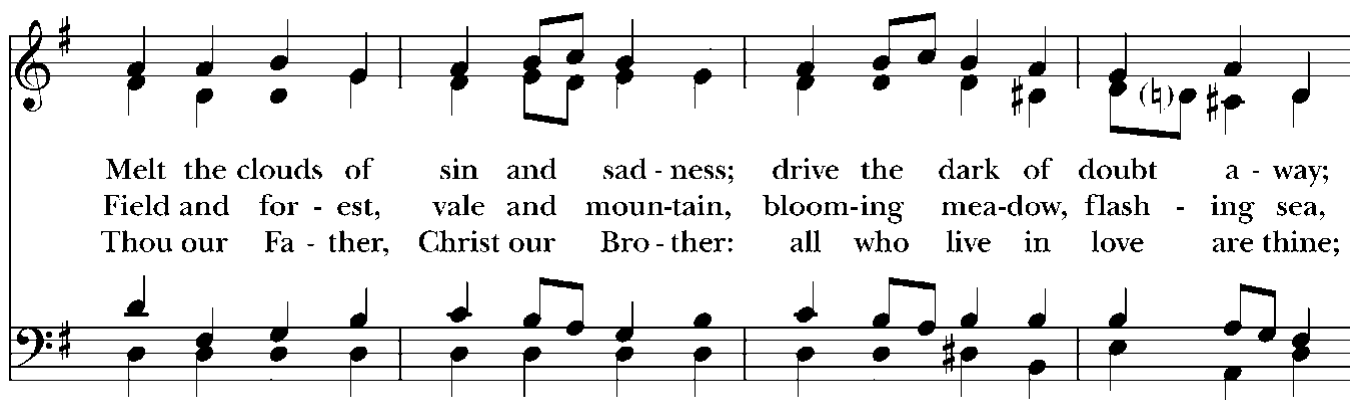
The Hymnal 1982 #376



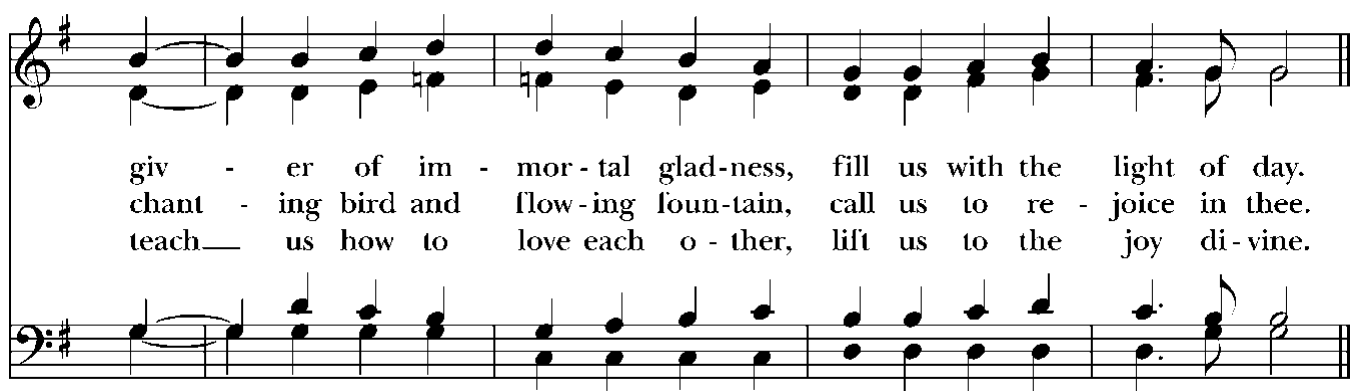
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach — us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33:7-11

All sit.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹Say to them, “As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?”

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:33-40

Legem pone

Let us read the psalm responsively by half verse.

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

³⁵Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

³⁶Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.

³⁷Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

³⁸Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.

³⁹Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-14

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the

works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as they are able.

HYMN (10:30 a.m. only)

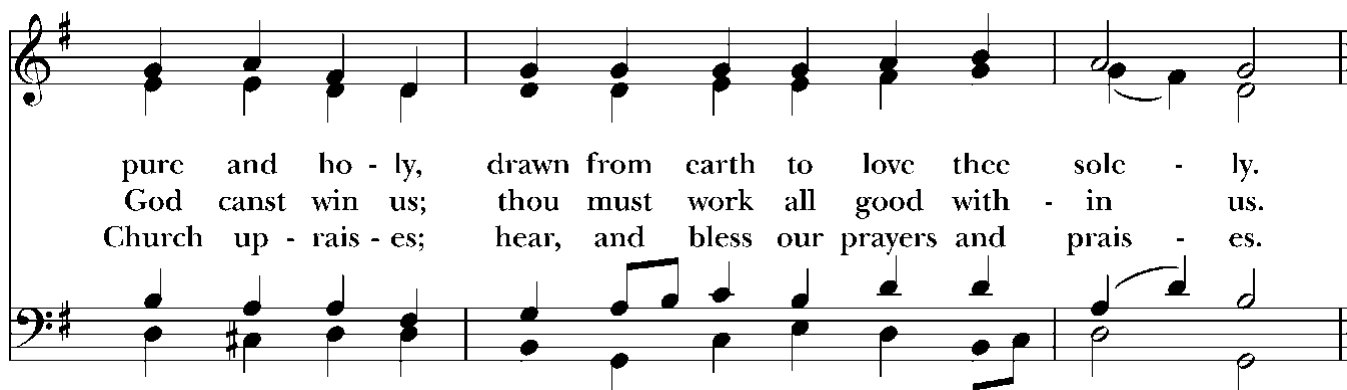
Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

Liebster Jesu
The Hymnal 1982 #440

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

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

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



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

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

Jesus said, ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

SERMON

Brad Wilson

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 “Hear our prayer.”

At this time of changing seasons, we thank you, O Lord, for the beauty of our earth.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the Church in all times and places. Strengthen our faith as we seek to do your will and become more and more your people.

Hear our prayer.

Guide the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

Hear our prayer.

Grant that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that we may live in justice and peace.

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor.

Hear our prayer.

O God, the strength of those who labor, grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil.

Hear our prayer.

Remember, O Lord, in mercy all those who suffer or are in any trouble, knowing that you do not willingly afflict or grieve us.

Hear our prayer.

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, 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 Rigsby, 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

Grant your blessing to all who have died in the hope of resurrection; grant them rest from their labors.

Hear our prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We give thanks for the flowers at the altar, given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our music leaders and choir members as they prepare for a new season.

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 St. Giles Chapel and residents and staff of Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community, Asheville. In our Anglican Communion, we pray for The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria.

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

How Beautiful Are the Feet (from *Messiah*, Part II)

George Frideric Handel

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! (adapted from Romans 10:15)

Brittnee Siemon, *mezzo soprano*

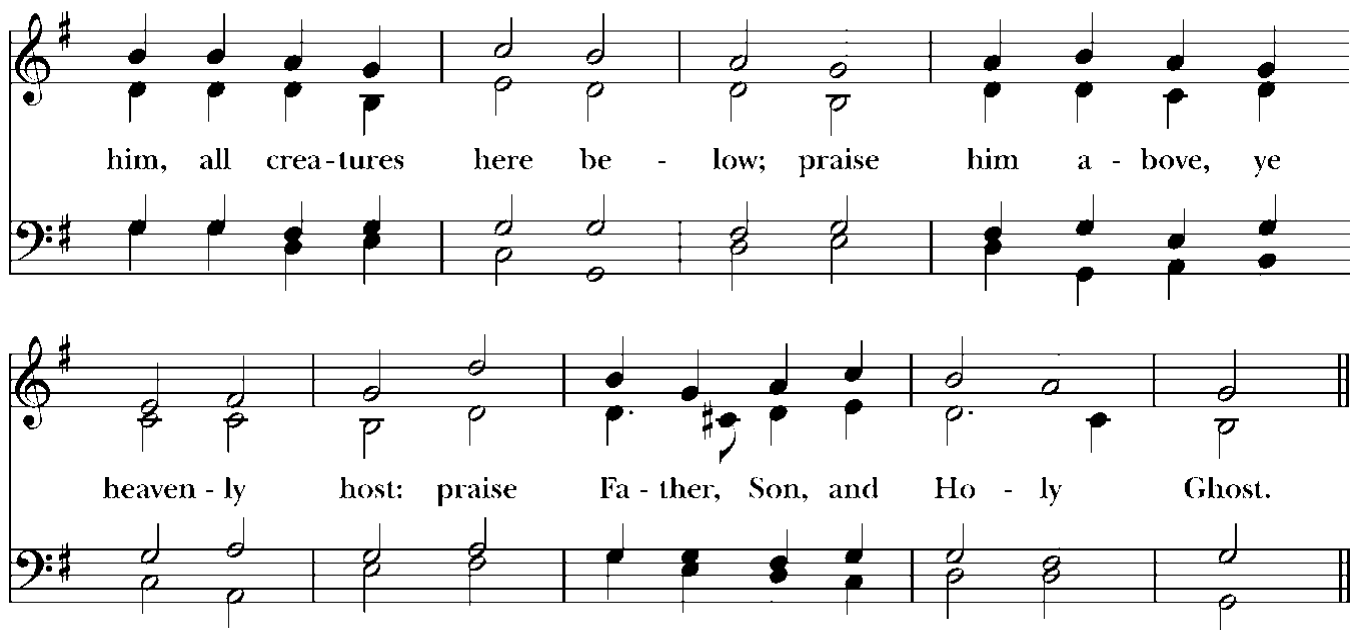
OFFERTORY (10:30 a.m. only)

Old 100th

The Hymnal 1982 #380 (st. 3)

*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

The image shows a musical score for a offertory hymn. It consists of two staves, a treble staff and a bass staff, both with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves. The hymn is marked with a *3, indicating it is a three-part setting. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise".



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 VOLUNTARY

From *Mass for the Parishes*

Francois Couperin

COMMUNION HYMN

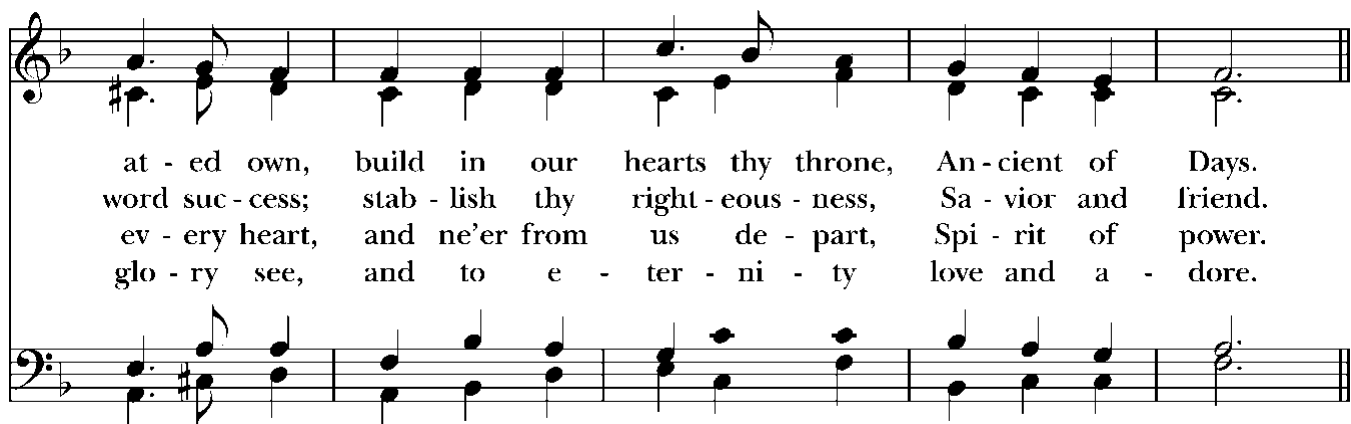
Come, Thou Almighty King

Moscow

The Hymnal 1982 #365

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy Name to sing,
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, by heaven and earth a - dored;
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4 To Thee, great One in Three, the high - est prais - es be,

help us to praise. Fa - ther whose love un-known all things cre-
 our prayer at - tend: come, and thy peo - ple bless; come, give thy
 in this glad hour: thou, who al - might - y art, now rule in
 hence ev - er - more; thy sov-ereign ma - jes - ty may we in



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

We All Are One in Mission

Nyland

Wonder, Love, and Praise #778 (st. 1-2, 4)

1. We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
4. Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent, our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,
to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

DISMISSAL

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

PEOPLE

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G minor (Little)

J.S. Bach



Hearing Loop assistance is available inside this building. Set hearing aid on "T" (telecoil) setting. Headsets are also available in both the narthex and Miller Hall that will allow access to the Hearing Loop. Please see an usher for help.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

We welcome children of all ages in all our worship services. In the narthex, you can find worship bags with quiet activities for children. **Nursery for children Kindergarten age**

and younger is available today beginning at 10:15 a.m. for our 10:30 a.m. service.
An usher can direct you to our nursery located on the lower level of our parish building.

HEARING THE WORD

On Sunday, September 6, 2026, we welcome Brad Wilson to preach at our morning services. Brad is studying for the priesthood at General Theological Seminary in New York City and currently serves at St. Philip's. Please join us in giving him a warm welcome!

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.
- **Walking the Episcopal Way at 9:15 a.m.** – see below.
- **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.

WALKING THE EPISCOPAL WAY: A FOUR-WEEK CLASS, BEGINNING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Where did the Episcopal Church come from, and what do Episcopalians believe? Over four Sundays, "Walking the Episcopal Way" takes up both questions, along with the why behind them.

We'll follow the church's story from the first house gatherings in first-century Jerusalem, through the councils that gave us the creeds, the English Reformation and the first Book of Common Prayer, and across the Atlantic to the birth of the Episcopal Church after the American Revolution. From the first chaplain at Jamestown to the church you'll walk into this Sunday, it's a longer and more surprising story than most people expect.

We'll also look closely at our faith itself: how Episcopalians read Scripture, why we worship the way we do, what happens in Baptism and the Holy Eucharist, and the many roles that make up the body of the church, from bishop to laity.

This is a class built for conversation. Bring your questions. If one comes up that stumps us, we'll track down the answer together. Newcomers curious about this tradition and lifelong Episcopalians who'd like to know it more deeply are equally welcome. Walking the Episcopal Way meets in the YAC, our large downstairs meeting room, at 9:15 a.m. **Supervised playground time will be open for children during the class. *All are welcome!***

CORNERSTONE CENTENNIAL NUGGET: NEW DOORS OPEN AND ONE DOOR CLOSES



As the parish grew during the 1980's, the Rector's annual reports began to mention that the current parish house space was inadequate for existing programs and program expansion. The Administrative Assistant's report was unrestrained: "There is no storage space for the orderly filing of Church School supplies, no space available as a Church Library, and routine maintenance supplies must be stored wherever space can be found. The Rector's office is too

small and is filled with books and materials...and the Secretary's office is jammed with office equipment and supplies." Finally, in 1993, the Vestry retained the architectural firm of Padgett & Freeman to design an addition to the parish hall. A consultant was also authorized to determine the ability of the parish to raise money to build the addition and contribute to a diocesan Centennial Campaign. The consultant concluded that \$300,000 might be raised, but at 1994 year-end, over \$375,000 had been pledged toward the \$845,000 cost of the addition.

The ground-breaking ceremony was held on Sunday, February 19, 1995, the new addition dedicated by Bishop Johnson in October, and the certificate of occupancy issued in December. The first functions in the Great Hall were the Supper Club in January 1996, a March celebration of the 20th anniversary of Merrill Miller's ministry at St. Philip's, and a reservation-only Gala Dinner celebrating the completion of the new building. The project was chosen by the Historic Preservation Foundation of NC to receive the 1996



Carraway Award of Merit, awarded to individuals and organizations that demonstrated outstanding commitment to historic preservation.

And yet, as the doors to the new building opened, one door closed when Fr. Miller announced his resignation from St. Philip's and retirement from the active ministry. His time at St. Philip's was celebrated at a parish picnic at Lake Atagahi in July, when a plaque was unveiled renaming the new Great Hall as Miller Hall. The rector's 1996 annual report, written that year by Deacon John Morton, noted that with Fr. Miller's departure "the highest tribute we can pay to the solid legacy of twenty years of ministry by our beloved Fr. Merrill Miller is to build upon it."

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.

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 13, when our program year begins with the return of adult formation, children and youth formation, nursery, our choir (at our 10:30 a.m. worship service), and Coffee Hour!

GIVING IS A SPIRITUAL ACT!

Thank you for investing your treasure in the work and mission of St. Philip's. Your gift supports our contributions to ministry partners and the Diocese of Western North Carolina, Sharing House, Camp Henry Scholarship Fund, and Habitat for Humanity, to name a few. 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

07 Jessie Bullard	09 Peggy Hansen	11 Mark Isabelli
07 Chip Smith	09 Suzanne Bell	12 Belinda Roberts
08 Liz Cozart	09 Bill Christie	12 Laura Walker
08 Jessalyn Valentine	10 David Yeager	

Anniversaries

06 Bob and Charlotte Farrand	09 Dick Tucker and Carol Moore
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COVER ART: *Love for One's Neighbor*. Carving detail from a choir screen, National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh, United Kingdom. Photograph by Fr Lawrence Lew. O.P. (Attribution: Love for One's Neighbor, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://act.library.vanderbilt.edu/artworks/57584> [retrieved August 31, 2026]. Original source: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/paulleew/11851229114/> - Fr. Lawrence Lew.)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Officiant..... The Rev. Elizabeth Roles
 Seminarian.....Brad Wilson
 Director of Music Ministry.....Dr. Brittnee Siemon
 Organist Timothy Shepard

8:00 a.m.

Acolyte	Betty Creese	Ushers	Melissa Elliott
Reader	Barthell Joseph		Scott Elliott
Creed/Prayers	Brenda Doroski	Liturgical Coordinator	
LEM	Gena Hawk		Keith Hawk

10:30 a.m.

Acolyte	Nancy Harger	Ushers	Pat Dunham
Reader 1	Molly Tartt		Leslie Lathrop
Reader 2	Christie Eberhardt	Offering Counters	
Reader 3	Ruffin Benton		Bru Izard
LEM	Barbara Boerner		TBA
	Christie Eberhardt	Liturgical Coordinator	
	Kathryn Polmanteer		Peggy Bridges

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

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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