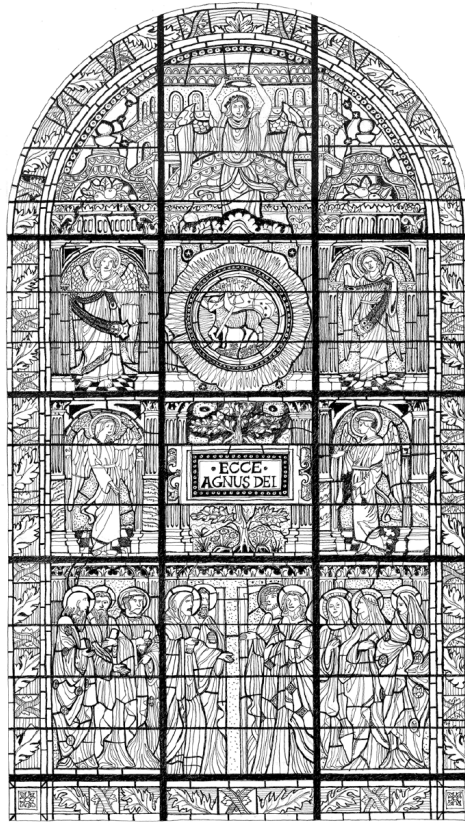


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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
DECEMBER 1, 2024 • 10:30 A.M.



WELCOME

To all who are spiritually weary *and seek rest*,
to all who mourn *and long for comfort*,
to all who struggle *and desire victory*,
to all who sin *and need a Savior*,
to all who are strangers *and want fellowship*,
to all who hunger *and thirst after righteousness*,
to all who have been blessed *and wish to give thanks*,
and to whoever will come—*this church opens wide her doors*
and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Restrooms are available in the Parish House, located at the corner of Church and Cumberland Streets. A greeter or usher will be happy to direct you.

Headsets for the hard of hearing are available in the video/sound booth at the end of the north side aisle. The ListenWifi app is available for use with Bluetooth hearing aids.

A nursery for children three years old and younger and **Children's Church** for children ages four through third grade are available in the Parish House on the corner of Church and Cumberland Streets. A greeter or usher will be happy to direct you.

Our Family Respite Room is available on the ground floor of the Parish House in room 107. It is equipped with rocking chairs, a changing table, toddler toys, and a smart TV, which will be showing the worship service via livestream. Families are welcome to use this facility as they feel is needed during the service. No unaccompanied children, please.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, BWV 659

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE INTROIT

Zion Hears the Watchmen Singing, BWV 140
Esther Spade, *soprano*

J.S. Bach

Zion hears the watchmen singing,
And all her heart with joy is springing, she wakes, she rises from her gloom.
For her Lord comes down all glorious, the strong in grace, in truth victorious.
Her star is risen, her Light is come. Ah come, thou blessed One, god's own beloved Son; Alleluia!
We follow till the halls we see where thou hast bid us sup with Thee.

Text: Philip Nicolai, 1599, translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Music: J. S. Bach (1685-1750), arr. John Shannon ©2010 St. James Music Press

THE WORD OF GOD

The People are invited to stand and sing the opening hymn.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 5 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Helmsley

Lo! He comes with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.

Ev'ry eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshippers;
With what rapture, with what rapture,
With what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen! Let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own;
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1758 alt. Music: *Helmsley* from *Select Hymns with Tunes Annexed*, 1765

THE ACCLAMATION

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 105

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

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Celebrant Surely the Lord cometh soon.

People ***Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!***

The Celebrant prays

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

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. MATTHEW 22:37-40

THE KYRIE

BCP, page 106

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.
People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, page 107

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

All kneel.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The People are seated for the reading of God's Word.

THE LESSON

Zechariah 14:3-9

³Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle. ⁴On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward. ⁵And you shall flee to the valley of my mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal. And you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him. ⁶On that day there shall be no light, cold, or frost. ⁷And there shall be a unique day, which is known to the LORD, neither day nor night, but at evening time there shall be light. ⁸On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. It shall continue in summer as in winter. ⁹And the LORD will be king over all the earth. On that day the LORD will be one and his name one.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People are invited to stand and sing the gradual hymn.

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;
 The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
 The Bridegroom is arising and soon he will draw nigh.
 Up, watch in expectation; at midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning; replenish them with oil;
 Look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.
 The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Bridegroom near;
 Go meet him as he cometh, with alleluias clear.

O wise and holy virgins, now raise your voices higher,
 Until in songs of triumph ye meet the angel choir.
 The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand;
 Rise up, ye heirs of glory! The bridegroom is at hand.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
 Arise, thou Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.
 With hearts and hands uplifted we plead, O Lord, to see
 The day of earth's redemption and ever be with thee.

Words: Laurentius Laurenti, 1700. Tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1854, alt. Music: *Greenland*, Johann Michael Haydn, adapted 1819.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-33

The People remain standing. The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

People ***Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.***

²⁵ Jesus said, "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." ²⁹ And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

After the Gospel, the Priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.***

THE SERMON

Advent

The Rev. Andrew R. O'Dell

All stand and say in unison

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All kneeling, the Celebrant or other person appointed says the prayers found on page 128 of the BCP.

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. Lord, in thy mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For Steve, our Archbishop, and Chip, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation. Lord, in thy mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others. We pray thy blessing on our home and world missions: Hope to Home Ministries, Lowcountry Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Lowcountry Pregnancy Center, Star Gospel Mission, Water Mission and the Global Water Center, our mission partners in Haiti, Honduras, Rwanda and Uganda, and for the unreached and those across the world who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, in thy mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service, especially the President of the United States, the members of Congress, and the Justices of the Supreme Court. And we commend to thy gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, especially *those on our parish prayer list*. Lord, in thy mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially *those on our parish prayer list*. Lord, in thy mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, [especially _____], in thanksgiving let us pray. Lord, in thy mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

The Reader concludes with this Collect.

Grant these our prayers, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

People and Celebrant

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest stands alone and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. JOHN 3:16

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. JOHN 2:1-2

All stand.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Thou, the Central Orb

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

O thou, the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the Most High,
Eternal light of this our wintry world; thy radiance bright wakes new joy in faith: hope soars above.
Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine; gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.
Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move, as stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.
Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin: our nature all shall feel eternal day
In fellowship with thee, transforming ray to souls, erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Text: H.R. Bramley (1833-1917). Music: Charles Wood (1866-1926) Public domain.

All are invited to stand and sing the Doxology.

THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 1 (S. 1)

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Stuttgart

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Text: Charles Wesley. Music: *Stuttgart*, adapted from a melody by Christian Friedrich Witt

THE SURSUM CORDA

BCP, page 115

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People

It is meet and right so to do.

All remain standing as the Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer. The People are invited to sing

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High,
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.

All kneel. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer on page 116, concluding with

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, page 118

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.

People and Celebrant

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table; but thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Remaining kneeling, all are invited to sing the Agnus Dei.

THE AGNUS DEI

H. Willan

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All baptized Christians are warmly invited to receive Communion at the high altar or the standing stations in either one kind (bread only) or both kinds (bread and wine). You may stand or kneel to receive Communion. To receive the bread in the traditional way, please place your right palm over your left and the bread will be placed in your palm. You may consume the bread and drink from the chalice (please grasp the bottom of the chalice firmly and guide it to your mouth), or you may leave the bread in your palm and then dip it into the wine when the chalice is brought to you. Those who are not baptized or do not wish to receive Communion (including children who do not yet receive) are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

The St. Philip's Prayer Team is available at this time. If you would like someone to pray with you, please see the team in either side aisle by the large doors.

The congregation is encouraged to sing all hymns.

COMMUNION HYMN 391

Thy Kingdom Come on Bended Knee

St. Flavian

“Thy kingdom come!” on bended knee the passing ages pray;
And faithful souls have yearned to see on earth that kingdom's day.

But the slow watches of the night not less to God belong;
And for the everlasting right the silent stars are strong.

And lo, already on the hills the flags of dawn appear;
Gird up your loins, ye prophet souls, proclaim the day is near:

The day to whose clear shining light all wrong shall stand revealed,
When justice shall be throned in might, and every hurt be healed;

When knowledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth abroad;
The day of perfect righteousness, the promised day of God.

Text: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929)

Music: St. Flavian, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

COMMUNION HYMN

Hark! The Glad Sound

Richmond

Hark! The glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne and ev'ry voice a song.

He comes the pris'ners to release, in Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace to'en-rich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, thy welcome shall proclaim
And heaven's eternal arches ring with thy belovèd Name.

Text: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751) Music: *Richmond*, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1820), adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

COMMUNION HYMN

His Mercy is More

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many; his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

Refrain: Praise the Lord! His mercy is more,
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.
His blood was the payment; his life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many; his mercy is more. *Refrain*

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THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, page 120

Kneeling, the People join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us, thereby, of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works that thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

BCP, page 121

After the blessing, all are invited to stand and sing the closing hymn.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lift Up Your Heads

Truro

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near; the Saviour of the world is here.

O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King of triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer come! I open wide my heart to thee: here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel: thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign; enter in! Let new and nobler life begin;
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

Text: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Music: *Truro*, melody from Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

THE DISMISSAL

*The Priest dismisses the People, and the People respond: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

In dir ist Freude, BWV 615

J.S. Bach

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Monthly Men's Lunch is this Wednesday, December 4, at noon in the Parish Hall. All men of the community are invited to enjoy a delicious meal and to hear the testimony of Marcus Taylor, owner of Marine Advantage.

Our Grandparents@Prayer monthly drop-in is this Thursday from 11:00–11:45 a.m. in the chapel, conveniently timed for you to stop by before the final Rector's Bible Study of the year to pray intentionally for your grandchildren. Resources are provided, and prayer team members are available to pray with you if you'd like.

Our Second Sunday Choral Evensong, a contemplative service of prayer and song, is next Sunday, December 8, at 4:00 p.m.

Join Sandra and Charles Anderson for dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, at their Mt. Pleasant home! Sandra is offering up some delicious chili and information about how to get involved with Hope to Home (H2H), one of our home mission ministry partners. H2H collects and delivers essential home furnishings to displaced or formerly homeless individuals and families who have recently secured housing, transforming their empty living space into a comfortable home.



Christmas flower memorial/thanksgiving dedications are due by December 16 for inclusion in the Christmas Eve bulletins. Scan the QR code or visit our website (saintphilips.church/christmas-flowers) to submit your loved ones' information (preferred method for accuracy). Forms are also available in the church office.

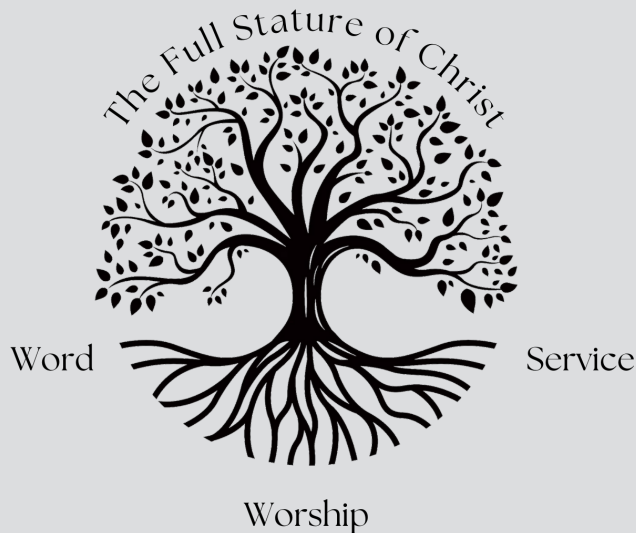


Important Dates:

- **Tomorrow, December 2** ~ Come Further Up, Come Further In (men's fellowship, 7:00 p.m. at Henry's on the Market)
- **This Tuesday, December 3** ~ Theology on Tuesdays (for young adults, 7:00 p.m. in the VIP Room at Henry's on the Market)
- **This Thursday, December 5** ~ Last Rector's Bible Study before Christmas recess (resumes January 9)
- **December 11** ~ Last Wednesdays Alive! before Christmas recess (resumes January 8)
- **December 13** ~ The Greening of the Church (9:00 a.m. ~ all helping hands welcome!)
- **December 14** ~ Advent Drop-In at the Rectory (3:00–6:00 p.m.)
- **December 15** ~ Lessons and Carols (10:30 a.m.), Wassail Bowl (noon)
- **December 18** ~ Christmas Caroling with the Children's Choirs (details forthcoming!)
- **December 24** ~ Christmas Eve services (4:30 p.m. pageant, 7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with children's choirs and orchestra, 10:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with the St. Philip's Parish Choir and orchestra)
- **December 25** ~ Christmas Day worship: Holy Eucharist with hymns (10:00 a.m.)

*For further details and for registrations, please visit saintphilips.church/events
To receive our email newsletter, please visit saintphilips.church/newsletter*

St. Philip's Tree of Life



We are disciples of Christ, and for us to foster a personal relationship with him, become mature Christians, and grow into the full stature of Christ, we engage in ALL of the following—please join us!

- weekly or twice-weekly corporate worship (making the Lord's Day a priority)
- weekly Sunday Christian formation (e.g. Rector's Forum, Sunday School)
- weekly corporate Bible study (Rector's Bible Study and/or small group)
- daily prayer and study of God's Word
- service to the church (lay ministry, missions, etc., plus tithing)
- Christian fellowship (e.g. foyer group, Theology on Tuesdays)
- making disciples (sharing the faith)

RESOURCES

The Rector's current recommendations for daily devotionals and online resources are available at:

saintphilips.churchcenter.com/pages/resources





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