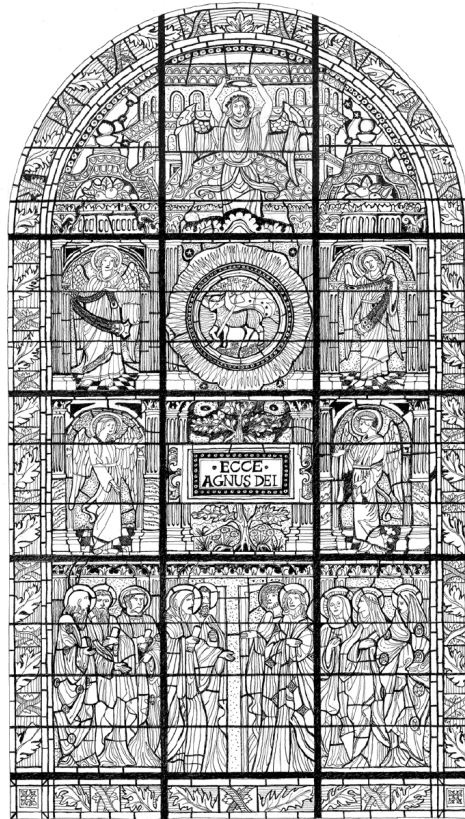


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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

MORNING PRAYER

DECEMBER 8, 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.

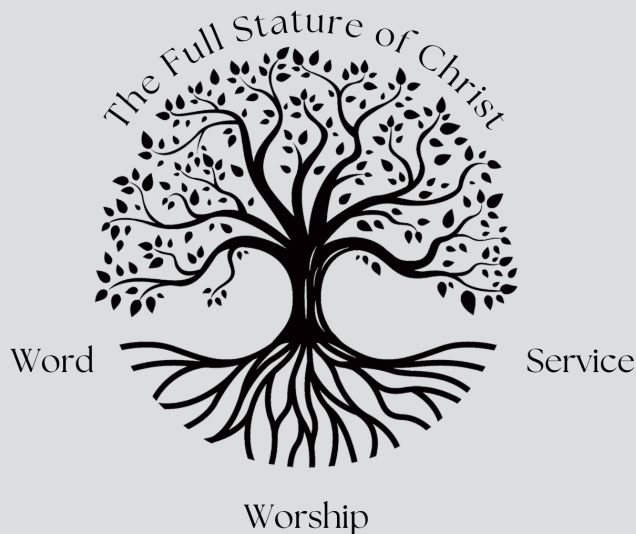
Our Family Respite Room is available on the ground floor of the Parish House in room 107. It is equipped with rocking chairs, a changing table, toddler toys, and a smart TV, which will be showing the worship service via livestream. Families are welcome to use this facility as they feel is needed during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

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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



All standing, the Officiant says

O Lord, open thou our lips.

People ***And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.***

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;

People ***O Lord, make haste to help us.***

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

People ***As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

People ***The Lord's Name be praised.***

The People remain standing and sing the canticle.

CANTICLE

Bless the Lord, the God of Israel

In Babilone

Bless the Lord, the God of Israel, who has come to set us free.

He has raised for us a Saviour sprung from royal David's tree.

Through his prophets God had spoken of the hope the Christ would bring;

Of his faithfulness and mercy let each generation sing.

Long ago God made a promise he would set his people free,

That in all our life and worship we might know true liberty,

To be holy, to be righteous in his sight throughout our days;

Now this child will be a herald making ready all God's ways.

Let all people know salvation through forgiveness of their sin,

As our God in his compassion bids a shining dawn begin.

So may all who dwell in darkness see the shadows disappear

While he guides our feet in pathways where his peace is ever near.

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The People stand and read the psalm responsively by whole verse.

PSALM 126

¹ A SONG OF ASCENTS.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

² ***Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;***

³ Then they said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."

⁴ ***The Lord has done great things for us;
we are glad.***

⁵ Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like streams in the Negeb!

⁶ ***Those who sow in tears
shall reap with shouts of joy!***

⁷He who goes out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

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

THE FIRST LESSON

Malachi 3:1-5

¹“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. ⁵Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The People stand and sing the canticle.

CANTICLE

Creator of the Stars of Night

Conditor Alme Siderum

All sing: Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.

All sing: In sorrow that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe,
You came, O Saviour, to set free your own in glorious liberty.

Women: When this old world drew on toward night, you came, but not in splendor bright,
Not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blameless mother mild.

Men: At your great Name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
All things on earth with one accord, like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.

All sing: Come in your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day;
Defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe.

All sing: To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

Text: Conditor Alme. Music: Latin, 9th century; Hymnal Version, 1940, after J.M Neale (1818-1866)

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

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 3:1-6

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand and sing the hymn.

HYMN

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

Wachet Auf

Wake, awake, for night is flying: the watchmen on the heights are crying,
Awake, Jerusalem, arise!
Midnight's solemn hour is tolling, his chariot wheels are nearer rolling,
He comes; prepare, ye virgins wise.
Rise up, with willing feet go forth, the Bridegroom meet: Alleluia!
Bear through the night Your well-trimmed light, speed forth to join the marriage rite.

Zion hears the watchmen singing, her heart with deep delight is springing,
She wakes, she rises from her gloom:
Forth her Bridegroom comes, all glorious, in grace arrayed, by truth victorious;
Her star is ris'n, her light is come!
All hail, Incarnate Lord, our crown, and our reward! Alleluia!
We hast along, in pomp of song, and gladsome join the marriage throng.

Lamb of God, the heav'ns adore thee, and men and angels sing before thee,
With harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
By the pearly gates in wonder we stand, and swell the voice of thunder
That echoes round thy dazzling throne.
No vision ever brought, no ear hath ever caught such rejoicing:
We raise the song, we swell the throne, to praise thee ages all along.

Author: Henry Alford (1844). Tune: *St. George's Windsor* (Elvey)

THE SERMON

Sow Your Tears

The Rev. Justin C. Hare

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BCP, p. 20

All standing, Officiant and People say

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

BCP, p. 21

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Officiant Let us pray.

The People kneel.

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Officiant and People pray

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.

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People ***And grant us thy salvation.***

Officiant O Lord, guide those who govern us;

People ***And lead us in the way of justice and truth.***

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

People ***And make thy chosen people joyful.***

Officiant O Lord, save thy people;

People ***And bless thine inheritance.***

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People ***And defend us by thy mighty power.***

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People ***Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.***

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People ***And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.***

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. ***Amen.***

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God who art the author of peace, and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies, that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

A COLLECT FOR MISSION

O God, our heavenly Father, who didst manifest thy love by sending thine only-begotten Son into the world that all might live through Him: Pour thy Spirit upon thy church and upon our Mission partners: Hope to Home Ministries, Lowcountry Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Lowcountry Pregnancy Center, Star Gospel Mission, Water Mission and the Global Water Center, and the Gospel ministries in Haiti, Honduras, Rwanda, and Uganda; that thy people may fulfill the command to preach the Gospel to every creature; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR THE NATION

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; We commend this nation to thy merciful care. Grant to the President of the United States, the Members of Congress, and the Justices of the Supreme Court wisdom and strength to know and do thy will, that being guided by thy providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. In particular, 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*. Defend them day by day with thy heavenly grace, and grant them a sense of thy abiding presence wherever they may be. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR THOSE IN NEED

Almighty and Immortal God, the giver of life and health: We beseech thee to hear our prayers for thy servants in need, especially *those on our parish prayer list*, that by thy blessing, they may be restored to perfect health in body, mind, and spirit. And we remember before thee all thy servants who have departed this life in thy faith and fear, [especially _____,] beseeching thee to grant to them that crown of victory which fadeth not away, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP, p. 25

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful: and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

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Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and who hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant says this or another concluding sentence.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM How Lovely Are the Messengers Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
Throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

Text: Romans 10:15, 18. Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847).

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 CLOSING PRAYERS AND BLESSING

Priest The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Priest Let us pray.

All kneel. After the blessing, all stand and sing the closing hymn.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Son of God, Eternal Savior *Hyrfrydol*

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.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of every longing heart.

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;
By his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a King,
Born to reign in us for ever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Hyrfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Pritchard (1811-1887)

THE DISMISSAL

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Sonata No. 4 in B-flat major Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
IV. Allegro maestoso e vivace

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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The Rev. Justin C. Hare

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Jeff Walters, David Wright

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John Settle

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John Settle, Owens Settle

Flower Guild

Jane Jilich, Tamera Dengler, Garden Frampton,
Ashley Jackson, Liza Layfield, Nancy McGowan,
Jody Millis, Elizabeth Strickland, Kristin Tishman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choral Evensong with the St. Philip's Parish Choir is today at 4:00 p.m. Enter this season of Advent more fully as the choir sings through the themes of the season: preparation, hope, joy, and expectation. All are invited to attend this contemplative service of psalmody and prayer!

Join Sandra and Charles Anderson for dinner at 6:30 p.m. this 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.



The Greening of the Church is this Friday, December 13, at 9:00 a.m., and we would love as many helping hands as we can get—there are jobs for all activity levels! Bring gloves and clippers (if you have them) and a breakfast treat to share.

The Advent Drop-In at the Rectory (92 Church St.) is this Saturday, December 14, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. All St. Philippians are cordially invited to join the Rev. and Mrs. Jeffrey S. Miller in their home for this annual event—there is no need to bring anything but a festive spirit! A golf cart shuttle from the church parking lot will be available.

Our Lessons and Carols service is next Sunday, December 15, at 10:30 a.m. Following the service, join us in the Parish Hall for our annual **Wassail Bowl** reception, and please pick up a **poinsettia** (or a few!) to deliver to someone who lives near you or on your route home. The poinsettias and cards from the Compassion Committee will be arranged by ZIP and go to those who are especially in our hearts this season.

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



Children's Christmas Pageant Sign-Up is open through this Friday, December 13! We need readers, major character roles, angels, animals, and more. The cast does not have lines to memorize; they act out what the readers read from Scripture. Ages 3+. Scan the QR code at right or visit stphilipschurchsc.org/events to register.



The Rector's Thursday Bible Study is now in Christmas recess and will resume January 9.

Important Dates:

- December 11 ~ Last Wednesdays Alive! before Christmas recess (resumes January 8)
- December 13, 15 ~ Final youth groups of 2024
- December 15 ~ Final Sunday school and Rector's Forum of 2024
- December 15 ~ Charleston Men's Chorus Christmas Concert (4:00 p.m.)
- December 18 ~ Christmas Caroling with the Children's Choirs (5:30 p.m.)

*For further details and for registrations, please visit saintphilips.church/events
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