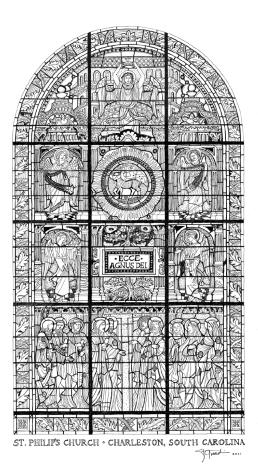
ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

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THE SECOND TO LAST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

MORNING PRAYER February 23, 2025 • 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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card either in the pew, at the table, or via the QR code. Cards can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the tent. If you'd like to learn more about St. Philip's, please visit our website, **saintphilips.church**, where you can also find our teaching ministry podcasts (including sermons, Bible studies, and C.S. Lewis studies). May God bless your time with us today!



MORNING PRAYER

10:30 А.М.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Meditation on Wareham

Richard Webster (b. 1952)

THE INTROIT

How Beautiful Upon the Mountains

John Stainer (1840-1901)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, That publisheth peace, that publisheth salvation, That saith unto Zion, "Thy God reigneth!"

Text: Isaiah 52:7Music: John Stainer (1840-1901) Public domain.

THE WORD OF GOD

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 258 Christ Is the World's True Light

Christ is the world's true light, its captain of salvation, The daystar clear and bright of every man and nation; New life, new hope awakes where'er men own His sway: Freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.

In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgeting, The whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting: When Christ is throned as Lord, men shall forsake their fear, To ploughshare beat the sword, to pruning hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great Name unite us all who own Thee, Cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone Thee; The world has waited long, has travailed long in pain, To heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875–1959), alt. Music: St. Joan, Percy E.B. Coller (b. 1895).

The People remain standing as the Officiant begins the service with the opening sentences.

THE OPENING SENTENCES

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

All kneeling, the Officiant and People say

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from thy grace, there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 27

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St. Joan

Officiant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

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 are seated for the singing of the canticle.

CANTICLE

Jubilate Deo

W.H. Walton (1902-1983)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord, he is God; It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, And into his courts with praise: Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: And his truth endureth from generation to generation. 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. Text: Psalm 100 (The Book of Common Praver, 1662). Music: William Walton (1902-1983) ©19

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

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PSALM 96

¹O sing unto the LORD a new song; sing unto the LORD, all the whole earth. ² Sing unto the LORD and praise his Name; tell of his salvation from day to day. ³Declare his honor to the nations, and his wonders to all peoples. ⁴ For the LORD is great, and highly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods. ⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the LORD who made the heavens. ⁶ Glory and majesty are before him; power and honor are in his sanctuary. ⁷Ascribe unto the LORD, O you families of the peoples, ascribe unto the LORD worship and power. ⁸Ascribe unto the LORD the honor due unto his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. ⁹O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him. ¹⁰ Tell it out among the nations, "The Lord is King; it is he who has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he shall judge the peoples righteously." ¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea make a noise, and all that is therein. ¹² Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it; then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the LORD. ¹³ For he comes, for he comes to judge the earth, and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.

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

Romans 10:9-17

⁹ Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

The People stand and sing the canticle.

CANTICLE

Benedictus es, Domine

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; You are worthy of praise; glory to you. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; On the throne of you majesty, glory to you. Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. Glory to you, beholding the depths; In the high vault of heaven, glory to you. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Setting: John Rutter (b. 1945)

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

THE SECOND LESSON

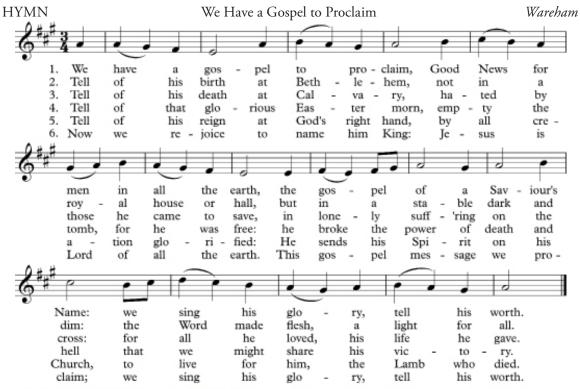
John 20:19-31

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." ²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The People stand and sing the hymn.



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THE SERMON

Frontier Missions

The Rev. Dr. Christopher Royer

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

OfficiantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd with thy spirit.OfficiantLet us pray.

The People kneel.

OfficiantLord, have mercy upon us.PeopleChrist, have mercy upon us.OfficiantLord, have mercy upon us.

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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

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in thee: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, 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, Liberia, 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

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

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 to-gether 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.*

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Spirit of the Lord

Philip W.J. Stopford (b. 1977)

Stuttgart

The spirit of the Lord is upon me, Because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, To preach deliverance to the captives And recovering of sight to the blind, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord, To give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, That they might be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord that he might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, And as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth, So the Lord God will cause righteousness And praise to spring forth before the nations.

Text: Isaiah 61Music Philip W.J. Stopford (b. 1977) © 2012 Birnamwood Pub. Used by permission.

All are invited to stand and sing the Doxology.

THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 48 (s. 5) Earth Has Many a Noble City

Jesus, whom the gentiles worshipped At thy glad epiphany, Unto thee, with God the Father And the Spirit, glory be.

Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413; Tr. Edward Caswall, alt. Music: *Stuttgart*, adapted from a melody by C.F. Witt, Gotha, 1715.

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.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN O Sion, Haste

O Sion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling, To tell to all the world that God is light; That he who made all nations is not willing One soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

Refrain: Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace; Tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation That God, in whom they live and move, is Love: Tell how he stooped to save his lost creation, And died on earth that man might live above. *Refrain*

Give of thy sons to bear the message glorious; Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way; Pour out thy soul for them in pray'r victorious Till God shall bring his kingdom's joyful day. *Refrain*

He comes again! O Sion, ere thou meet him, Make known to every heart his saving grace; Let none whom he hath ransomed fail to greet him, Through thy neglect, unfit to see his face. *Refrain*

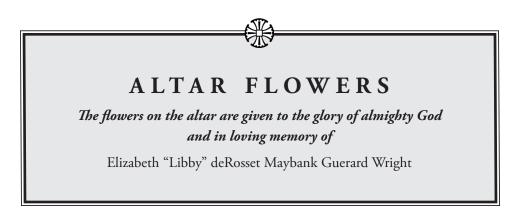
Text: Mary Ann Thomson (1834-1923) alt. Music: Tidings, James Walsh (1837-1901)

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Crown Imperial

William Walton (1902-1983)



SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher The Rev. Dr. Christopher Royer

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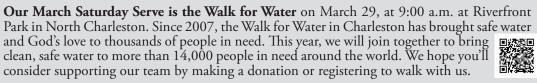
A N N O U N C E M E N T S

We are delighted to welcome the Rev. Dr. Chris Royer, Executive Director of Anglican Frontier Missions (AFM), as our guest preacher today. Learn more about Dr. Royer and AFM at anglicanfrontiers.com.

The Parish Annual Meeting is next Sunday, March 2, and all St. Philippians are strongly encouraged to attend! We will have a single service of Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. followed by a BBQ lunch and the meeting in the Parish Hall, during which we will elect our next class of Vestry members and hear from our Rector, the Reverend Jeffrey S. Miller, and other ministry leaders.

Theology on Tuesdays, conversations about life and God for young adults (20s and 30s), meets this week at 7:00 p.m. in the Whiskey Room at Henry's on the Market.

Day of Jubilee: Join your diocesan friends for a groundbreaking day of BBQ, music, fellowship, and worship on the new site of Camp Jubilee in Beaufort this Saturday, March 1! The festivities begin at 1:00 p.m. Bring a chair and stay for as long as you can! Visit **campjubileesc.org** to let them know you're coming.



The Lowcountry Pregnancy Center annual fundraising banquet is Thursday, April 3, at the Charleston Gaillard Center. LPC, one of St. Philip's Home Mission partners, provides life-affirming reproductive health and family services in a compassionate Christian environment. At the banquet, you will hear client testimonies, learn about the impact LPC is making in our community, and enjoy fellowship with your St. Philip's family. Please contact Scott Wallinger at scottwallinger@gmail.com to register to sit at one of the St. Philip's sponsored tables.

Important Dates:

- March 4 ~ Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (5:30–7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall)
- March 5 ~ Ash Wednesday services: 8:00 a.m. (said), noon (with hymns), and 6:00 p.m. (nursery available, light supper to follow)
- March 6 ~ St. Philip's Academy Open Information Session (7:00 p.m. in the Parlor)
- March 8 ~ Prayer as Worship workshop (9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., lunch provided)
- March 12 Discover Your Gifts begins (Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. through April 9)
- March 21 Night at the Stingrays with Bishop Chip Edgar (register at adosc.org)
- April 28 Lowcountry FCA Annual Banquet
- May 5–9 ~ Tea Room 2025 (11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m. daily)
- June 9–12 ~ Vacation Bible School (VBS, registration opens after Easter)

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



Worship

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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