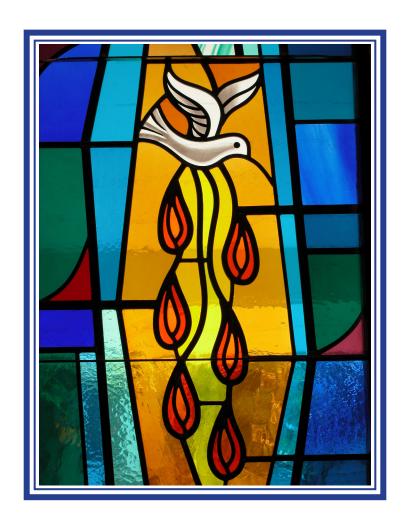
# St. Philip's Church

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

# **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

April 27, 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.

**Visiting?** We are delighted to have you with us today! If you are looking for a church home, come visit our hospitality table after the service so we can share more with you about our parish family. We would love to reach out to you—please fill out our visitor

card either in the pew, at the tent, 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!





# CONFIRMATION

The Anglican Church requires a public and personal profession of the Faith from every adult believer in Jesus Christ. Confirmation or Reception by a Bishop is its liturgical expression. Confirmation is clearly grounded in Scripture: the Apostles prayed for, and laid their hands on those who had already been baptized (2 Timothy 1:6-7; Acts 8:14-17; 19:6).

In Confirmation, through the Bishop's laying on of hands and prayer for daily increase in the Holy Spirit, God strengthens the believer for Christian life in the service of Christ and his kingdom. Grace is God's gift, and we pray that he will pour out his Holy Spirit on those who have already been made his children by adoption and grace in Baptism.

Our abundant thanks go to all those who played a role in preparing our candidates for Confirmation, especially

> Al Phillips, Kat Phillips, Ashton Phillips, George Phillips, and Josiah Miller

#### HOLY EUCHARIST WITH CONFIRMATION

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** 

Variations on O filii et filiae

Rebecca Groom te Velde (b. 1956)

THE INTROIT

Christus Vincit

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat!

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper, et in saecula, saeculorum. Amen.

Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands!

Glory 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: Latin, Laudes Regiae and Gloria Patri. Music: Joseph Noyon (1888-1962), arr. Gerre Hancock (1934-2012).

#### THE WORD OF GOD

All are invited to stand and sing

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 86

Hail Thee, Festival Day!

Salve festa dies

Refrain: Hail thee, festival day! Blest day that art hallowed forever; Day whereon Christ arose, breaking the kingdom of death.

Lo, the fair beauty of earth, from the death of the winter arising! Ev'ry good gift of the year now with its Master returns: *Refrain* 

He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the ruler of nature; All things created on earth sing to the glory of God: *Refrain* 

Daily the loveliness grows, adorned with the glory of blossom; Heaven her gates unbars, flinging her increase of light: *Refrain* 

Rise from the grave now, O Lord, who art author of life and creation. Treading the pathway of death, life thou bestowest on all: *Refrain* 

Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); trans. *English Hymnal 1906*, alt. Music: *Salve festa dies*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

#### THE ACCLAMATION

The People standing, the Bishop says

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Bishop The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,

People And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.

Bishop Your old men shall dream dreams,

People And your young men shall see visions.

Bishop Ye shall know that the Lord is in the midst of his people,

People That he is the Lord and there is none else.

Bishop And it shall come to pass

People That everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Bishop Let us pray.

The People kneel.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.* 

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

THE LESSON Revelation 1:9-19

<sup>9</sup> I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup> I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup> saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea." <sup>12</sup> Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup> and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup> The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup> his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup> In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. <sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup> and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. <sup>19</sup> Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All are invited to stand and sing the hymn.

#### THE GRADUAL HYMN 98

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Puer Nobis

That Easter day with joy was bright: the sun shone out with fairer light, When, to their longing eyes restored, th'apostles saw their risen Lord.

His risen flesh with radiance glowed, his wounded hands and feet he showed; Those scars their solemn witness gave that Christ was risen from the grave.

O Jesus, King of gentleness, do thou thyself our hearts possess, That we may give thee all our days the willing tribute of our praise.

O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide; From ev'ry weapon death can wield thine own redeemed forever shield.

All praise, O risen Lord, we give to thee, who, dead, again dost live; To God the Father equal praise, and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.

Text: Latin, 8th cent.; Hymnal Version 1939. Music: Adapted by Michael Praetorius, 1609; harm. by George R. Woodward, 1904.

THE GOSPEL John 20:19-31

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

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

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

<sup>19</sup> 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." <sup>20</sup> 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." <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> 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." <sup>26</sup> 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." <sup>27</sup> 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." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> 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.

After the Gospel, the Priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Chip Edgar III

#### THE PRESENTATION, EXHORTATION, AND EXAMINATION

The Congregation remains seated while the Candidates stand.

Presenters Reverend Father in God, we present these persons to receive the laying on of hands.

Bishop Have they been adequately prepared?

Presenters They have.

The Bishop then says

Dearly beloved, it is essential that those who wish to be Confirmed or Received in this Church publicly confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior; become his disciples; know and affirm the Nicene Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments; and have received instruction in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the Catechism of the Church. God's grace is imparted in Baptism, through which we are made God's children by adoption and given the Holy Spirit. By the power of the Spirit, manifested in gifts and fruit, we are enabled to be God's people for the sake of the world.

Now, these Candidates desire publicly to confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and their commitment to follow him as Lord. They also desire the strengthening of grace through the laying on of hands, that the Holy Spirit may fill them more and more for their ministry in the Church and in the world.

The Bishop then addresses the Candidates

Do you, here in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows made at your Baptism and commit to keep them?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? Candidates I renounce them.

Bishop Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidates I renounce them.

Bishop Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Candidates I renounce them.

Bishop Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Candidates I will, the Lord being my helper.

All stand. The Bishop addresses the Congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Bishop Let us join with these Candidates to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

Bishop Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

People I do. I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

People I do. I believe 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.

Bishop Do you believe and trust in the Holy Ghost?

People I do. 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.

Bishop Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we beseech thee to strengthen these thy servants for witness and ministry through the power of the Holy Ghost, and daily increase in them thy manifold virtues of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and godly strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and the spirit of holy fear, now and for ever. *Amen.* 

The People are seated as the Candidates for Confirmation come forward. The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says one of the prayers found on page 178 and 179 of The Book of Common Prayer 2019.

The Bishop concludes with the following prayer.

Almighty and everliving God, let thy fatherly hand ever be over these thy servants; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy Word, that they may faithfully serve thee in this life, and joyfully dwell with thee in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

The People stand and the Peace is then exchanged.

#### THE PEACE

Bishop The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Most Glorious Lord of Life W.H. Harris (1883-1973)

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day didst make thy triumph over death and sin,

And having harrowed hell, didst bring away Captivity thence captive, us to win.

This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin, and grant that we for whom thou didst die,

Being with thy dear blood clean-washed from sin, may live for ever in felicity.

And that thy love we weighing worthily, may likewise love thee for the same again;

And for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy, with love may one another entertain.

So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought; love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

Text: Edmund Spenser (1552-1599) Music: W.H. Harris (1883-1973)

All stand and sing the doxology.

#### THE DOXOLOGY HYMN

Lasst uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Celebrant faces the People 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 SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Philip W.J. Stopford (b. 1977)

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.

All kneel. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer. After the Words of Institution, the Celebrant says Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All say Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

#### THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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

Philip W.J. Stopford (b. 1977)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us 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.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heav'n, the glorious King, O'er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia!

That Easter morn, at break of day, the faithful women went their way To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see, who sat, and spake unto the three, "Your Lord doth go to Galilee." Alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear; amidst them came their Lord most dear, And said, "My peace be on all here." Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord, He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!

"My pierced side, O Thomas, see, my hands, my feet, I show to thee; Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied; he saw the feet, the hands, the side. "Thou art my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen and yet whose faith has constant been, For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days, to God, your hearts and voices raise, In laud, and jubilee, and praise. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Jean Tisserand, 15th cent.; Tr. John Mason Neale, 1852 Music: French Melody, 15th cent.; Solesmes Version, Mode II, harmonized by W.D., 1918

#### COMMUNION HYMN 88

Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now

St. Albinus

Jesus lives! Thy terrors now can no longer, death, appall us; Jesus lives! By this we know thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us. Alleluia!

Jesus lives! For us he died; then, alone to Jesus living, Pure in heart may we abide, glory to our Savior giving. Alleluia!

Jesus lives! Our hearts know well naught from us his love shall sever. Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell tear us from his keeping ever. Alleluia!

Jesus lives! To him the throne over all the world is given: May we go where he has gone, rest and reign with him in heaven. Alleluia!

Music: St. Albinus, Henry J. Gauntlett, 1852. Text: Christian F. Gellert, 1757; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1841, alt.

"Welcome, happy morning," age to age shall say: Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today! Lo! the dead is living, God forevermore! Him their true Creator, all his works adore!

Refrain: "Welcome, happy morning," age to age shall say.

Earth her joy confesses, clothing her for spring, All fresh gifts returned with her returning King: Bloom in every meadow, leaves on every bough, Speak his sorrow ended, hail his triumph now. *Refrain* 

Months in due succession, days of lengthening light, Hours and passing moments praise thee in their flight. Brightness of the morning, sky and fields and sea, Vanquisher of darkness, bring their praise to thee. *Refrain* 

Maker and Redeemer, life and health of all, Thou from heaven beholding human nature's fall, Of the Father's Godhead true and only Son, Mankind to deliver, manhood didst put on. *Refrain* 

Thou, of life the author, death didst undergo, Tread the path of darkness, saving strength to show; Come then, true and faithful now fulfill thy word, 'Tis thine own third morning! rise, O buried Lord! *Refrain* 

Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain; All that now is fallen raise to life again; Show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see; Bring again our daylight: day returns with thee! *Refrain* 

Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (530-609); tr. John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt. Music: Fortunatus, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)

K. Getty, K. Getty, E. Cash COMMUNION HYMN Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed 1. How One who died can it be the has 2. For joy wakes as morn ing light when a 3. Where doubt dark ness once had been, they and 4. Once bound by fear, bold in faith, they now 5. The power that raised Him from the grave now through fice, borne our sin sac ri to con quer ev ery Christ's dis - cip les lift their eyes, live He stands, their a be - lieved; those; saw Him and their hearts but blessed are who the truth power of grace, pour ing their preached and and out works in to power - fully save; He frees our hearts to sing "Hal - le iah!" sting of death? Sing, lu to Verse 2 friend King: Christ, Christ, He en! and is ris sing "Hal - le have seen, jah!" to Verse 4 not yet, lu lives they gained life, life ev - er last ing. live His grace tell of His good ness. go, Refrain Christ is ris - en, He is ris - en in-deed! Sing, sing,"Hal - le - lu iah!" Join the cho-rus, sing with the re-deemed: Christ, He is ris-en, He's ris-en in - deed! Bridge He's a - live! (He's a - live!) He's a - live! (He's a - live!) Heav - en's gates are a - live!) He's - pened wide! He's a - live! (He's a - live! (He's a - live!) 1.2. ||3. Now in heav en glo ri - fied, He's a - live! glo ri - fied,

#### THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

The People join in saying this prayer

Heavenly Father, We thank thee for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of thy Son, and heirs of thine eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work thou hast given us to do, to love and serve thee as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To whom, with thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

#### THE BLESSING

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

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

Truro

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing, His cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and home with praises ring, His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, He comes to claim the here and now and conquer every place and time.

Not throned above, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains, But daily, in the midst of life, our Savior with the Father reigns.

In every insult, rift and war where color, scorn, or wealth divide, He suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.

Christ is alive! His Spirit burns through this and every future age, Till all creation lives and learns his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), rev. Music: *Truro*, melody from Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt. Words Copyright © 1975 by Hope Publishing Company. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

#### THE DISMISSAL

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

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** 

Paraphrase on a Chorus from *Judas Maccabaeus* 

Alexandre Guilmant (1837–1911)

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

#### Preacher

The Rt. Rev. Chip Edgar III

#### Ushers

John Blincow, Beau Mueller, Vinnie Rhodes, Clark Thompson, Drew York

#### Greeters

Barbara and David Spell

#### Lector

Laura Wichmann Hipp

#### Chalice

Guv Gottshalk, Tammy Gottshalk, Lowell Grosse, Bob Kunes

#### **Acolyte Mentor**

Daniel Layfield

#### **Acolytes**

Charles Finland, Claire Finland, Daniel Layfield, Virginia Layfield, Caroline Robinson, Geer Villeneuve

#### Altar Guild

Katharine Bair, Martha Wallace

#### Flower Guild

Cyndy Applegate, Kirsten Barr, Jane Crosby, Spruill Hayes, Elaine Jarrett, Meg Manuel, Nancy Rhett

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of Almighty God, and in loving memory of

George Rawling Evans

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are honored and blessed to have the Rt. Rev. Chip Edgar III, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, lead us in worship this morning.

**Confirmation Reception:** All are cordially invited to a reception for the confirmands and Bishop Edgar in the Parish Hall immediately following this service.

St. Philip's Academy Tour and Information Session: This Monday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. come see this incredible space in its incredible location and learn everything you'd like to know about classical Christian education and St. Philip's Academy from Primary School Director Trisha Reese! The school is currently accepting applications for 4K and 5K for the 2025-2026 school year, with plans to add at least a grade level each year through 12th grade. Please register using the QR code.



Our Wednesdays Alive! service will be in the Parish Hall this week (beginning at 5:30 p.m.) due to construction in the church. We will have supper following the service, and at 7:15 p.m., the Rev. Brian K. McGreevy will begin a two-part series on J.R.R. Tolkein's influential essay "On Fairy-Stories."

**Our May Saturday Serve** will be at Hope to Home on the upper peninsula this Saturday, May 3, beginning at 8:30 a.m. You can help deliver furniture and home goods to families or help with organization or repairs/refinishing in the warehouse. There are jobs for everyone (ages 12 and up, please), but we do need at least four heavy lifters, so if you and friends are able to lift, please encourage them to register. Scan the QR code or visit our website to learn more and sign up: saintphilips.church/saturday-serves.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) registration is now open! On June 9-12 we will travel back to the Old West and shout "Yee-haw" as we climb aboard and head to Wonder Junction to marvel at Jesus's life, teachings, and resurrection. Participants will worship and learn together in small groups and enjoy playing games and creating crafts. Please visit our website or scan the QR code to register your children currently in 3k-5th-grade.



**Diocesan Night at the Riverdogs** is Friday, June 13, and we are competing with other churches in the diocese for the largest representation! (We won last year and are defending our title.) Riverdogs games are always so much fun, and they are even more fun with the bishop, his family, and our other diocesan friends. Scan the QR code or visit adosc.org or to get your tickets and meet us there!



#### Schedule Notes

- Rector's Forum and Sunday school will be in recess next Sunday, May 4.
- Wednesdays Alive! is in recess May 7.
- Grandparents@Prayer is not meeting in May.
- We will not have a Second Sunday Choral Evensong service in May, Services will resume in the fall.

#### **Important Dates**

- May 5–9 ~ St. Philip's Tea Room (volunteers needed; info on inside back cover)
- May 14 ~ Monthly Men's Lunch

For further details about all of our upcoming events and for registrations, please visit saintphilips.church/events



# **CANDIDATES**

#### For Confirmation

Mariann Kathryn Adams

Charles Frederick Baarcke IV

James Hall Bearsch

Michael Braddock Chastain

Thomas Fox Holton Clarke

Isla Bailey Farthing

Elizabeth Tilley Fitzgerald

Alonso Elías Galván

John Alexander Graudin

Katherine Ellison Graudin

Lila Branford Guerard

Elizabeth Barkley Hammond

James Burnham Hood

William St. George Hunter

Finn Thomas Joye

Leah Diane King

Cameron Weiss Knick

Richard Rhett Knoth, Jr.

Grady Christopher Mettler

Herbert Cammerer Mettler

James McCudden Mueller

Caldwell Bolling Osborne

Clary Edward Rawl III

Charles Joseph Seaman, Jr.

Charles Albert Stephens Jr.

Caroline Blakely Thiem

Terrence Roy Tobin III

Estelle Nettles York

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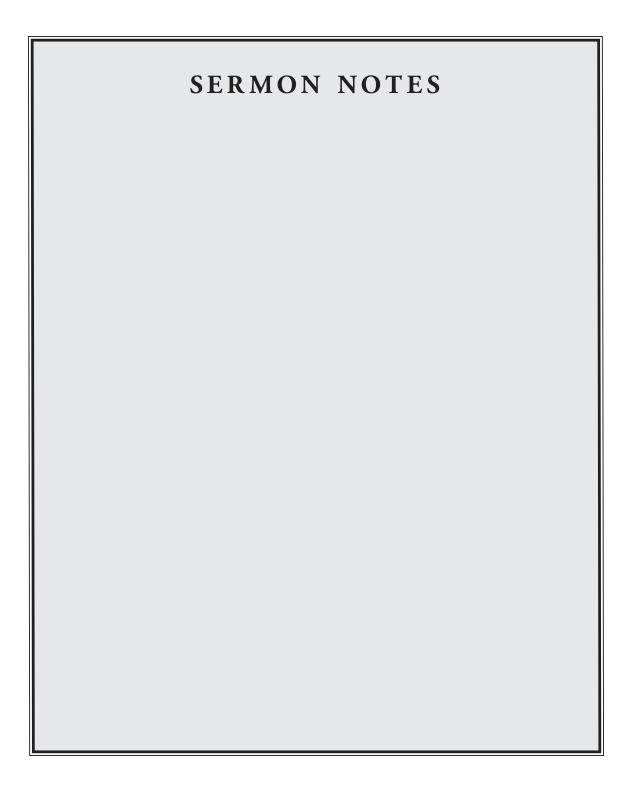
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#### For Reception

Barbara Mehring Martin

Michelle Lynn Paxson

Russell Dean Paxson



St. Philip's Church

# TEA ROOM and Gift Shop



May 5-9 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Bring a friend and come by for a Lowcountry lunch and delicious dessert!

## PLUS: All hands on deck!

Volunteer sign-up is open now, and we are still accepting your gift shop donations. Drop off at the church office or arrange for pick-up. View volunteer signup and gift shop information at saintphilips.church/volunteers-tea-room.





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