



ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*“As an inclusive and caring congregation, our mission is to make disciples,
praise God, and serve the community.”*

November 17, 2024
Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

How Good It Is to Worship the Lord!!....Thank you for worshiping with us this morning. We pray that you would sense Christ's presence among us as we open our spirits to God.

If You Are Visiting with Us Today ...Welcome!! Please be so kind as to sign our guest book and introduce yourself to the Pastor as you leave. We ask **everyone** to sign the red fellowship pads as they are passed down the pew. Only visitors need to put their address and phone number. Additionally, in your pew rack, there is a bible. We believe we are called not only to proclaim God's Word, but to give it away. So, should you need a copy of God's Word, we invite you to take a bible as a gift from our congregation.

Nursery Care: Jesus said, "Let the little children come." So, living in our baptismal promises, we welcome and encourage children to worship with us. However, we understand that children often wiggle during the service, so if you so desire, parents are invited to go for a walk in the narthex or to take children (thru age 4 years) to the nursery, which is in the room just off the narthex.

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Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00 A.M. Worship Service in Sanctuary

10:30 A.M. Worship Service in Sanctuary

** Holy Communion Celebrated Each Week at Both Worship Services

Church Office Hours:

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Monday through Friday)

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The Order of Worship

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - November 17, 2024

The Prelude

"Deep River" R. Hobby

* The Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to 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 your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. For give us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. By Jesus' authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

* The Gathering Hymn

"We Praise You, O God"

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* The Gathering Hymn

"We Praise You, O God"

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1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

* The Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

* Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray . . . Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Choir Anthem

“Jesus Feed Us” Wentzel

St. Philip’s Chancel Choir

The Old Testament Lesson

Daniel 12:1-3

‘At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book.

²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 16

¹ Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² I say to the Lord, ‘You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you.’

³ As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.

⁴ Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;

their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out

or take their names upon my lips.

(The Responsorial Psalm continues on the Next Page ►)

⁵ The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

⁶ **The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.**

⁷ I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸ **I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

¹⁰ **For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

¹¹ You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore

The New Testament Lesson *Hebrews 10:11-18*

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', ¹³and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. ¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

¹⁶ 'This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds',

¹⁷he also adds,

'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.'

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

* Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

* The Gospel Lesson *Mark 13:1-8*

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark the thirteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you O, Lord.**

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' ²Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon and Growing in the Gospel (*Growing in the Gospel is at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service and is for children through 3rd Grade.*)

The Sermon

Rev. Kibreab Gudeta

*** Hymn of the Day**

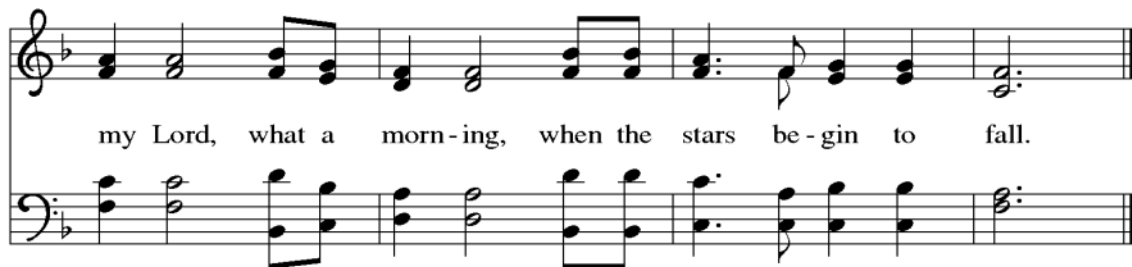
"My Lord, What a Morning"

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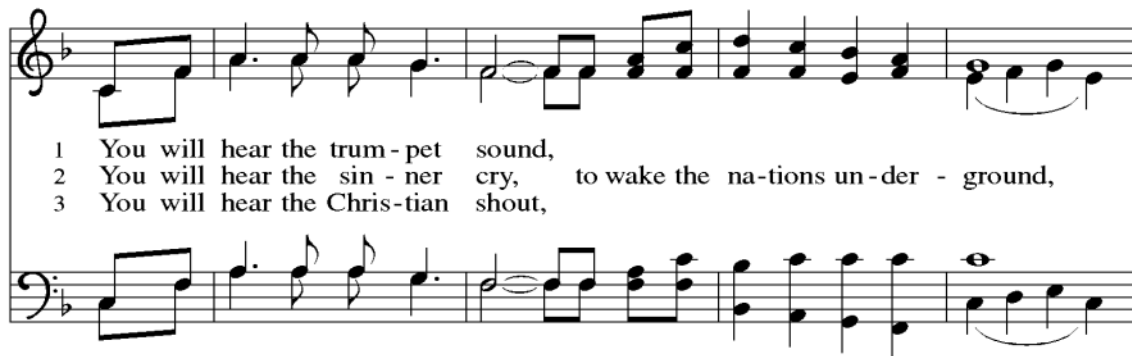
Refrain



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

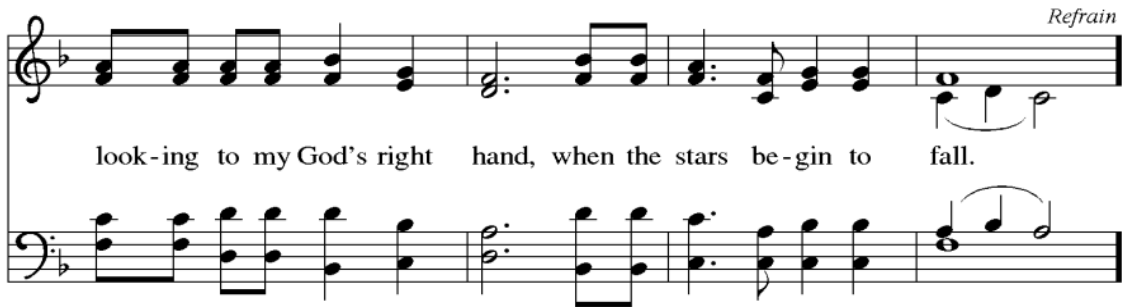


my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.



1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,
2 You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

Refrain



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

* The Prayers of the Church

Congregation responds to each petition with: Hear us, O God.

* Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to share a sign of God's peace with your neighbors in whatever way you are mutually comfortable with: handshakes, hugs, elbow bumps, "peace signs," or words of peace and grace.

Greetings and Announcements

At this time the Pastors will lift up some of the relevant events/happenings in the congregation. Offering plates are no longer passed around. Instead the offering plate is near the baptismal font. At some point this morning you may deposit your offering in the offering plate or you may continue to mail, automatically deposit, or use the website to continue your generous giving. Thank you so much for all you do for the ministry we are all a part of here at St. Philip's.

* Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray . . . God of life,

C: **you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen.**

* The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places . . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn of praise.

* Sanctus ("Holy, Holy, Holy")



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -



est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: We give thanks to you, creating God, breath of all being; the earth is yours and all that is in it, and all who dwell therein. You founded it upon the seas and made it firm upon the deep. You planted seeds in fertile ground, to rise and sing your praise. You sowed your Word in Jesus, to grow your kingdom here on earth and draw us ever near. Jesus planted mercy wherever he went, to reap a greater righteousness. He shared bread with outcasts and sinners and healed the brokenhearted to give glory to you forever.

That is why in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his dying and rising, we offer you this bread and wine, and ourselves in grateful service.

Lord pour out your Spirit upon these gifts and upon all your people gathered here today. Breathe your Spirit over all creation that we may cultivate peace in every corner of the world, where you live and reign forever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

*** The Lord's Prayer**

P: Joined together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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, forever and ever.

Amen.

P: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Agnus Dei

("Lamb of God")



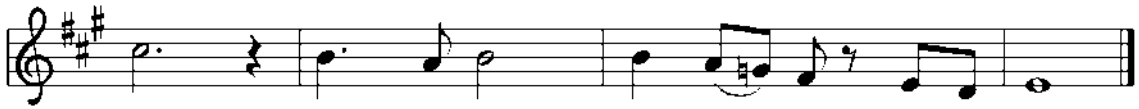
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

The Reception of Communion

The pastors will give direction on how communion will proceed this morning. Remain seated until directions are given.

Communion Distribution Hymns

As you are waiting to come forward to receive the bread and the wine and/or after you are seated again, we ask you to join us in singing together the following hymns during the distribution of the Eucharist.

Communion Hymn

"Deep River"

Refrain

Deep riv - er, my home is o - ver Jor - dan,

deep riv - er, Lord, I want to cross o - ver in - to camp - ground.

1 Oh, don't you want to go to that gos - pel feast, that
2 Oh, when I get to heav - en, I'll . . . take my seat, and

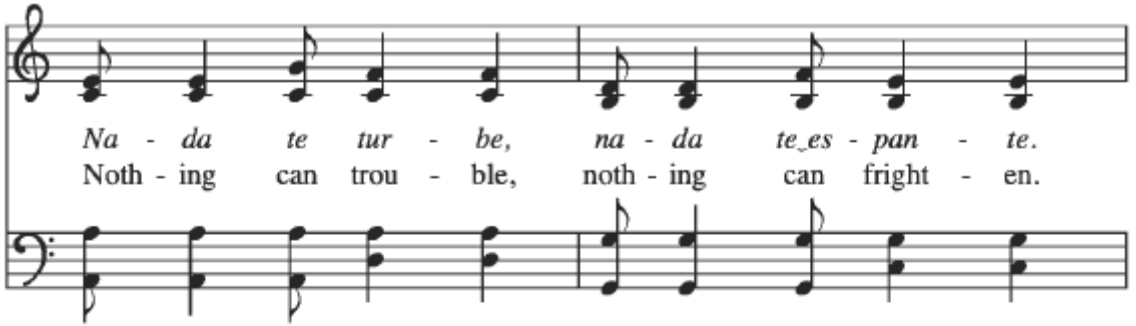
Refrain

prom - ised my land crown where all Je - sus' peace? Oh,
cast my crown at Je - sus' feet. Oh,

Communion Hymn

"Nothing Can Trouble"

(Sung Three Times)



Na - da te tur - be, na - da te_es - pan - te.
Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en.



Quien a Dios tie - ne na - da le fal - ta. Na - da te tur - be,
Those who seek God shall nev - er go want - ing. Noth - ing can trou - ble,



na - da te_es - pan - te. So - lo Dios bas - ta.
noth - ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.

* Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray . . . We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

* Blessing

P: May the Lord Bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord look upon you and + give you peace.

C: Amen

* Closing Hymn

"When Peace like a River"

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1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

The Hymn is Continued on Next Page ►

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul,

*** Sending**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Toccatà in e minor” J. Pachelbel

Remember Us When You Pray

We believe in the power of prayer, so please remember to keep the following persons and their families in your prayers. Even if you do not know them it means so much to them to know that they are remembered in our daily prayer lives. Also, it would be a wonderful gift for them to hear from their church family:

We Pray for the Members of St. Philip's:

Ron Henry, Judi Parsons, John & Barb Williams, Charles & Ruth Bowles, Lois Hardy, Carol Ruckle, Sharon Smith, Louise James, Helga Kissell, Bob O'Brien, Sherry Thompson, Eleanor Georgiana, Dave Frampton, Amy Papili, Donna Hokanson, Lynn Pouser, Bev Reedy, Elizabeth Stirk, Paul & Barbara Stadelberger, Jeff Stirk, Charlie Boss, Debra Gelesh, Richard Braun, Ellen Lenker, Janette Saxton, Phyllis Bolgiano, Anita Sterling, Donna Daugherty, Yvonne Cilento, Shelly Meador, Danny Mason, The Family of Jean Miller, The Family of Ethel Reichley, Mary Kay LaRue and Family

We Pray for our Loved Ones: *(Though we do not explicitly name these beloved ones in worship during our prayer time, please lift up their names in prayer aloud or silently during the time set aside for other intercessions):* **Our soldiers serving overseas and their families; Ruth DiDonato, Family of Earl & Irene Meyer, Christina Ruble & Family**, family of Linda Burkum; **Emily Ruckle & Tina Davis**, family of Carol Ruckle; **John & Carly Hoeni**, family of Lynn Muller; **Beckie McNelly**, sister of Bob Gibble & Barb Williams; **Lou Cookson**, father of Nick Cookson; **Beth Cookson**, mother of Nick Cookson; **Dorothy Owens**, sister of Ruth Henry; **Stuart Emerson & Family**, friends of the Swift Family; **Jacob Buckworth & Dawn Cupsie**, grandson & daughter of Lamont & Sharon Smith; **Donald Oesterbo, Jr.**, son of Carol Oesterbo; **Linda Allen**, friend of Faith Simperts; **Mary Jane Myers**, mother of Mark Myers; **Joe Cilento, Jr.**, son of Yvonne Cilento; **Paul Budd, Sr.**, father of Scott, & **Lee & Patricia Craig**, friends of The Budds; **David Martin, Diane Balinski, Debra Jennings, & Barney Jennings**, family of Donna Hokanson; **Molly Wagner**, granddaughter of Margaret Wagner; **Jermaine & Joslyn Sanders**, friends of Nancy Zinnato; **Norman Richards & Phyllis Mensinger**, family of Mark & Marge Davis; **Mildred Marine**, grandmother of Heather Stirk; **John, Sr. & Anna Longo**, parents of John Longo; **Lew & Donna Longhenry**, parents & **Brad Oliver**, brother-in-law of Bryan Longhenry; **The Family of Robert Schuh**, family of Diana Longhenry; **Martin Page & Family**, friends of Mike Rosen; **Craig Shechter**, father of Amanda DeWeese; **Alistair Black**, grandson of Bob & Delores Wardwell; **Mike & Jeanie Kelly**, friends, & **Family of Rosemary Herron**, Loved ones of Edna Basilio; **Carol Henzy**, sister & **Bill Molnar**, husband of Beth Molnar; **Zoe Kenaley**, great-granddaughter of Vic Brick; **John Lehne**, friend of Carol Goodman; **Henry Houtmann**, grandson & **Doris S. & Kathleen K.**, friends of Anne Hamilton; **Frank Kulick**, brother of Ruth Bowles; **Christopher Longo**, son of John & Kim Longo; **Lisa Santak**, daughter of Marion Santak; **Michele Levanduski**, Family of Paul Gelesh; **Kristi Barnett**, friend of Angela Klemens; **Rick Ricciardi**, brother of Nancy Warner; **Henry Jones**, father of Derrick Thompson, **Carla Solano and Family**, cousin of Bonnie Anderson; **Michelle Nevins**, wife of David Nevins; **Craig Florschutz**, husband of Jennifer Florschutz; **Mark Doyle**, friend of Harold and Sharon Holeman

What's Happening At St. Philip's

Today's Altar Flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of my sister, Elise Bushman, by Anita Sterling.

Pastor Patrick and Pastor Amy are both out of town this weekend. Pastor Amy is traveling with our youth group in West Virginia for the Annual Synod Youth Gathering. Pastor Patrick is in Florida for his brother's wedding which was postponed due to the recent hurricane that hit the Tampa area. In their place we welcome **Rev. Kibreab Gudeta** as our preacher—Kibread is part of our St. Philip's family along with his wife and daughters. And we welcome back **Crystal Solie**, who is a member of St. Philip's and also in discernment about becoming a rostered minister, as our presider. Thank you both for being with us today.

Commitment Sunday was Sunday, October 20th. Our annual stewardship appeal is underway. Stewardship is not about what the church needs to receive, but rather, what we, as people of faith, entrust to God and God's Church in proclaiming the Gospel in the world. Commitment cards and time and talent forms for our members were mailed out in early October. If you have not already turned yours in, please place it in the offering plate or return to the church office in the coming days.

Every year we provide the members the chance to sign up to dedicate chancel flowers (we used to call them altar flowers when they sat on the altar, but now they are on the shelf in the chancel area) in memory or in honor of loved ones. In order to make it easy for you to sign up for flowers for the 2024 Calendar Year, below is a link to a sign up genius form that will allow you to dedicate flowers for the coming year. **The flowers for 2025 will be \$50.** You will pick the date you want to sign-up for and then it will ask you to type in your dedication and then click the submit button. Like last year, we are asking that you please mail in your payment for the flowers **AT THE TIME YOU FILL OUT THIS DEDICATION SIGNUP.** The only reason we are asking this is that many people forget that they signed up and then forget to send the money in. Altar Guild is trying to avoid coming after the dedication money months afterwards. Thank you so much. To make a dedication, click here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9AE29A57-52711374-flower#/>

Making Disciples

The Women's Evening Book Club meets on the second Friday of the month at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall or individual homes. Our time together is much like a happy hour with good friends! Feel free to bring a snack or beverage to share. **Our next meeting is December 13th.** For December we will have a Poetry and Cookie Exchange. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Downes or Donna Daugherty. Mark your calendars and plan to come . . . We hope you will join us. Everyone is welcome!

Making Disciples (Continued . . .)

Koinonia: If you're looking for a small group that has fellowship, food and support for one another a koinonia group (Greek for fellowship) might be right for you! The **first Koinonia Group** that meets at St. Philip's will be **meeting, Sunday, November 24th at 6:30 p.m.** we will be studying the book of Parables. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. A **second group** that meets with the Mueller's will meet on **Sunday, November 17th at 6:30 p.m. at the Mueller's home.** The discussion will be a The Infancy of Thomas. Please let Gigi Mueller know if you have any questions and if you are coming. Questions about Koinonia? Contact Sharon Kittle.

Women, Wine, and Whine will be getting together at Harvest Ridge Winery in Toughkenamon, PA, on **Saturday, November 23, 1:00-3pm.** This will be our third gathering to just chat and enjoy each other. Please RSVP to Gigi by the week before.

Mission Kids: November – Coming up on November 23rd @ 4pm, we will host our 3rd annual Friendsgiving dinner in the fellowship hall. We will provide rotisserie chickens, and each family will bring a side dish or dessert to share. Keep an eye out for a Signup Genius in your email!

The Daytime Women's Book Club meets once a month. *The Women, by Kristin Hannah* is the discussion for **November 19th.** Our Annual Christmas Social is **December 17th.** Fall meetings will all be held at St. Philip's in Room #127.

O.W.L.S. (older, wiser, Lutheran seniors) will gather on Tuesday, December 10th. This group is geared towards retirees in the congregation that would like to engage in a time of food, fellowship, and light learning. The next meeting will be held **December 10th from 11:30 am to 1 pm.** This is our annual Christmas Gathering and lunch will be provided for all attendees. Folks are encouraged to mark your calendar for this great event. We'll have details soon about what our Christmas Theme will be as we learn about one another and our Christmas Traditions and Celebrations!!

Praising God

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service is Wednesday, November 27, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. This year we will gather at Limestone Presbyterian Church, 3201 Limestone Road, in Wilmington, DE. Our very own Pastor Amy Wright will be preaching! **Happy Thanksgiving To All!!**

Praising God (continued...)

Advent Wreath Lighters Needed!! Believe it or not, Advent is coming quickly. Advent is the liturgical season of preparation leading up to the birth of our Savior at Christmas. It is a four week time when the themes of the season are waiting and hoping . . . it is all those things that make up our faith as people who live each day waiting for God to come, for the world to be transformed, for the things that are not right today to be made right. During this wonderful season, we light candles around the Advent Wreath as we wait and pray and turn our hearts toward God in the midst of the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. As a tradition, we invite individuals and families to light the candles at each worship service. All are welcome to sign up . . . I'll give you instructions . . . it's easy. Sign up early. If you or your family would like to do this, visit the Signup Genius by clicking here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050949A9A62CA3FC1-52837079-invitation>

Worship Assistants Are Needed!!! In particular we are in need of Assisting Ministers. This is an easy job because the pastor helps you during the entire service. Assisting with communion and the prayers. Let Pastor Patrick or Louise James know if you are interested.

The Annual Chesapeake Silver Cornet Brass Christmas Concert will be held here at St. Philip's on **Thursday, December 12th at 7 p.m.** This has become an annual tradition here at St. Philip's and we are so excited to welcome this wonderful music back into our sanctuary. There is no cost to attend. We look forward to seeing you join us for this great concert celebrating "the most wonderful time of the year."

Advent Vespers Devotional Service - In this season of peace and joy, join us for a time of rest and peace in the middle of each week. On **Wednesdays, December 4th, 11th and 18th we'll gather in the fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m.** for Soup and Bread Dinner (a sign up poster to volunteer to bring soup or bread will be in the narthex soon), and **then at about 7:00 p.m.** we will move to the sanctuary for the "Advent Devotional" Vespers Service. Come be refreshed by food and fellowship with God and one another.

Serving the Community

Our Annual Thanksgiving Basket Collection is finishing up today. If you signed up to bring in items for the baskets, please be sure to leave them in the narthex this morning. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Serving the Community (continued...)

Family Promise: The Next Family Promise week is November 17th through 23rd. Family Promise is a ministry in which for one week per quarter each year we provide meals and hospitality to homeless children and their families. Those families are staying on the property of Jesus House on Milltown Road. We deliver the food to them and share a meal with them. Even if you have never done this before we will support you so you know what you are doing. There will be sign-up posters in the Narthex with menus and perishables items which will be collected. Feel free to contact Rebecca Bardenhagen or Marty Budd with any questions. The Sign-up Genius link is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050949A9A62CA3FC1-52203620-family>

Join the HABITAT RESTORATION CREW! The current project is removing invasive plants and vines from around the trees and in meadow areas. Upcoming work dates follow a **first Saturday, third Wednesday of each month** pattern, **8:30 to 10:00 a.m.** each day. Mark your calendars now!! Helpful tools to bring: Large loppers, large digging shovels, sturdy hand-held garden pruners, small bow or pruning saw, sturdy leather [or other thorn-resistant] gloves, leaf and grass rakes. Be sure to mark your personal tools. Contact Phil Duncan to let him know you are coming.

Care Kits for homeless persons are available under the coat rack in the Narthex. Consider picking up one or two to share with homeless persons you may encounter in your travels.

Food Insecurity continues to be a problem in our community! Can you help? Food demand still continues to be very high. If you are at the grocery store or if someone goes for you, you can pick up needed items and drop them in the box in the narthex. We are especially in need of: **Pasta, Pasta Sauce** (cans are best and Dollar Store has good prices), **Shelf Milk (2%, Almond Breeze, Whole, or Soy** – Again, the Dollar Store is a good source), **Mac & Cheese, Cereal, Canned Vegetables, Toilet Paper, Salt & Pepper, Crackers, Coffee, Tea Bags, Cake Mix/Frosting.** Thank you so much for your generosity!!

Stephen Ministry Training - Have you ever thought about wanting to help people during their times of need but didn't know what to say or how to help? That is what Stephen Ministers do for us here at St. Philip's. If you might have interest in serving one another in that way, there will be a Stephen Ministry training class starting in January of 2025 and running through April. If you are interested in being a part or just in getting more information let Gigi Mueller (Stephen Leader) know.

Serving the Community (continued...)

Attention Widows, Widowers, and Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones!! If you have lost a spouse, partner, or close loved one and would like to have some fellowship and support, there is now a support group meeting for fellowship and to provide comfort and support through this life transition. The next gathering is **December 12th at 12:30 p.m. lunch/1 p.m. meeting** in the Social Hall here at church. If you are interested in being a part or learning more, contact Sally Krapf.

Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregiver Support Group Continues to Meet at St. Philip's - The Alzheimer's Assn. of the Delaware Valley is sponsoring a monthly support group for anyone who has a loved one with any form of dementia, including Alzheimer's. Living with or caring for a person with dementia can be extremely challenging, overwhelming and exhausting. The group offers education, support, and the opportunity to connect with others in a similar situation. Free and open to the public, the group will meet on the **second Tuesday of the month**. The next meeting will be on **December 10th at 1 p.m.** in Room #128. For more information, contact Erica Holmes.



Martin Luther once said: *“Whoever drinks beer, they are quick to sleep; whoever sleeps long, does not sin; whoever does not sin, enters Heaven! Thus, let us drink beer!”*

Get excited because **Pub Theology** is this month from 6:30-8:30pm on Thursday, November 21st! It’s every 3rd Thursday of the month, and for this month, it will be back at Chuck Lager’s!

ALL are welcome at any time! You won’t want to miss this!

Pub Theology is all about open and honest, faith-filled conversations about things that matter. A table where all perspectives are welcome and appreciated. The format is simple: *beer, conversation, and God*. Come and bring your questions and thoughts, bring a friend, pull up a chair, and join Pastor Amy. You’ll be able to share your own wrestling’s and thoughts while learning something new along the way, and hey— there’s likely to be a good craft beer you haven’t tried yet!

See you then! Cheers!



An exciting ministry is returning to
St. Philip's!
“DINNERS OF EIGHT”

Meal fellowship, in the form of our “Dinners of Eight” ministry, seeks to offer members of our congregation, their friends and possibly, in time, people of other faiths, opportunities to experience and foster relationship with one another. With smaller gatherings of eight people the dinners are relatively easy to pull off and those with smaller homes are also able to participate as host. Once established, with guests taking their turn at hosting a gathering, the ministry tends to sustain and grow itself.

Look for signup sheets to be posted in the Narthex in the coming weeks allowing all congregation members the opportunity to participate in a “dinner of eight”. Those that choose to host should provide the main course and beverage and ask the others coming to dinner to bring an appetizer, vegetable, salad, or dessert. After meeting and sharing dinner, it is encouraged that the guests in attendance host a dinner of their own, with an open invitation to members of the congregation to join. As this process is repeated the ministry is able to expand.

I look forward to witnessing our congregation come together and grow into a community bound together in fellowship. For more information please contact Allyson Myers or Gigi Mueller.



CHILDREN'S
Advent
WORKSHOP



ST PHILIP'S
FELLOWSHIP HALL



DEC | 8th | 9:15AM-
10:15AM

JOIN YOUR FRIENDS FOR ADVENT
ACTIVITIES, CRAFTS, AND A SNACK.
PLEASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 24TH
SO WE CAN PLAN FOR ENOUGH SUPPLIES

INVITE A
FRIEND OR
NEIGHBOR!

ALL
AGES
WELCOME





POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

**Let's Fill Our Sanctuary with
Poinsettias for Christmas Eve!**

**If you wish to order poinsettias this year,
please fill out the form below by Sunday, December 15th
and return to the church office or drop it in
the offering plate.**

The cost per plant (red only) will be \$20.00 for 6.5" pots.

The plants may be taken home after any service on Christmas Eve.

Any poinsettias not picked up by December 26th will be donated.

Please make your check payable to: St. Philip's Lutheran Church.

**To order online use this link:
<https://forms.gle/GeSaBPgEkNTf5C3g8>**

Name: _____ Phone _____

Number of Poinsettias @ \$20.00 Each _____

Dedication:

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

To the Glory of God: _____

Attention Parents!

Need a Babysitter So You Can Do Some Christmas Shopping or Just Get Out of the House??

Attention parents: are you looking for a night when you are able to go Christmas Shopping?

**Would you like to go out for a quiet night without the kids?
Or do you just want a night to rest your ears and nerves?**

Either way, the youth group will be doing their

**Annual Babysitting Project and Activity Night on
Friday, December 13th from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

**Drop your kids off and we'll have crafts, games,
movies, video games, snacks,
and more. The cost? Well, it is whatever you want to donate.**

Donations are suggested. All the funds we raise will go toward purchasing Christmas Gifts for the needy children that we have adopted through Hilltop. The more generous your "tip" the more generous the gifts we can buy.

Reserve your spot today by contacting Pastor Amy!

And There Was Light

And There Was Light: A Christmas Cantata

Join us Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

**A free will donation to support our Refugee Families will be taken.
Following the Cantata, we will gather for a cookie
and cocoa reception.**

*A Christmas Cantata
By Joseph M. Martin*



St. Philip's Christmas Schedule

Advent Vespers Service Times

Advent Devotional Service

Wednesdays, December 4th, 11th and 18th

6:30 p.m. Soup and Bread Dinner

7:00 p.m. Evening Vespers

Christmas Concert

Diamond State Concert Band

Thursday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Concert

Chesapeake Silver Cornet Brass Band

Thursday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m.

St. Philip's Christmas Cantata

And There was Light - A Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Cookies and Hot Chocolate Reception to follow

The Longest Night Healing Service

A Winter Solstice Evening Service of Healing

Tuesday, December 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Services

Family Christmas Eve Worship Service

with Holy Communion

6:30 p.m.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service

with Holy Communion

8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

THOSE WHO SERVE

PRESIDING MINISTER

Rev. Kibreab Gudeta/Crystal Solie

PREACHER

Rev. Kibreab Gudeta

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Dr. Stephen Benscoter, CAGO

CHOIR DIRECTOR/VOCALIST

Dr. Lauren Conrad

ASSISTING MINISTER

Gerry Butler

(8:00 a.m.)

Mike Rosen

(10:30 a.m.)

LAY READER

Bill LaRue

(8:00 a.m.)

Chuck Cory

(10:30 a.m.)

USHERS

Tony and

Deana Calvarese

(8:00 a.m.)

Kim and

John Longo

(10:30 a.m.)

GREETERS

Tony and

Deana Calvarese

(8:00 a.m.)

Kim and

John Longo

(10:30 a.m.)

ACOLYTE

Ben DeWeese

(10:30 a.m.)

GROWING IN THE GOSPEL

Liz Freburger

(10:30 a.m.)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

Sunday, November 17 Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i>
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Small Groups in Christian Ed Wing
	9:15 a.m.	Kid's Club in the Christian Ed Wing
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i>
	3:00 p.m.	Youth Return from Synod Youth Event (Tentative)
Monday, November 18	6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
Tuesday, November 19	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday Small Group in Room #127
	12:30 p.m.	Daytime Book Group in Room #127
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting in Room #127
	7:00 p.m.	Worship and Music Meeting in the Choir Room
Wednesday, November 20	8:30 a.m.	Habitat Restoration Crew in the Back Yard
	7:00 p.m.	Small Group Leaders Meeting
Thursday, November 21	7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Grocery Club Assembling Thanksgiving Baskets in the Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Pub Theology at Chuck Lager's in Pike Creek
Saturday, November 23	10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Hilltop Thanksgiving Basket Assembly in the Fellowship Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Mission Kids Friendsgiving in the Fellowship Hall
Sunday, November 24 Twenty-Seventh Sunday After Pentecost	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i>
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Small Groups in Christian Ed Wing
	9:15 a.m.	Youth Breakfast Club in the Youth Room
	9:15 a.m.	Kid's Club in the Christian Ed Wing
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i>
	12:00 p.m.	Baptism of Morgan Rose Kenaley in Sanctuary

