



## **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."*

**January 19, 2025**  
**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

*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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The People of St. Philip's

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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

Second Sunday after Epiphany - January 19, 2025

## The Prelude

*"Prière à Notre Dame" Léon Boëllmann*

### \* 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: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Loving God,

C: **we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; for the times we have not spoken or acted at all; for moments when we have hurt those closest to us and those we have hurt that we have yet to know; for the ways we have thought more about ourselves than others and the ways we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen**

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God's love never tires of calling us be loved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of + Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

### \* The Gathering Hymn

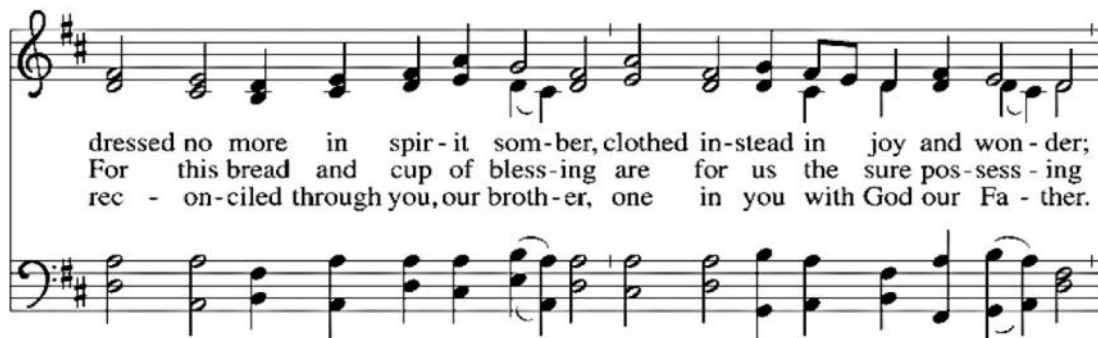
*"Now We Join in Celebration"*

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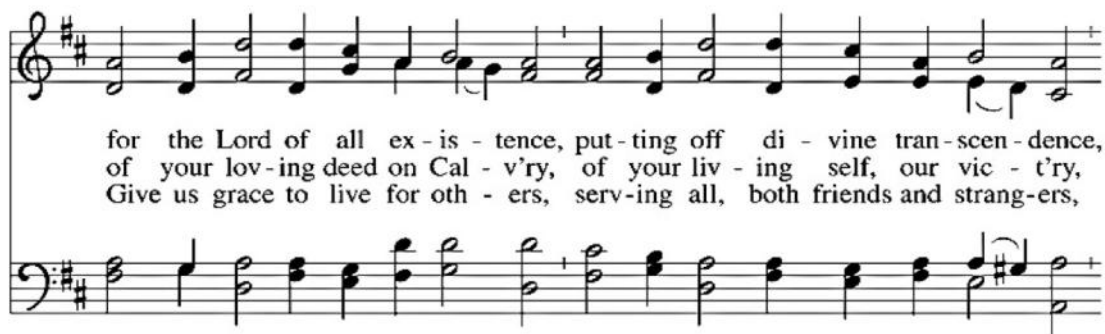
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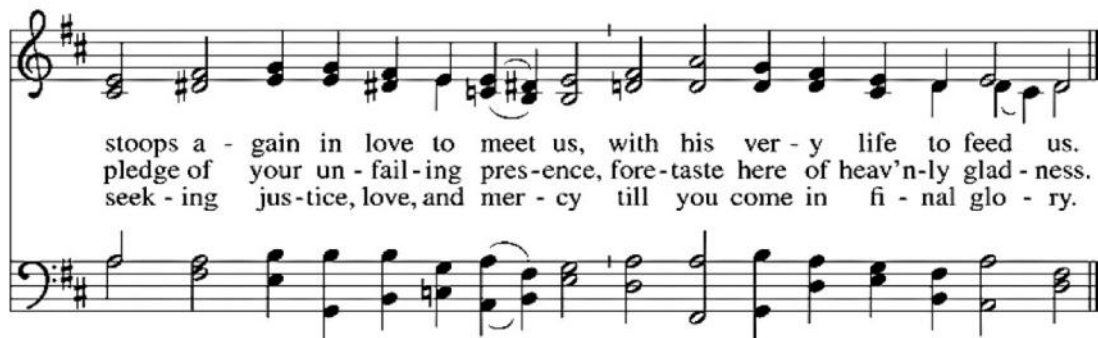
1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,  
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!  
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing  
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.  
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

## \* 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.**

## \* Kyrie (*Kyrie Eleison* is "Lord Have Mercy")



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



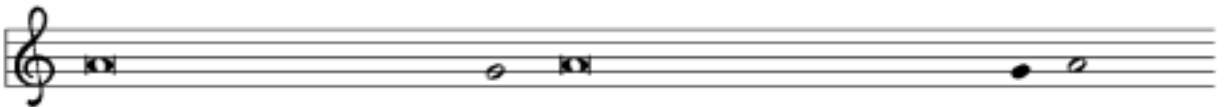
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

**\* Hymn of Praise**

*"This Is the Feast"*

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his,

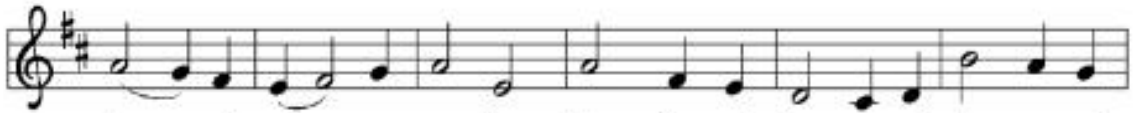
*(Hymn of Praise continues on the Next Page ►)*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### \* Prayer of the Day

A: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

A: Let us pray . . . Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

**The Old Testament Lesson**      *Isaiah 62:1-5*

For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
<sup>2</sup> The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.  
<sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
<sup>4</sup> You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the Lord delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.  
<sup>5</sup> For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

A:      The word of the Lord.

C:      **Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Reading**      *Psalms 36:5-10*

<sup>5</sup> Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.  
<sup>6</sup> **Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,  
your judgements are like the great deep;  
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.**

*(The Responsorial Psalm continues on the Next Page ►)*



<sup>7</sup> How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

<sup>8</sup> **They feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

<sup>9</sup> For with you is the fountain of life;

in your light we see light.

<sup>10</sup> **O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,  
and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

## **The New Testament Lesson**     *1 Corinthians 12:1-11*

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

**A:**     The word of the Lord.

**C:**     **Thanks be to God.**

**\* Gospel Acclamation**

*"Alleluia"*



Al - le - lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia.

**\* The Gospel Lesson**

*John 2:1-11*

**P:** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John the second chapter.

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Children's Sermon and Growing in the Gospel**

*(The Children's Sermon and*

*Growing in the Gospel are at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service and are for children through 3rd Grade.)*

**The Sermon**

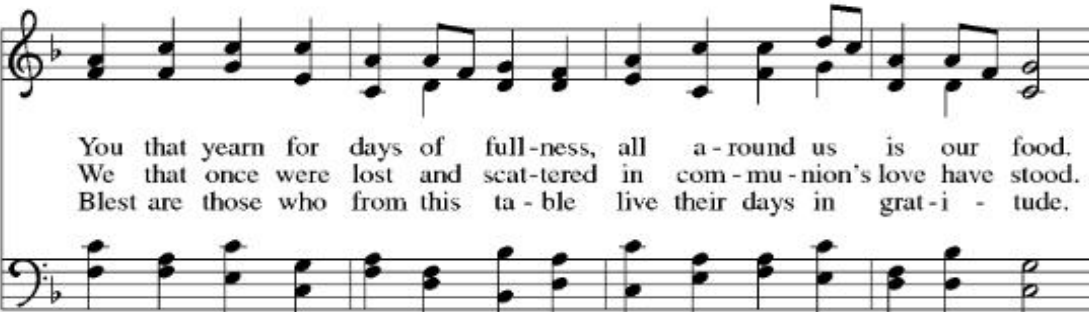
*Rev. Amy Wright*



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.  
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er, Je- sus Christ is liv- ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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## \* Apostles' Creed

P: Responding to the good news of God's grace, let us confess our faith together.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified died and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## \* The Prayers of the Church

*Congregation responds to each petition with: **Your mercy is great.***

## \* 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 . . . Merciful God,

C: **receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: You fill our world with glory and light, and yet our mortal eyes cannot behold so bright a truth. Therefore in time you sent us Jesus Christ, your truth made flesh. He lived among us, teaching, healing, and revealing the boundless riches of your grace, that everyone might see and know the power of your love for us.

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 the life and work of Christ, his ministry among the poor and lost, his death upon the cross of human shame, and the victory revealed by the empty tomb, we offer you our lives in thanks and praise, in unity with Christ our friend and Lord.

Send your Holy Spirit on us here and on the gifts of bread and wine we share. Make us, gathered here in love for you, members of the body of our Lord, that we may share the promise of the gospel, one with Christ, and one in ministry to all the world.

Through Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### **\* The Lord's Prayer**

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

C: **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: We who are many are one body. Come. Be filled with light and life.

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.

## The Reception of Communion

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

## Communion Distribution Hymn

*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.*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

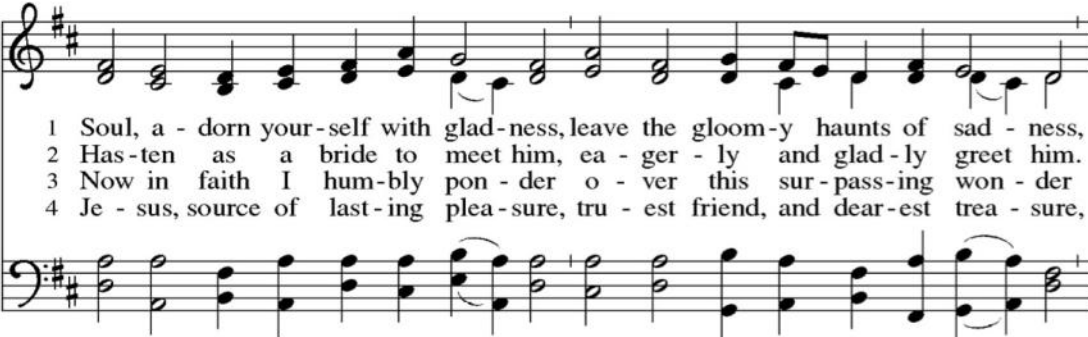


name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and




grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

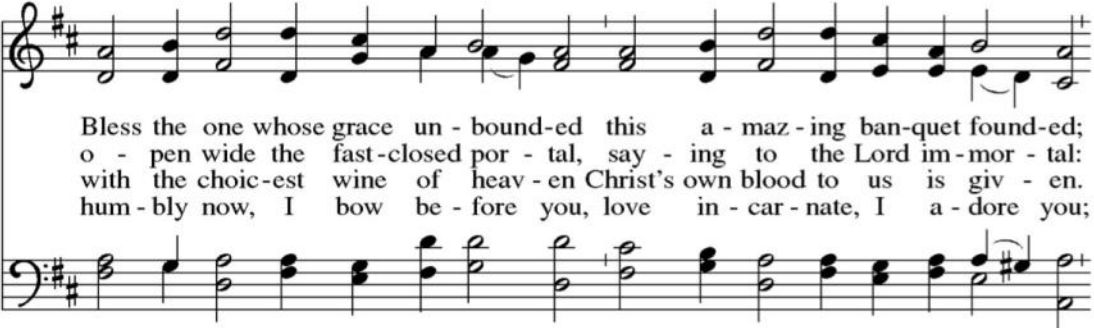




1 Soul, a - dorn your-self with glad-ness, leave the gloom-y haunts of sad - ness,  
 2 Has-ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.  
 3 Now in faith I hum-bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass-ing won - der  
 4 Je - sus, source of last-ing plea-sure, tru - est friend, and dear-est trea - sure,



come in - to the day-light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais-es ren - der.  
 There he stands al-read - y knock-ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,  
 that the bread of life is bound-less though the souls it feeds are count-less;  
 peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:



Bless the one whose grace un - bound-ed this a - maz - ing ban-quet found-ed;  
 o - pen wide the fast-closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:  
 with the choic-est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.  
 hum-bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;



Christ, though heav'n-ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
 "Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with-in my heart for-ev - er."  
 Oh, most glo-rious con - so-la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.  
 wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa-vored, nev - er leave you.

### \* Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray . . . O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we may tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever..

C: Amen

### \* Blessing

P: May the God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen

### \* Closing Hymn

*"We All Are One in Mission"*

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1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.  
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:  
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

*(The Hymn continues on the Next Page ►)*



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.



### \* Sending

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

*"Toccata" Léon Boëllmann*

## 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, Donna Daugherty, Yvonne Cilento, Shelly Meador, Danny Mason, Kim Longo, John Reichley, Marge Davis, Diana Schneider 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; Sgt. Tyler Harris**, nephew of Susan Mack; **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 Simpser; **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 & **Myron Davis**, brother 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 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 Kullick**, 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; **Mark & Jeanne Favreau**, family of Rev. Arlene Favreau-Pysher

## What's Happening At St. Philip's

**Today's Altar Flowers** are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of Heather Stirk's grandmother, Mildred Marine, on her 103rd birthday, by Elizabeth Stirk.

**Your Annual Financial Giving Statement is available NOW!**—2024 Financial Statements have been printed and are on the table in the Narthex. The Church Office and Pastors do not have information about finances so if you have any questions about your statement, contact the Financial Secretary, Mike Berkheimer.

**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 2025 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#/\*\*](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9AE29A57-52711374-flower#/)

### **Making Disciples**

**O.W.L.S. (older, wiser, Lutheran seniors) will gather on Tuesday, February 11th.** 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 **February 11th from 11:30 am to 1 pm.** The presentation for that day is still being worked out. We'll keep you posted. Bring your own lunch and we'll provide the fellowship and learning. See you then!!

**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, February 23rd 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, January 26th at 6:30 p.m. at the Mueller's home.** We are going to read Luke in one sitting ahead of time and discuss. Questions about Koinonia? Contact Sharon Kittle.

### **Making Disciples (Continued . . .)**

**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 February 14th - James** by Percival Everett. For **March 14th** we'll be discussing *The End of Drumtime* by Hanna Pylväinen. For **April 14th (NOTE that this is a TUESDAY)** at 5:00 p.m. we will gather at River Rock Restaurant at the Westin by the Chase Center on the Riverfront. We'll enjoy dinner and then go to the New Castle County Reads presentation to hear the author of *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt speak about her book. **Also for April - Reader's Choice** - Since we already read the NCC Reads book, in April, read a book of your choice. We can talk about them at our May meeting and use this discussion to plan the next books through the fall of 2025. Then for **May 9th** we'll discuss *By Any Other Name* by Jodi Piccolt. On **June 13th** we'll discuss *First Lie Wins* by Ashley Alston. 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!

**Women, Wine, and Whine** - Just booked our next wine social gathering for Sunday afternoon, **January 19th, from 2 to 5 p.m.**, at **Acadian Winery in West Grove**. There will be music!

**The Daytime Book Group** will next meet on **Tuesday, January 21st at 12:30 p.m.** We will meet in Room #127. Our book for discussion is *FROZEN RIVER*, by Ariel Lawhon. For February 18th will be *MYSTERY OF MRS CHRISTIE*, by Marie Benedict. For March 18th will be *HOMEFRONT*, by Kristin Hannah, and April 15th is *THE SILENT PATIENT*. Any questions, contact Gigi Mueller. We will be meeting in Room #127!

**Pub Theology** - 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! **Our next Pub Theology will be Thursday, February 20th from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** at Chuck Lagers! Let us ring in the New Year together with beer and each other at Pub Theology! See you then! Cheers!

### **Praising God**

**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.

## **Serving the Community**

**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!!

**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 **February 11th at 1 p.m.** in Room #128. For more information, contact Erica Holmes.

**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 **February 13th 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.

**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, **10:00 a.m. to Noon** 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.

**New Supplies needed for Care Kits for the Homeless.** As the seasons are changing our winter kits need to be refreshed with new supplies. Please consider signing up below to help replenish supplies. Also, kits can be found under the coat rack in the narthex. Consider picking up one or two to share with homeless persons you may encounter in your travels.

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050949A9A62CA3FC1-53363560-homeless>**

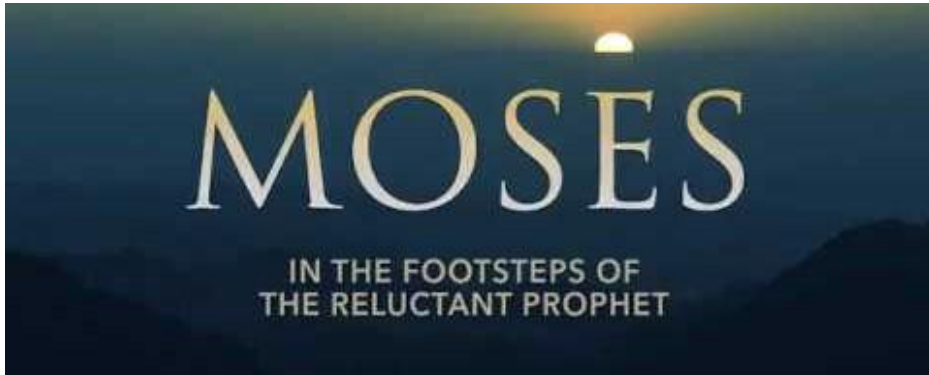
***Serving the Community (continued...)***

**Family Promise - St. Philips Next Host Week: January 19th -25th** Our next host week will be January 19-25. Sign up posters will be in the Narthex with menus listing food you can provide in late December. Below is a Sign-Up Genius link for those who are able to contribute non-perishable items.

Link: **<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050949A9A62CA3FC1-54055916-family>**

Thank you in advance for your continued support. Feel free to contact Rebecca Bardenhagen or Marty Budd with any questions.





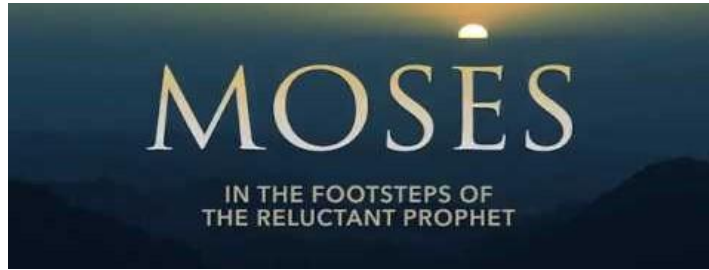
**Join us For A Special Winter Video Series Journey  
Alongside the first Biblical Prophet, Moses**

On Sunday Mornings January 12 - February 23, 2024 at 9:15 am  
Classes will be held in the Social Hall Led By Pastor Patrick  
and are all about The Life and Impact of the Prophet, Moses.

Two Moments that Defined the Man  
The Exodus  
The Ten Commandments  
Lessons from the Wilderness  
Don't forget . . . Pass it On  
The Legacy of Moses

Everyone is invited to this class, whether you were registered for small groups  
or not. This is a whole church experience.





**Session 2 January 19th: Two Moments that Defined the Man**

Moses may have been born an Israelite, but two things change the course of his life and the salvation history of an entire people,

**Session 3: January 26th: The Exodus**

The most significant event in the history of Moses' people.

**Session 4 February 2nd: The Ten Commandments**

Laws to be sure, but more a sense of commitment to each other.

**Session 5 February 9th: Lessons from the Wilderness**

What we do in life when we are "going nowhere."

**Session 6 February 16th: Don't Forget . . . Pass it On**

The events in the wilderness have shaped the Jewish People.

**Session 7 February 23rd: The Legacy of Moses**

The Enduring Impact of Moses on People of Faith

**On Sunday,  
January 26, 2025  
we will hold our  
Annual  
Congregational  
Celebration**

**Join us as we continue  
to celebrate the  
wonderful  
ministry that God has  
called us to here  
at St. Philip's!**

**Make this one of  
the  
first items you  
mark down on  
your  
2025 calendar!**



**St. Philip's CONGREGATIONAL CELEBRATION!!**

**Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.**

**In the Sanctuary**

# MISSION KIDS



## EVENT CALENDAR

### 2025



### January

**Mission Moms  
Night Out**  
Sunday, Jan 26  
5-7pm  
Mexican Table  
Hockessin, DE

### February

**Valentine's Cards for  
homebound members**  
Sunday, Feb 9  
noon-1:30  
Bring your own lunch  
Fellowship Hall

### March

**Mission Kids  
Get Messy**  
Sunday, Mar 9  
4-6pm  
Dinner Provided  
Fellowship Hall

### April

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
Sunday, April 13  
noon-2pm  
Fellowship Hall

### May

**Woodside Creamery**  
Sunday, May 18  
noon-2pm  
Bring your own lunch

### Summer

**Pool Party**  
Details TBD

### September

**Rally Day**  
Details TBD

### November

**Friendsgiving**  
Details TBD

### October

**Apple Picking**  
Details TBD

### December

**Advent Workshop**  
Details TBD



*Spaghetti Dinner +*

*Bingo Night Fundraiser*



Saturday, March 1st, 5-8pm

# TICKETS



*Let us eat spaghetti!*

Adult 🍝 \$7

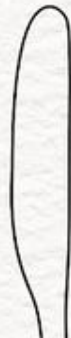
Children 🍝 \$5

Families 🍝 \$20

*\*\*ALL proceeds benefit our Youth Group's Hurricane Relief Trip to NC this summer!*



YOU WONT WANT TO MISS THIS!



**TICKETS TO GO ON SALE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND!!!**

# THOSE WHO SERVE

<b>PRESIDING MINISTER</b>	Rev. Patrick V. Downes
<b>PREACHER</b>	Rev. Amy Wright
<b>DIRECTOR OF MUSIC</b>	Dr. Stephen Bencoter, CAGO
<b>CHOIR DIRECTOR/VOCALIST</b>	Dr. Lauren Conrad

<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Karen Stahl	(8:00 a.m.)
	Steve Litterst	(10:30 a.m.)
<b>LAY READER</b>	<b>Karen Stahl</b>	(8:00 a.m.)
	Mike Rosen	(10:30 a.m.)
<b>USHERS</b>	Tony and	
	Deana Calvarese	(8:00 a.m.)
	Bob and	
	Delores Wardwell	(10:30 a.m.)
<b>GREETERS</b>	Dave Thompson	(8:00 a.m.)
	Bob and	
	Delores Wardwell	(10:30 a.m.)
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Abby Litterst	(10:30 a.m.)
<b>GROWING IN THE GOSPEL</b>	Kelly Sanderson	

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

<p><b>Sunday, January 19</b> <b>Second Sunday after Epiphany</b></p>	<p>8:00 a.m.  9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.  2:00 p.m.  5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i> Adult Large Group in the Fellowship Hall Youth Breakfast Club in the Youth Room Kid's Club in the Christian Ed Wing Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i> Women's Whine and Wine Event at Acadian Wine Company, West Grove, PA Dinner + <i>Wear-Your-Fav-Pajamas Game Night</i> <i>Family Promise starts and runs all week!</i></p>
<p><b>Monday, January 20</b></p>	<p>6:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, January 21</b></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Staff Meeting Daytime Book Group in Room #127</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, January 22</b></p>	<p>1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Grocery Club in the Fellowship Hall</p>
<p><b>Thursday, January 23</b></p>	<p>7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Christian Education Team Meeting in Room #127 Environmental Stewardship in Room #129</p>
<p><b>Sunday, January 26</b> <b>Third Sunday after Epiphany</b></p>	<p>8:00 a.m.  9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.  11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i> Adult Large Group in the Fellowship Hall Youth Breakfast Club in the Youth Room Kid's Club in the Christian Ed Wing Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i> <i>Congregational Meeting in Sanctuary</i></p>

