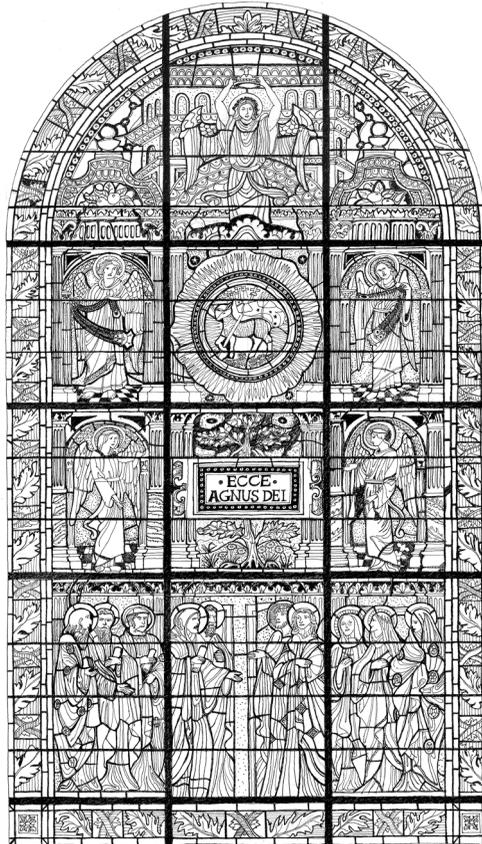


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THE HOLY EUCHARIST
DECEMBER 21, 2025 • 10:30 A.M.



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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.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

OPENING VOLUNTARY

THE INTROIT

And the Glory of the Lord

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
And all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Text: Isaiah 40:5. Music: George Frideric Handel, from *Messiah* (1741).

THE WORD OF GOD

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

When Jesus Left His Father's Throne

Kingsfold

When Jesus left his Father's throne he chose an humble birth;
like us, unhonored and unknown, he came to dwell on earth.
Like him, may we be found below in Wisdom's paths of peace!
Like him, in grace and knowledge grow, as years and strength increase.

Jesus passed by the rich and great, for men of low degree;
he sanctified our parents' state, for poor, like them, was he.
Sweet were his words, and kind his look, when mothers round him pressed;
their infants in his arms he took, and on his bosom blessed.

Safe from the world's alluring harms, beneath his watchful eye,
thus in the circle of his arms, may we forever lie.

For we have learned to love his Name: that Name divinely sweet,
may every pulse through life proclaim, and our last breath repeat.

Text: James Montgomery, 1816, alt.

Music: *Kingsfold*, Traditional English melody, arr. R. Vaughan Williams, 1906

THE ACCLAMATION

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), page 145

The People standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant

Surely the Lord cometh soon.

People

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY AND THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

BCP, p. 106

The Celebrant prays

Almighty God, unto 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 thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. MATTHEW 22:37-40

THE KYRIE

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

The People remain standing as the Celebrant prays

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and come among us, and with great might succor us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sorely hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

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

THE LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-17

¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: ¹¹ "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." ¹² But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." ¹³ And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. ¹⁷ The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria!"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

THE GRADUAL HYMN

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Divinum Mysterium

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,
 He is Alpha and Omega, he the Source, the Ending he,
 Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!
 O that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace,
 By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bare the Savior of our race;
 And the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore!
 O ye heights of heav'n, adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing:
 Powers, dominions, bow before him and extol our God and King;
 Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore!
 Thee let old men, thee let young men, thee let boys in chorus sing;
 Matrons, virgins, little maidens, with glad voices answering:
 Let their guileless songs re-echo, and the heart its music bring, evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion and eternal victory, evermore and evermore! Amen.

Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413; Tr. J. M. Neale, 1854, Henry W. Baker, 1859
Music: *Divinum Mysterium*, 13th century Plainsong, Mode 5

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

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

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

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

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³ "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

After the Gospel, the Priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.***

THE SERMON

With Us

The Rev. Brian K. McGreevy

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, page 144

All stand and say in unison

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All may be seated. The Celebrant says the prayers found on page 128 of the BCP.

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. Lord, in thy mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For Chip, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation. Lord, in thy mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others. We pray thy blessing on our home and world missions: St. Philip's Academy, Hope to Home Ministries, Lowcountry Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Lowcountry Pregnancy Center, Star Gospel Mission, Water Mission and the Global Water Center, our mission partners in Haiti, Honduras, Liberia, Rwanda and Uganda, and for the unreached and those across the world who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, in thy mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service, especially the President of the United States, the members of Congress, and the Justices of the Supreme Court. And we commend to thy gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, especially *those on our parish prayer list*. Lord, in thy mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially *those on our parish prayer list*. Lord, in thy mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, [especially _____,] in thanksgiving let us pray. Lord, in thy mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

The Reader concludes with this Collect.

Grant these our prayers, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

BCP, page 112

People and Celebrant

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest alone stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. JOHN 3:16

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. 1 JOHN 2:1-2

All stand.

THE PEACE

BCP, page 114

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Joseph's Carol

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Bates O'Neal, *baritone*

Long and weary was the journey, hard and dark the road we trod;

Deep enfolded in the stillness of the night.

It seemed I heard the voice of God: "Fear not, Joseph, weep not, Mary,

Travel onward through the darkness of night; Bethlehem will see his glory:

Christ, Emmanuel, the Lord of light."

Ecce miraculum, ecce miraculum, here in a stable lies your heav'nly King,

Ecce miraculum, ecce miraculum, Alleluia, alleluia hear the angels sing.

Journey's end was just a stable bare, cold and lonely for a birth;

Ox and ass were our companions there when God revealed himself on earth.

Shepherds came in awe and wonder, kneeling low beside his manger stall;

Angels singing, wise men bringing gifts to lay before the Lord of all.

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All are invited to stand and sing the Doxology.

THE DOXOLOGY

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Stuttgart

Come, thou long expected Jesus,

Born to set thy people free;

From our fears and sins release us,

Let us find our rest in thee.

Text: Charles Wesley. Music: *Stuttgart*, adapted from a melody by Christian Friedrich Witt.

THE SURSUM CORDA

BCP, page 115

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them 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 People are invited to sing

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 may be seated. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer on page 116, concluding with

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, page 118

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

BCP, page 119

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.

All are invited to sing the Agnus Dei.

THE AGNUS DEI

P. Stopford

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 in either one kind (bread only) or both kinds (bread and wine). 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. **The St. Philip's Prayer Team is available by the main entrance doors at this time.***

COMMUNION HYMN

O Word, That Goest Forth on High

Conditor alme siderum

O Word, that goest forth on high from God's own depths eternally,
And in these latter days wast born for succor to a world forlorn;
Pour light upon us from above and fire our hearts with ardent love,
That, as we hear thy truth today, all wrong desires may burn away.
And when, as judge, thou drawest nigh the secrets of our hearts to try,
To recompense each hidden sin and bid the saints their reign begin;
O let us not, weak, sinful men, be driven from thy presence then,
But with thy saints for ever stand in perfect love at thy right hand.
To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, ever One,
Praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

Text: Latin, 7th cent; *Hymnal 1940*, alt. Music: *Conditor alme siderum*, plainsong, Mode 4

COMMUNION HYMN

Shine the Light

Ben Hagood

Refrain: Shine the light, the light of Jesus Christ.

Go shine the light, the light of Jesus Christ;
That breaks like dawn into this darkened world,
Bright with the Father's unchanging light.

While the darkness covered all the world, the Lord of creation hovered o'er.
When he called forth light from darkest void, his goodness then went bursting forth.
As deception captured earthly life, the Light of the World came down to save.
From our blindness he restores our sight, to show the world his kingdom will reign. *Refrain*

Let his churches glow with glory bright, as lanterns that burn celestial fire.
Like a city on the hillside high that shines so bright its light cannot hide.
Like a lighthouse guiding ships ashore, that's blazing bright beams while far we roam.
From the shoals of every wayward course, God's grace and truth will steer us all home. *Refrain*

Teach our children in the way of truth, and wisdom from all the ages past.
Help them know their path to love and serve, with all things for the glory of Christ.
Omnia Christi Gloriam. *Refrain*

Text and music: Ben A. Hagood, Jr, 2025. Used by permission.

COMMUNION HYMN

I Cannot Tell

Londonderry Air

I cannot tell why he whom angels worship should set his love upon the sons of men,
 Or why as Shepherd he should seek the wand'ers to bring them back, they know not how or when.
 But this I know, that he was born of Mary, when Bethl'hem's manger was his only home,
 And that he lived at Nazareth and labored, and so the Savior, Savior of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently he suffered, as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
 Or how his heart upon the Cross was broken the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
 But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted, and stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
 And lifts the burden from the heavy laden, for yet the Savior, Savior of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how he will win the nations, how he will claim his earthly heritage,
 How satisfy the needs and aspirations of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
 But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory, and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
 And some glad day his sun shall shine in splendor when he the Savior, Savior of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship, when at his bidding every storm is stilled,
 Or who can say how great the jubilation when all the hearts of men with love are filled.
 But this I know, the skies will thrill with gladness, and myriad, myriad human voices sing,
 And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth will answer: at last the Savior, Savior of the world, is King.

Words: William Fullerton (1857-1932).

Music: *Londonderry Air* (traditional Irish melody). Public domain.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, page 120

Standing, the People join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us, thereby, of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works that thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

BCP, page 121

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavn'ly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Day-spring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace. *Refrain*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Words Hymnal Version, based on Latin, c. 9th cent.

Music: *Veni Emmanuel*, Melody adapted from plainsong, Mode I, by Thomas Helmore, 1854

THE DISMISSAL

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher

The Rev. Brian K. McGreevy

Ushers

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Barbara and David Spell

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Chalice

Malcolm Rhodes, Tammy Gottshalk

Acolyte

John Gardner

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Garden Frampton and Jane McGreevy

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Carrie Gabriel, Marsee Lee,
Allison McAdams, Kim Meyer,
Toni Rhett, Ruth Scott,
Martha Stoney, Pat Wardlaw

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Now in Recess:

- Sunday School, Rector's Forum (resume January 11)
- Wednesdays Alive! service/supper/class (resumes January 28)
- The Rector's Bible Study (resumes January 29)
- Middle School Youth Group (resumes January 9)

Wrapping up 2025:

- Tonight: Final High School Youth Group (resumes January 11)

The Church office will be closed for Christmas and the New Year December 24 through January 2. In the event of a pastoral emergency during that time, please call the Rev. Bill Christian at (843) 327-0791.

What truly sets St. Philip's Academy apart from every other school in the area? Our curriculum trains scholars in both wisdom and virtue, and we invite you to join us for a special night devoted to taking a closer look into Memoria Press's curriculum with expert Ileana Giordani. Those who have already joined us for an open house will appreciate learning even more about our commitment to academic excellence and our Christ-centered approach in every subject. Sign up at stpacademy.org/curriculumnight. Applications for K5-4th grade are due February 6 for the 2026-2027 school year. Additional grades will be added each year through 12th-grade. 

Water Mission Student Volunteer Days: Students ages 12 and up are invited to help Water Mission prepare materials for the annual Walk for Water. Visit saintphilips.churchcenter.com/registrations to sign up!

Foundations with the Rev. Andrew O'Dell begins January 11. This semester-long course explores the foundational beliefs of the Christian faith in an environment that allows for conversation and connection. For those who feel led to join St. Philip's, the class will culminate in the service of Confirmation when the bishop makes his annual visitation in the spring. Register at saintphilips.churchcenter.com/registrations or scan the QR code at right. 

GriefShare, an 11-week video-based support group, is a Christian ministry hailed as the number-one grief support group in the world. Susan Keller, Juanita Orvin, Marc Boutan, and Esther Spade will be facilitating a GriefShare group at St. Philip's on Wednesday evenings (7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Youth Room) beginning January 21. Please scan the QR code to register or email susanckeller55@gmail.com if you prefer. 

Important Dates:

- **January 6** - Epiphany Evensong (6:00 p.m.)
- **February 1, 8** - Special Rector's Forum series: "On the Doorstep of Eternity" with Alan Runyan
- **February 4** - Monthly Men's Lunch (12:30 p.m.)
- **March 2** - Annual Parish Meeting

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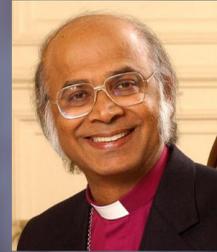
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4:30 p.m.

Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist

7:30 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

with orchestra and the Canterbury Choir

10:30 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

with orchestra and the St. Philip's Parish Choir

Christmas Day Worship
in the church

10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

with hymns



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