



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."***

May 25, 2025
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 25, 2025

The Prelude “Gaudeamus pariter” R. Buckley Farlee

* Easter Proclamation

P: Christ is Risen

C: Christ is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

* 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: Lord God Almighty, in your great mercy, you sent your son to die for us. Grant us now the confidence we need to draw near you, to recognize and confess our sin, that we may receive your mercy and grace now and in the time of our need.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Hear our prayer and have mercy, O God,

C: according to your lovingkindness, for we are helpless in the face of our sin. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, wash away the guilt of those thoughts, words, and actions with which we have hurt you, our brothers and sisters, and your creation. Cleanse us from our sin, O Lord, and renew a right spirit within us that we may grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Restore to us a good and willing spirit, the joy of your salvation, and your everlasting grace, that we may live in you and for you forever. Amen.

P: God is merciful and gracious, loving us even when we were dead in sin, and granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all who believe. And so as a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his 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** “O Beautiful For Spacious Skies” *(Hymn is on the Next Page ►)*



1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:
 thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
 till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

* 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.**

* Memorial Day Remembrance

- P: Good friends, on this Memorial Day Sunday, we recognize all those who have given of themselves in protection of our lives, our freedom, and this land that we live in. Our Lord Jesus said *"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."* We know that Jesus loved us so much that he gave his life to save the entire world. Certainly, this life giving sacrifice is the calling that our men and women in uniform have given for us. And so we give thanks to God today that he has called into the service of their country, men and women, who give of themselves so that we might live more securely.
- P: Let us pray . . . Lord of the nations,
- C: **guide our people by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give us what outward prosperity may be your will, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* Bell Choir Offering for Memorial Day *"Taps"*

(Taps is typically offered at dusk and at military funerals however Taps is most of all an invitation to rest. For our service men and women, who march, who guard, who are always on alert, rest is such a welcome invitation. But Taps also fits with our Christian understanding that at the end of each day and at the end of our lives, we are at rest in God. Indeed God is nigh. As the bells are played, you may follow along with the lyrics to taps printed below.)

Verse 1

*Day is done, gone the sun
From the lakes, from the hills, from the sky
All is well, safely rest
God is nigh.*

Verse 3

*Thanks and praise for our days
Neath the sun, neath the stars, neath the sky
As we go, this we know
God is nigh.*

Verse 2

*Fading light dims the sight
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright
From afar, drawing near
Falls the night.*

* Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray . . . Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The New Testament Lesson *Acts 16:9-15*

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 67*

¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,

**² that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ **The earth has yielded its increase;**

God, our God, has blessed us.

⁷ May God continue to bless us;

let all the ends of the earth revere him.

The New Testament Epistle *Revelation 21:10-22:5*

^{21:10} And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

^{21:22} I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.

²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1} Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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.

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* The Gospel Lesson *John 14:18-29*

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

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

[Jesus said to his disciples] ¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” ²²Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?” ²³Jesus answered him, ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

²⁸You heard me say to you, “I am going away, and I am coming to you.” If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

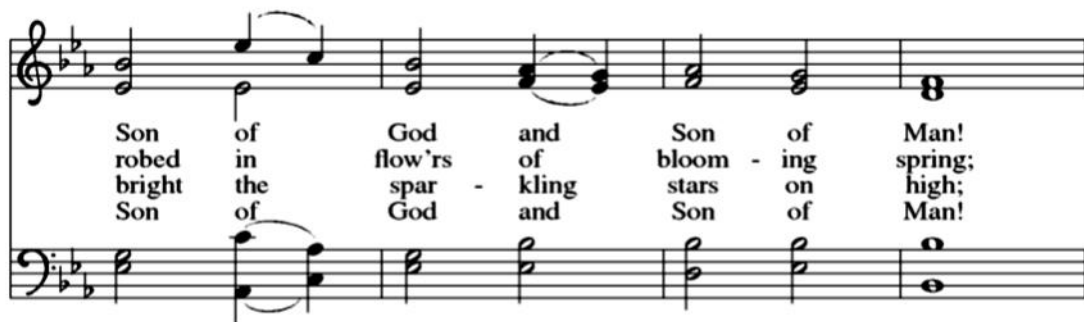
Children’s Sermon

The Sermon

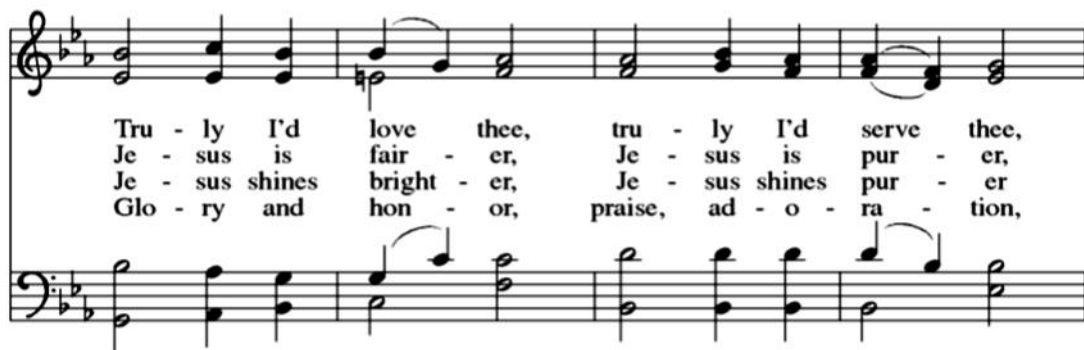
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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in the flow'rs of spring;
 bright in the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

*** 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 . . . Holy God,

C: **we give you thanks and praise for light and life and love, and above all, the presence of the living Lord among us. By your Spirit who breathes within us, strengthen our faith, use our gifts, and work in our lives to bear witness to the resurrection of Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. 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: Blessed are you, O God, creator of all things. By your power and love you continue to deliver your people from bondage, show the way through the wilderness, turn hardship into righteousness, and reveal your hand upholding those in need. Blessed are you, O Christ, servant of the universe. You came among us to feed and heal and teach, to confound the haughty, to confuse the tricksters, to challenge the wrong-hearted, and, in all these things, to give hope to those who long for peace.

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 our Lord's self-giving love, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

C: **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

P: Blessed are you, O Spirit, giver of life. You give us words when we have none; you fill us with vision when we have the most need; you give us voice to proclaim our faith in every hour. Be our guide and teacher, today and always.

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: Come to the banquet of our Lord, for everything is ready.

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 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 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!
3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;
4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see



When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.
there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.
there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.
thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

*** Post Communion Prayer**

P: Let us pray . . . Life giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

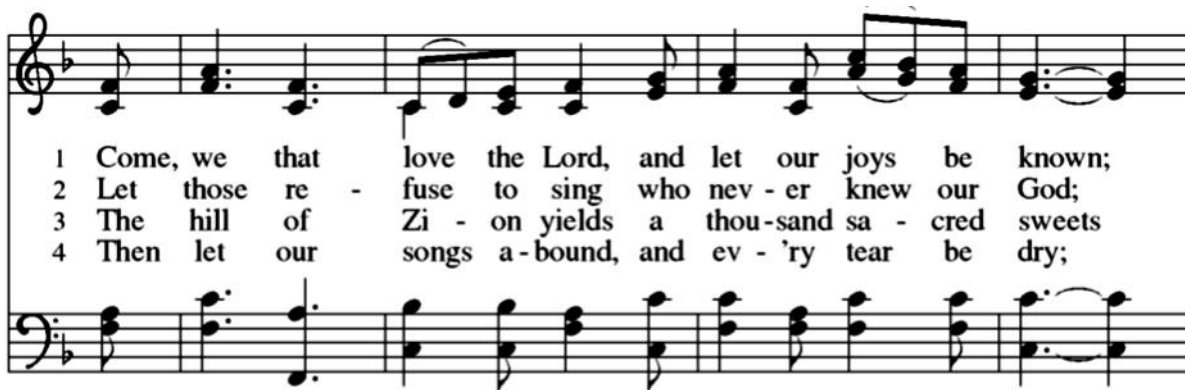
P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy; and may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen

* Closing Hymn

"Come, We That Love the Lord"

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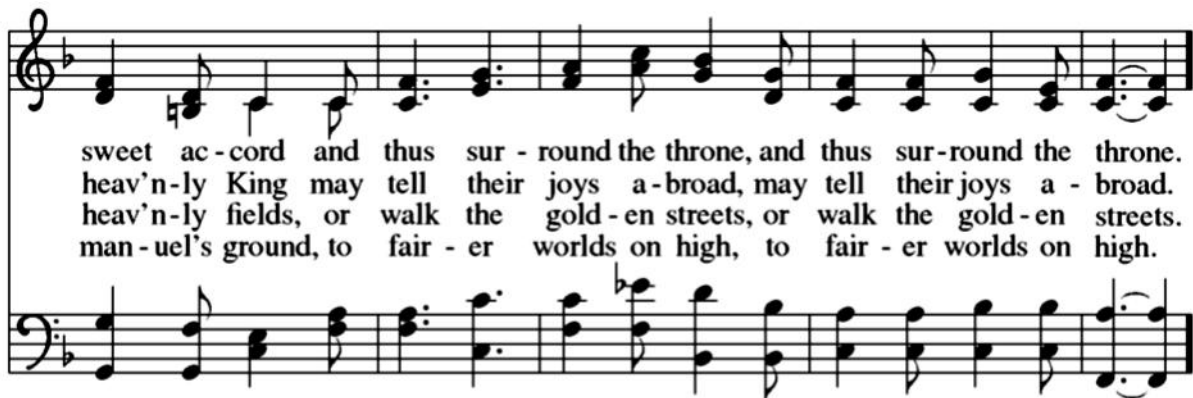


1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets
4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the
be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -

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sweet ac-cord and thus sur-round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.
 heav'n-ly King may tell their joys a-broad, may tell their joys a-broad.
 heav'n-ly fields, or walk the gold-en streets, or walk the gold-en streets.
 man-uel's ground, to fair-er worlds on high, to fair-er worlds on high.

Refrain



We're march-ing to Zi-on, beau-ti-ful, beau-ti-ful Zi-on:



we're march-ing up-ward to Zi-on, the beau-ti-ful cit-y of God.

* Sending

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"O Filii et filiae" W. Held

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:

Judi Parsons, John & Barb Williams, Charles and 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 and Barbara Stadelberger, Jeff Stirk, Charlie Boss, Debra Gelesh, Richard Braun, Ellen Lenker, Janette Saxton, Phyllis Bolgiano, Yvonne Cilento, Danny Mason, Kim Longo, Mark and Marge Davis, David Nevins, John Frink, Erica Miller, Jenni Longhenry, Richard Pierce, Michael Pushkarewicz, Jane Newcomer, Arlene Favreau-Pyscher, David Hauser 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 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 & **Beth Cookson**, mother of Nick Cookson; **Dorothy Owens**, sister of Ruth Henry; **Stuart Emerson & Family**, friends of the Swift Family; **Linda Allen**, friend of Faith Simperts; **Joe Cilento, Jr.**, son of Yvonne Cilento; **Paul Budd, Sr.**, father of Scott, & **Lee Craig**, friend of The Budds; **Diane Balinski & Debra Jennings**, family of Donna Hokanson; **Molly Wagner**, granddaughter of Margaret Wagner; **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; **Craig Shechter**, father of Amanda DeWeese; **Alistair Black**, grandson of Bob & Delores Wardwell; **Carol Henzy**, sister of Beth Molnar; **Zoe Kenaley**, great-granddaughter of Vic Brick; **John Lehne**, friend of Carol Goodman; **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, **Craig Florschutz**, husband of Jennifer Florschutz; **Mark & Jeanne Favreau**, family of Rev. Arlene Favreau-Pyscher; **Chuck Stirk**, son of Elizabeth Stirk, **John Stachowski and Family**, Friends of Tom Krapf, **Kevin and Aniela Meinhardt**, son-in-law and daughter of Virginia Frattarola; **Lael Zinnato**, granddaughter of Nancy Zinnato

What's Happening At St. Philip's

Today's Altar Flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of Diana and Bryan Longhenry's Wedding Anniversary, by Diana Longhenry.

Making Disciples

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. We will be taking a pause for the summer. We will start up again in September. A **second group** that meets with the Mueller's will meet on **Sunday, June 8th, 6:30 p.m.**, at the Mueller's. We will be reading and discussing the book of Obadiah. Questions about Koinonia? Contact Sharon Kittle.

The Daytime Book Group will next meet on **June 24th at 12:30 p.m.** This will be our Annual Spring Salad and Dessert Luncheon at Gigi's

Women, Wine, and Whine - Our next get together will be **TBD**. Come and bring a friend. Please let Gigi know if you are coming.

The next **Young at Heart Group** will be **TBD** from **1:30 to 3:00 p.m.** at Gigi's. Any questions, ask Gigi Mueller.

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. On **June 13th** we'll discuss *First Lie Wins* by Ashley Alston. For **July 11th**, we will be discussing *"Miss Austen"* by Gill Hornby and for **August 8th** the book is *"Memory of an Elephant"* by Alex Lasker. 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!

The **Women's Fall Retreat** is set for **Saturday, November 8th!** The topic is **Jesus and Women**. Please let Gigi Mueller know if you would like to be a part of the program.

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!!

Since November approximately 55 Care Kits have been distributed by members of St. Philip's to those experiencing homelessness or unstable housing. Thank you to all who have either donated items or have passed them on. You are doing something consequential! It is important that individuals who spend much of their time in transition never become invisible to those around them. I have had some thought-provoking interactions sharing a kit and I hope others have found it to be a meaningful experience as well. It is time to replenish kits for the summer. The following items are needed and may be left in the bin in the Narthex: **Socks, Small bottles of fruit juice, Tooth-brushes (single wrapped), Bar of soap (small and perfume), Toothpaste (small size), Sun screen (travel size), Deodorant (men's), Chapstick. Fruit or granola bars (chewy)**

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 **June 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 **June 10th at 1 p.m.** in Room #128. For more information, contact Erica Holmes.

Serving the Community (Continued...)

SUMMER OF SERVICE has begun. Through the end of June we will be collecting money donations to help the North Carolina Hurricane Relief. The money will be used to purchase work tools, generators, water and canned food. Money collected through June 8 will go to North Carolina with our St. Philip's group so items can be purchased there and help their economy. If you'd like to donate pick up a donation envelope at the Summer of Service table in the narthex. Check out the prices for different items you can "buy" and fill out and return your envelope. Donations will be collected throughout June but if you want your donation to go with the St. Philip's group return it by June 8.

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.



JUNE: Relief effort in North Carolina

- items needed include tools, generators, bottled water and canned food
- Use envelopes in the narthex to donate money to buy an item money will go to NC with the St. Philip's group so items can be bought in NC

JULY: School supplies

- Supplies for the E.A.G.L.E.S. school in the Dominican Republic and for the Ferris School in Wilmington
- Sign up Genius available in early July

AUGUST: Tower of Food

- Build a tower with food that will go to St. Philip's and St. Stephen's food pantries.
- We have asked Limestone Presbyterian to join us in a friendly competition to see which congregation can collect the most items—build the largest tower!!!



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The Day Will Include:

- Hole-in-one Prize Giveaway
- Boxed Lunch
- Contests & Silent Auction
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For Questions:

For information on how to become a sponsor, or any other questions, contact Alex at AMazzei@LCSDE.org

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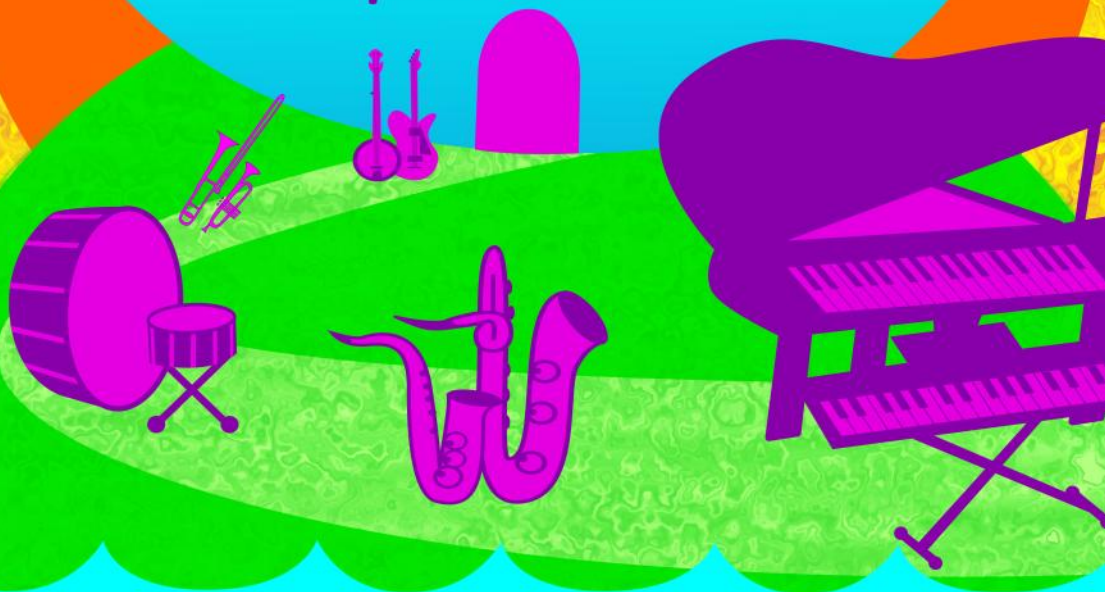
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Christian Music Festival

2025

**Where: St Philips Lutheran Church, 5320
Limestone Rd, Wilmington DE 19808**

**When: June 21st from 11AM to 5PM
free admission**



Featuring:

**Richard Porto, St Philips Trio, Steve Harkey, Harps to Halos, L Carlton Allen,
Carroll Brown, Aaron Smith, Delivered, Mr. Weaverface, and Lev Jonikas**

Carroll Brown Concert

6/20/2025 at 7:00pm

St. Philip's Fellowship Hall

\$20/person

RSVP – See Mark Davis



Raised on a farm near Camden, South Carolina, Carroll's first music influences were church music and night-time radio. His mother was the church pianist and taught him his first chords on the guitar. Traditional southern gospel and bluegrass would give way to Jim Croce and James Taylor as he entered college. The first paying jobs paid college tuition but would pave the way for his life's work. He first tested the waters in New York but opted for Nashville, Tennessee. There, he worked with songwriters and music publishing and in various studios recording and helping produce nationally released records.

Family matters and money matters brought him back to South Carolina in 1981. He settled in Charleston, where he started a recording studio and music publishing business. A steady gig at the Mills House Hotel helped to pay for his growing family and the dream that refused to die. His family roots include Irish blood and his intense interest in the Irish music led to hosting annual visits to his ancestral homeland.

THOSE WHO SERVE

PRESIDING MINISTER	Rev. Amy Wright	
PREACHER	Rev. Patrick V. Downes	
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	Dr. Stephen Benscoter	CAGO
CHOIR DIRECTOR/VOCALIST	Dr. Lauren Conrad	
ASSISTING MINISTER	Beth Molnar	(8:00 a.m.)
	Crystal Solie	(10:30 a.m.)
LAY READER	Phil Duncan	(8:00 a.m.)
	Sally Krapf	(10:30 a.m.)
USHERS	Phil Duncan and	
	Bob Gibble	(8:00 a.m.)
	Elizabeth Stirk and	
	Pam Brenneman	(10:30 a.m.)
GREETERS	Phil Duncan and	
	Bob Gibble	(8:00 a.m.)
	Harold and	
	Sharon Holeman	(10:30 a.m.)
ACOLYTE	TBD	(10:30 a.m.)
BELL RINGERS	Mike Rosen and	
	Bryan Longhenry	(Both))
FLAG BEARERS	Tony and Deana Calvarese	(8:00 a.m.)
	Tom and Al Gustaitis	(10:30 a.m.)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

Sunday, May 25 Sixth Sunday of Easter	8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. TBD 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i> Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i> Men Return from Men's Retreat Family Promise Host Week starts
Monday, May 26 Memorial Day		<i>Church Office is closed for the holiday!</i>
Tuesday, May 27	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting Worship and Music Team Meeting in the Choir Room
Wednesday, May 28	1:30 p.m.	Grocery Club in the Fellowship Hall
Thursday, May 29	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Team Meeting in Room #129
Sunday, June 1 Seventh Sunday of Easter	8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i> with Graduate Quilt Blessing Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i> with Graduate Quilt Blessing