



## **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.”***

**June 28, 2026**  
**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

*How Good It Is to Worship the Lord!!....Thank you for worshipping 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.

**Ministers**

The People of St. Philip's

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**Sunday Morning Schedule**

8:00 A.M. Worship Service in Sanctuary

9:15 A.M. Small Groups, Youth Group Breakfast Club in the Youth Room and Christian Education for all ages.

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

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - June 28, 2026

## The Prelude

*"On Earth Has Dawned this Day of Days" Johann Sebastian Bach*

## \* 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: God of mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sin, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and grants forgiveness to all who call upon his name. And so then, may almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you, and strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## \* The Gathering Hymn

*"All Are Welcome"*

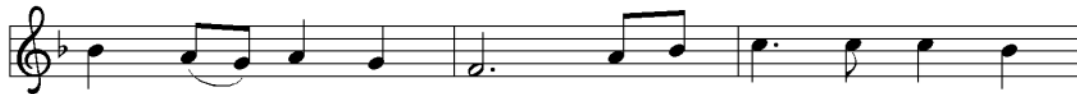
*(Hymn is on the Next Page ►)*



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

## \* The Greeting

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

C: **And also with you.**

## \* Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray . . . O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## The Old Testament Lesson *Jeremiah 28:5-9*

<sup>5</sup>Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, 'Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.'

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18*

<sup>1</sup> I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;  
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

**<sup>2</sup> I declare that your steadfast love is established for ever;  
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup> You said, 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to my servant David:

**<sup>4</sup> "I will establish your descendants forever,  
and build your throne for all generations."'**

<sup>15</sup> Happy are the people who know the festal shout,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance;

<sup>16</sup> **they exult in your name all day long, and extol your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup> For you are the glory of their strength;  
by your favor our horn is exalted.

<sup>18</sup> **For our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

## **The New Testament Lesson**     *Romans 6:12-23*

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup> No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup> and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

<sup>20</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**A:**     The word of the Lord.

**C:**     **Thanks be to God.**

## \* Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## \* The Gospel Lesson *Matthew 10:40-42*

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew the tenth chapter.

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

<sup>40</sup> 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

## Children's Sermon

### The Sermon

*Rev. Patrick V. Downes*

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!  
 robbed in the flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright 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: Hear our Prayer.*

## \* 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 . . . Generous God,

C: **in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the church through the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ. 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-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: We give you thanks, great Shepherd of the sheep, for all your loving acts: for creating us out of the dust of the ground; for planting us in this garden earth; for giving us spirits of love toward you and calling us to service; for giving us seasons of faith renewal and calling us again and again to repentance and righteousness for the sake of your name. Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus Christ, your only Son, whom you sent to redeem us and all the world.

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.

For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup, together we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes

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

P: Remembering Christ's ministry among us, O God, and the faithful example of the Good Shepherd seeking out the outcast and forsaken, we ask you; send now your Holy Spirit so that through our faith and in our service we might glorify you.

Through Jesus Christ, all honor and glory be yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

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

P: In confident hope of God's love and saving grace, let us pray as Jesus taught us:  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;**  
**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

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

**C: Thanks be to God**

*The congregation may be seated.*

## Agnus Dei

("Lamb of God")



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## 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 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,  
 2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;  
 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
 where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;  
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;  
 There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,

teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.  
 may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.  
 as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y\_a con - flict,  
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
 man - y\_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

### \* Post Communion Prayer

**P:** Let us pray . . . Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

**C:** Amen.

## \* Blessing

- P: May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
And May the Lord look upon you with favor + give you peace.
- C: Amen.

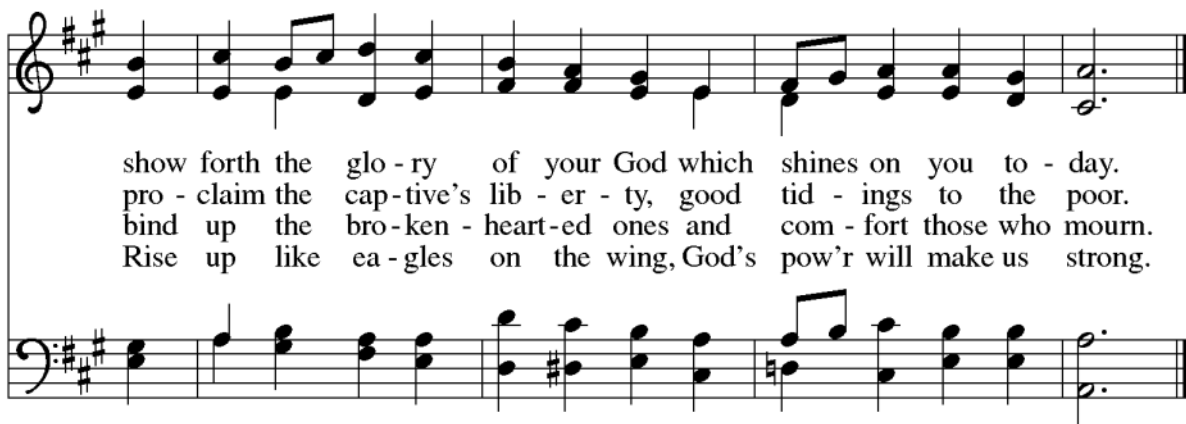
## \* Closing Hymn

*"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"*

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1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

## \* Sending

- P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
C: Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**      *"Finale"*      Healey Willan

## 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:***

John and Barb Williams, Charles and Ruth Bowles, Carol Ruckle, Sharon Smith, Louise James, Helga Kissell, Sherry Thompson, Dave Frampton, Amy Papili, Donna Hokanson, Lynn Pouser, Elizabeth Stirk, Jeff Stirk, Charlie Boss, Ellen Lenker, Phyllis Bolgiano, Gary Kennedy, Yvonne Cilento, Danny Mason, Kim Longo, Mark Davis, David Nevins, John Frink, Kelly Krapf, Trudy Gilgenast, Tony Calvarese, David Kenney, Allison Hewitt, Monika Daugherty, Ed Chaban, Cynthia Hamlin, Family of Diane Murray, Family of Margaret Wagner

***We Pray for our Loved Ones:*** *(Though we do not explicitly name these beloved ones in worship during our prayer time, please lift up their names in prayer aloud or silently during the time set aside for other intercessions):* **Our soldiers serving overseas and their families; Ruth DiDonato**, family of 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; **Louise Cookson**, grandmother & **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 and **Quintin Barrett**, grand-nephew of Yvonne Cilento; **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 Davis; **Mildred Marine**, grandmother of Heather Stirk; **Anna Longo**, mother of John Longo; **Craig Shechter**, father of Amanda DeWeese; **Alistair Black**, grandson of Bob & Delores Wardwell; **Carol Henzy**, sister of Beth Molnar; **Doris S. & Kathleen K.**, friends, & **Caleb Houtmann**, grandson of Anne Hamilton; **Frank Kulick**, brother of Ruth Bowles; **Christopher Longo**, son of John & Kim Longo; **Lisa Santak**, daughter of Marion Santak; **The Family of Maddy G.**, friends of Angela Klemens; **Rick Ricciardi**, brother of Nancy Warner; **Chuck Stirk**, son of Elizabeth Stirk, **John Stachowski & Family**, friends of Tom Krapf, **Lael Zinnato**, granddaughter of Nancy Zinnato; **George Rice**, son of Vicky Rice; **Bob Gilmour**, friend of John and Jodi Newcomer; **Kevin Hewitt**, brother of Rebecca Litterst; **Rory Manhard**, granddaughter of Suzanne Bradley; **Chuck Kemper**, family of The Shovestul's; **Kate Drake**, granddaughter of Shirley Rash; **Martin Page**, friend of the Stevens Family; **Dmytro Yerokin**, friend of Helen Pierce

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

**Today's Altar Flowers** are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carol Johnson, by Ernie Frisicchio.

**A special thank you to** Sue Fuhrmann for sharing her musical talents with us this morning while Stephen is on vacation.

**Pastor Amy is on vacation** until July 5th. Should you have pastoral care needs contact Pastor Patrick or the church office.

### **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** meets at church on the **second Wednesday** of the month from **Noon - 1:30 p.m.** The next gathering date is **September 9th in Room #031**. New people are welcome!! Contact Sharon Kittle. A **second group** led by Gigi and Dave Mueller is taking a break for the summer. We'll be back in the fall!!

**All Women of St Philip's - Mark Saturday, August 15th at 4:00 p.m.,** on your calendar. We will be having a **Pool Party** at the home of JoAnn Stevens. We had one a few years ago and it was a blast! If you have questions, or need more details contact Gigi Mueller.

The summer **Women, Wine and Whine** event will be **Saturday, July 25th at 2 p.m.** at Harvest Ridge Winery. All are invited.

**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 **July 9th at 12:30 p.m. lunch/1 p.m. meeting** in Room #031 here at church. If you are interested in being a part or learning more, contact Sally Krapf.

**SUMMER OF SERVICE IS HERE!** We kick off the summer with our **Kenya** project: **Help for St. Luke's School and it's Students.** Check out the table in the narthex for a list of needs and envelopes for your donations. Make sure to use the envelopes and indicate what your donation should go towards. Checks should be made out to St. Philip's Lutheran Church.

### **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. 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 **Daytime Women's Book Group** next book for **July 21st** will be *Silent Sister* (this meeting will be at St. Philip's Room #127). For **August 18th** is, *Say You'll Remember Me*, by Abby Jimenez. For **September 15<sup>th</sup>** the book is *Speak to me of Home*. **October 20th** is *Small Great Things*, by Jodi Picoult. For **November 17<sup>th</sup>** it is *The Winemaker's Wife*. Weather permitting, August and September, will meet at Gigi's house.

### **Praising God**

**Worship and Music Team** has had a lot of changes lately due to members of the team having life changes that has required them to retire from their jobs. If you are interested in helping out with this team which helps plan worship services through the year, we can use your help. You don't need to know anything about worship. Pastor Patrick is currently chairing the team—let him know if you can help.

**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 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), **Cereal, Canned Vegetables, Toilet Paper, Salt & Pepper, Crackers, Coffee, Tea Bags, Cake Mix/Frosting**. Thank you so much for your generosity!!

**HELP WITH MINOR REPAIRS!** Are you retired and looking for a way to support St. Philip's work? Are you handy with tools and doing minor repairs and small building projects? Come join our group on the **3rd Thursday morning of each month, from 8:30 until ?**. Enjoy a little fellowship and simple refreshments followed by an hour or two of "fixup" type project work around the church property. We refer to ourselves as the **Old Fellows Fix It Group**, but all are welcome. Contact Dave Thompson if you can help.

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

**PET FOOD DONATIONS** - We are asking for pet food donations for the individuals and families in Grocery Club. It can be a one-time donation, a monthly donation or however many times you would like to donate. If you don't want to shop for the food yourself, you can donate a gift card from Petco, PetSmart or Concord Pet and I will shop for you! As an owner of 20 pets over the last 40 years, taking care of animals is very important to me. If you are interested in helping, please email Nancy Zinnato for a list of what is needed.

**Homeless Care Kit Items Needed** - Homelessness is increasing, Delaware's homeless population increased 16% from 2024 to 2025 and Children under 18 made up 27.3% of the state's unhoused population. Long-term affordable housing needs to be addressed but let's also make sure that unhoused individuals or those in temporary or emergency situations know that they are not invisible or ignored. Care kits are one way to convey that. The following items are needed to replenish our stock of Care Kits for community distribution. **Chewy snack bars, Deodorant (men's), Cracker packs, Water, Fruit snacks (applesauce or fruit cup), Socks, Individual toothbrushes, Band-aids, Travel size toothpaste, Body wipes, Small tissue packs**

**Property Committee:** It's that time of year again . . . Lawn Mowing Season. As you may know, we have contracted out mowing and landscaping of the front and sides at the church, however, the responsibility for mowing the back property remains with the Property Committee and has been accomplished by many members volunteering in the past. Our "Big Dog" zero-turn radius mower has proven to be a great machine and very efficient. Using this mower, there is essentially no trimming needed. We have a 2nd tractor so partnering up makes short work of this weekly task. We need your help . . . even if you are new to this task. We'll get you signed up for any weeks that might work for you and train or re-train you. Then we'll partner you up with someone experienced. Contact Mark Myers or one of the pastors and they'll get you signed up.

**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 **July 14th at 1 p.m.** in Room #129. For more information, contact Erica Holmes.

**ST PHILIP'S**  
**KIDS CLUB**  
 2026-2027

**SIGN UP HERE!**

**POWERED BY THE SPIRIT.  
 MADE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

**GALATIANS 5:22-23**

**LOVE**  
 I care like Jesus.

**JOY**  
 I choose happiness.

**PEACE**  
 I am calm and trust God.

**PATIENCE**  
 I wait and don't give up.

**KINDNESS**  
 I treat others with care.

**GOODNESS**  
 I do what is right.

**FAITHFULNESS**  
 I can be counted on.

**GENTLENESS**  
 I am caring and kind.

**SELF-CONTROL**  
 I make good choices.

**GROWING STRONGER IN FAITH.  
 MAKING THE WORLD BETTER.  
 ★ ONE FRUIT AT A TIME. ★**

**★ CONTACT ANNA GRIEDER OR PASTOR AMY IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ★**

ST PHILIP'S KIDS CLUB

**Mission Kids  
 Pool Party**

**Sunday, July 19th  
 Noon-4pm**

Questions & RSVP to  
 Anna Grieder, Liz  
 Freburger, or Pastor Amy



# SUMMER OF SERVICE

## Help for Kenyan Students

- Donate towards the cost of items for St. Luke's School students
- A list of needs and envelopes are located in the Narthex
- Use envelopes to donate towards the cost of items

## School Supplies for E.A.G.L.E.S. and Ferris School

- Purchase school supplies (use sign up genius that will be available at the end of June)
- Help pack supplies to send to the schools

## CITY OF FOOD

- Donate items to build our city of towers.
- All non perishable items welcome. Suggested needs are cereal, shelf milk, canned fruit or vegetables, canned tuna or chicken, canned beans, nuts, snack food, mac & cheese, feminine hygiene, personal hygiene baby food, wipes, diapers (size 4-5), baking items, paper products, laundry detergent food to go to St. Philip's and St. Stephen's food pantries
- a challenge to exceed last year's donations!



# June



# July



# August





# Family Promise<sup>®</sup>

Building communities, strengthening lives.

As most of you know, Family Promise was started by St. Philip's in 2008 to address the gap in caring for homeless families which often left parents separated and often kids separated from parents. We started with St. Philip's and 12 other churches hosting families in our classrooms and church buildings.

Today, Family Promise works with over 40 churches and synagogues and a new Family Promise Center is opening to house over 18 families at a time. Tours are available for the new Family Promise facility at [2501 Milltown Road](#) in Wilmington.

The tours will run from June 11th through July 23rd. If you would like a tour, please click on the below link to sign up for a date and time:

**[https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=69YVemKMfUuwrYCoEQ3dIWl-mz6QkQlChict-Y3VjxUQk9WSky0MU1VR1YwUDBZRVQ5RTg2M0wxWi4u&blm\\_aid=40163](https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=69YVemKMfUuwrYCoEQ3dIWl-mz6QkQlChict-Y3VjxUQk9WSky0MU1VR1YwUDBZRVQ5RTg2M0wxWi4u&blm_aid=40163)**

# THOSE WHO SERVE

<b>PRESIDING MINISTER</b>	Rev. Patrick V. Downes	
<b>PREACHER</b>	Rev. Patrick V. Downes	
<b>DIRECTOR OF MUSIC</b>	Dr. Stephen Bencoter CAGO	
<b>CHOIR DIRECTOR/VOCALIST</b>	Dr. Lauren Conrad	
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Teri Suddard	(8:00 a.m.)
	Allyson Myers	(10:30 a.m.)
<b>LAY READER</b>	Bob Warner	(8:00 a.m.)
	Pat Colucci	(10:30 a.m.)
<b>USHERS</b>	Bob Warner and	
	Marty Budd	(8:00 a.m.)
	Tom and	
	Pam Brenneman	(10:30 a.m.)
<b>GREETERS</b>	Bob Warner and	
	Marty Budd	(8:00 a.m.)
	Tom and	
	Pam Brenneman	(10:30 a.m.)
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Luke DeWeese	(10:30 a.m.)

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

<p><b>Sunday, June 28 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b></p>	<p>8:00 a.m.</p> <p>10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i>  <i>Christian Education for All Ages is on Summer Break — All Will Return in September</i></p> <p>Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i></p>
<p><b>Monday, June 29</b></p>	<p>10:00 a.m.</p> <p>11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Noon</p>	<p>Visitation for Diane Murray at St. Philip's</p> <p>Funeral Service for Diane Murray at St. Philip's</p> <p>Reception for Diane Murray at St. Philip's</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, June 30</b></p>	<p>9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Staff Meeting</p>
<p><b>Friday, July 3</b></p>		<p><i>The Church Office is closed for the holiday!</i></p>
<p><b>Saturday, July 4 Independence Day</b></p>		<p>Habitat Restoration Crew in the Back Yard</p>
<p><b>Sunday, July 5 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b></p>	<p>8:00 a.m.</p> <p>10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i>  <i>Christian Education for All Ages is on Summer Break — All Will Return in September</i></p> <p>Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i></p>