

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

Southport, North Carolina



The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2026
10:00 am

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

SONG OF PREPARATION

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face;
surely, the presence, of the Lord is in this place.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "All hail the power of Jesus name"

Hymnal 450

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

(The celebrant prays)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA (*sung by all*)

S280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?" The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Lector	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

PSALM 78:1-4, 12-16 (*The Psalm is prayed responsively by whole verse.*)

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 **I will open my mouth in a parable; ***
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 **We will recount to generations to come**
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *

he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 He led them with a cloud by day, *

and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *

and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *

and the waters gushed out like rivers.

THE SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death~

even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN: "O Jesus, I have promised"

Hymnal 655 vs. 1,2

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:23-32

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SEQUENCE HYMN: "O Jesus, I have promised"

Hymnal 655 vs. 3

THE SERMON

Deacon Pam Hayes

THE NICENE CREED (*Celebrant and people together*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Form III (*the people respond with the petitions in bold*)

Deacon Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Deacon Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Deacon We pray for; Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop;
Sarah, our Bishop; Grace Church, Lewiston-Woodville, Retired Clergy of the
Diocese of East Carolina; Lin and me, our clergy; and for all bishops, priests,
and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Deacon We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Deacon Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Deacon We pray for the sick and suffering and those who care for them. We pray also
for those on the Parish Prayer List and the Prayer List of the Daughters of
King. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Deacon We pray for those who have died. Give to the departed eternal rest.
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Deacon We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Deacon Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *(silence)*

(The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.)

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS: WELCOME, MINISTRY IN FOCUS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all, creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

(Celebrant continues): It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS *(sung by all)*

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**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.**

(The people may stand or kneel)

(Celebrant continues) Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith *(Celebrant and people say together)*:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

(Celebrant continues) We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *(Celebrant and people acclaim together)* **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Celebrant and people pray together*)

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

(Please follow the usher's instructions as you come to the altar and receive Holy Communion.)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*Celebrant and people pray together*)

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING PRAYER FOR EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Deacon In the name of Christ, and of this congregation, we send you forth bearing the body and blood of Christ to those who cannot be with us today. Take God's holy Word, the prayers of this congregation, and this holy food for holy people.

People We who are many are one Body because we share one bread and one cup. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: "At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow"

Hymnal 435

*The flowers are in joyful honor of our 45th wedding anniversary
by Harold and Deborah Gross.*

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Richard "Lin" Walton, *Celebrant*

The Reverend Deacon Pamela Hayes, *Preacher*

Ricky Evans, *Verger*

Debbie Skillman, *Director of Music*

Lectors: Marygrace Barber, Liz Halbert

Eucharistic Ministers: Ellen Wester, Don Halbert

Ushers: Bob Fuchs, Bobbie Fuchs, Jim Belvin, Bertie Belvin

Vestry Person of the Day: Tracy Baltz

The Bishop is coming! October 21ST at 6:00PM Installation of our New Rector

Bishop Sarah will officially install Fr. Lin as the Rector of St. Philip's Church. Come join us as we celebrate his new ministry at our church. The Installation service will be held at 6:00 PM in the Main Sanctuary with a reception to follow. Please contact Lorraine to arrange participation in a car pool (either as driver or rider).

**Fr. Lin will be having drop-in office hours on
September 30th from 2:00 – 4:00 and October 1st
from 10:00 – 12:00.**

FALL FESTIVAL BAKE SALE

Bertie Belvin (bertiebelvin@gmail.com; 910-368-1254), Karen Stoeckle (chefkaren2@gmail.com; 203-605-2661) and Dottie Roberts (dottie031@comcast.net; 910-477-6227) are coordinators for the Bake Sale. This is an important part of the Fall Festival and an opportunity to help us raise funds for our local outreach programs. Sign-up sheets for bakers will be available in September. Please share your baking skills.

Adult Formation with Fr. Lin Today 9:10 AM in the Parish Hall

This course is based on the book by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine - "The Gospel of John - A Beginner's Guide to the Way, the Truth, and the Life"
John's Gospel offers readers a new language —of being born anew, of living water, of wind and spirit, of the "I am"—that enhances how we understand the divine, how we experience the world, and how we participate in the mystery of faith.
The book is available on Amazon.

Adult Formation with Deacon Pam Today in room 202 at 9:10 AM. We'll explore two books: *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande and *Like Trees Walking: In the Second Half of Life* by the Rev. Jane Sigloh. We invite you into a thoughtful and hope-filled conversation about aging, purpose, and living well in every season of life.

(Check Enews for more details)

Celtic Holy Communion Service will resume beginning Saturday, October 10th at 5:00 PM in the Main Sanctuary.

ECW Lunch Bunch - Will be October 27th @ 11:30. It will be held in the Parish Hall, and a food truck will be available for purchase. Terry Myers will be our guest speaker. Open to ALL Parishioners & Friends.



The annual **Blessing of the Animals** will be held at 5:00 PM, Sunday, October 4th on the lawn of St. Philip's Episcopal Church located at 205 East Moore Street in Southport. There will be a short service, followed by blessings and treats! Please be sure to secure your animals for everyone's safety.

All pets are welcome (including pictures, cremains and memorabilia)

Calling all 2026 Fall Festival Helpers!

October 1, Thursday, from 9:00 to 12:30. Moving chairs to chair closet, setting up tables and bringing display items from second floor attic storage.

October 2, Friday, from 10:00 to 2:00 (or until finished). Moving craft items from Chapel Annex via a human chain down the stairs to the Parish Hall. Putting craft items on the tables in the Parish Hall, setting up the jewelry boutique, plant sale, bake sale and raffle items.

October 3 Fall Festival Day!! Be there at 8:30 in black pants or black shirt and white top as we will wear red aprons. Greeting our community guests, helping to keep items organized on the tables and **doing whatever is needed**.

Come one, come all to enjoy the fun and fellowship!

Food Pantry Needs July/August/September

St. Philip's, we are in Summer and the needs of the hungry increase with school vacation. Please continue to give food items starting with the list below and open your hearts. When you're in the grocery store just pick up a couple of extra items and donate them to the food pantry. Keep up God's work.

List:

Cold Cereal (Adult/Children) and Hot Cereal
Fruit (Cans)

Vegetables (Cans, No Green Beans /Corn)

Canned Meats/Proteins

Spaghetti/Spaghetti Sauce

Snacks

Soups (Chicken Noodle, Tomato, Vegetable, ...)

Rice/Dry Beans

Mustard/Ketchup/Spices

Cookie/Cake Mix

Bisquick

Cooking Oil

Instant Potatoes

ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS ~ Crafts being made for the 2026 Fall Festival need to be brought to the Chapel Annex on **Friday, September 25 from 10:30 to 2:30**.

Please contact Deirdre Doyle (ddoyle3@carolina.rr.com) or 704-685-2071 or Jane Mitchell (twc9199291470@earthlink.net) or 919-602-2430 if you cannot make that date and schedule a drop off with one of us.

You can stop Hunger! Join the team St. Philip's on October 18th at the SOIIF walk to help those that are hungry or in threat of having their electricity or water turned off in Brunswick County. Come walk with us and be part of the solution. Contact: Margaret Melando (704-975-1697) or mmelando@aol.com

Croquet Tournament - St. Philip's will host our 2nd annual Croquet Tournament on Sunday, October 11, starting between 11:00-11:30 AM. We'll play using an NCAA-style doubles bracket—lighthearted, social, and open to all ages and skill levels.

Whether you're experienced or brand-new to croquet, come join the fun, meet new people, and enjoy friendly competition. Sign up in the Narthex, invite friends, and save the date. Questions? Contact Craig Allan at 603-707-1982.

*Prayers of the People In keeping with our commitment to love one another,
please offer prayers daily for those on our prayer list.*

Josephine R., Pat T., Christy M., Kaitlyn P., Woody U., Penn P., Tom P., Danice P., Alice K., Anna D., Stewart S., Mike C., Paula S., Betsy A., Lainey F., Bill J., Derwood R., David F., Rick M., Lori C., Jill P., Nina E., Larry E. Mary F., Julie, Holly M., Beverly H., Terry M., Mary Beth R., Rich G., Mary K., Penny, Claire K., Ashton B., Beth R., Melinda, Sandy I., Michael W., Sarah P., Erin, Sawyer, Jordan, Michael W., Michelle B., Penny C., Guy K., Dottie G., Karen G., Anne R., Marissa R., Bob S., Bill W., Anita H., Janet W., Paul W., Joseph L., Linda G., Pat P., John K., Phil K., Angela R., Peter B., Elyse C., Katha G., Susan S., Garth E., John O., LeeAnn H., Jake H., Larry W., David H., Maureen W., Michael W., Adelynn H., Kay G., Henry L., Bill B., Ann T., Carolyn, Bud B., Sharon S., Nan B., Jean M.

Please pray for the victims and families of the many conflicts around the world, and all those affected by recent natural disasters. Please pray for all refugees from strife; pray for the starving, the homeless, the needy. Please pray for all seminarians and all those discerning their call to serve God.

Please pray for those who serve in the Armed Forces, especially: **Ricky, Cassia L.**, Noah D., Gorden B, Leila B., Shawn R., Spencer P., Parker P., Colin P., Ryan, Julious F., Alex, Amanda, Ileana F., Jordan E., Brooke, Cam, Oliver, Julie, Eric, Conall, Tom, Ben, John, Devon, Christopher, and Scotty.

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Vestry

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2025-2027 Vestry Tracy Baltz, Donna Foster, Paul Palmer, Kris Holt

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