

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

Southport, North Carolina



The Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 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: "Christ whose glory fills the skies"

Hymnal 7

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER

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

(The Presider 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)*

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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

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON: Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.” They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

PSALM 106:1-6, 19-23 (*The Psalm is prayed responsively by whole verse.*)

1 Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

2 **Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD *
or show forth all his praise?**

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

4 **Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;**

5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

6 **We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.**

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;

20 **And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.**

21 They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,

22 **Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.**

23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

THE SECOND LESSON: **Philippians 4:1-9**

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of

God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: *"Love divine, all loves excelling"*

Hymnal 657 vs. 1,2

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:1-14

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: *"Love divine, all loves excelling"*

Hymnal 657 vs. 3

THE SERMON

Fr. Lin Walton

THE NICENE CREED (*Presider 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; Chaplains and all Non-Parochial Clergy, Lin, Christie, 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 Presider adds a concluding Collect.)

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Presider: 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.

Presider: 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

Presider: 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. Rejoice ye pure in heart

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN: "Rejoice ye pure in heart"

Hymnal 557

*The flowers are given in celebration of the 42nd wedding anniversary
of Aedan and Maitland Barnes.*

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Richard “Lin” Walton, *Celebrant and Preacher*

The Reverend Deacon Pamela Hayes, *Deacon*

Ricky Evans, *Verger*

Debbie Skillman, *Director of Music*

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Eucharistic Ministers: Cynthia Davis, Don Halbert

Cross Bearer: Sophia Olfano

Ushers: Craig Elliott, Pat Elliott, Jeff Jordan, Scott Willoth

Vestry Person of the Day: Paul Bailey

Celebration of a New Ministry with Bishop Sarah Fisher

Wednesday, October 21 6:00 PM

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 light refreshments to follow.

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.

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.

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.

Celtic Holy Communion Service resume Saturdays

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. RSVP to Nancy Steele or Terry Myers.

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

The Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Philip's serves the church family, their friends or loved ones and the larger community by making shawls that are blessed in our church. These shawls are given as a gesture of love in times of sorrow and fear, as well as in times of joy and celebration. They are a symbol of God's all encompassing love and constant presence in our lives. As each shawl is created, prayers were said for the person receiving it.

Prayer shawls are available on the rack in the Narthex.



The **Book Discussion** group will meet next on Wednesday, October 14th at 10:30 to talk about the book *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston. Bittersweet and remarkably perceptive, the novel is a hilarious, feel-good, clever story about forgiveness, redemption, second chances, and finding family's love. All who share a love of reading are welcome.

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

WALKING THROUGH GRIEF

A reminder that a new session of the program Walking Through Grief will begin on Monday, October 12, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel Annex. This is a nine-week series designed to help those experiencing grief and bereavement, within a confidential group setting. Deacon Pam will be the facilitator. This program of videos and workbook has been created by professionals to help us understand the feelings, problems and concerns about what we are experiencing, and ideas about how to deal with them. If you think that this might be a fit for you, you are more than welcome to join us. To sign up, please contact Deacon Pam, (910)232-6130; deaconpam@stphilipchurch.org.

First Sunday Breakfast – Will return November 1st, along with Daylight Savings Time

*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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