

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: "Praise to the living God"

Hymnal 372

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON: Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

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

PSALM 99 (*The Psalm is prayed responsively by whole verse.*)

- 1 The LORD is King; let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 **The LORD is great in Zion;** *
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty"

Hymnal 362 vs. 1,2

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:15-22

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: "*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty*"

Hymnal 362 vs. 3

THE SERMON

The Rev. Christie 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; Ministries, Committees and Commissions of the Diocese of
East Carolina, St. Luke's Episcopal Mission, Currituck, 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:

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: "God of grace and God of glory"

Hymnal 594

*The flowers are given in celebration of the wedding anniversary
of Lee and Anita DuBois .*

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Richard "Lin" Walton, *Celebrant*

The Reverend Christie Walton, *Preacher*

The Reverend Deacon Pamela Hayes, *Deacon*

Ricky Evans, *Verger*

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Ushers: Dennis Courtnage, Cathie Courtnage, Jim Belvin, Bertie Belvin

Vestry Person of the Day: Donna Foster

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.

(Check Enews for more details)

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 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 Today, 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.

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

WALKING THROUGH GRIEF

A reminder that a new session of the program Walking Through Grief began 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.

Food Pantry Needs September/October

St. Philip's, we are moving into Fall and the needs of the hungry persist. 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

*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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