

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

Southport, North Carolina



The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 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: "I come with joy"

Hymnal 304

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)*

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

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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

PSALM 90:1-6 (*The Psalm is prayed responsively by whole verse.*)

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

2 **Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, ***
from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past ***
and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: *"Jesu, Jesu*

Hymnal 602 vs. 1,2

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:34-46

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first

commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"?"

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: "*Jesu, Jesu*"

Hymnal 602 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; All Saints, Southern Shores, 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 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)*

S129

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: "*How lovely is thy dwelling place*"

Hymnal 517

*The flowers are given in celebration of the wedding anniversary
of Chuck and Elizabeth Pollock
and*

*In thanksgiving for the birthdays of our son Matthew and our granddaughter Charlotte
by Tom and Jane Propst.*

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Richard "Lin" Walton, *Celebrant and Preacher*

The Reverend Deacon Pamela Hayes, *Deacon*

Ricky Evans, *Verger*

Debbie Skillman, *Director of Music*

Lectors: Frank Darzano, Dorothy Haviland

Eucharistic Ministers: Aedan Barnes, Maitland Barnes

Cross Bearer: Sophia Olfano

Ushers: Bob Fuchs, Bobbie Fuchs, Steve Russell, Mary Russell

Vestry Person of the Day: Paul Palmer

Pardon Our Mess.....Please!

Over the course of the next few weeks, you may notice some loose boards or mismatched siding along with other signs of construction. We're not getting lazy, but a new important project is underway. The Sanctuary is undergoing a long-needed external repair and repaint.

After attending the weather since 2014 including four hurricanes, we have contracted with Keller Construction

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)

UTO - United Thank Offering

Since 1883 ECW have been supporting United Thank Offering by showing gratitude and generosity for our many blessings. UTO has been able to grant \$143,235,479.98 through Grants.

A few grants from last year went to a clean water project in Kenya, a horse camp for Lakota children in South Dakota, and in Florida a project connecting interns and a senior center through environmental projects.

I hope you have been filling your blue UTO boxes with money as you said prayers of gratitude.

Sunday, Nov. 29th will be UTO collection day. If you need a box, they are in the entry as you go into the Parish Hall. Or, you can get a UTO envelope there and write a check to UTO or use cash and put it in the offering on Nov. 29th.

Thank you for supporting this important project of GRATITUDE, GENEROSITY and GRANTS.

1st, along with Daylight Savings Time

**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.

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.

Celtic Holy Communion Service

Next Saturday at 5:00 PM in the Main Sanctuary Please join us for this special service of healing and hope, restoration and re-creation, using silence and meditation and more!

Altar Guild Brunch Meeting Open To All

Our altar is beautifully prepared each Sunday for Eucharist by our altar guild members. Please consider being a part of this quiet ministry at St. Philip's. No prior experience is needed to serve. We are having our annual Brunch Meeting on Saturday, November 14th in the Parish Hall from 9:30-11:00 am. Our brunch is a time to thank current members for their faithfulness to this ministry and we would love to welcome anyone interested in joining. We will also discuss our 2027 schedule. Brunch is provided. If you have questions, please contact Janet Wester 910-523-0066 or Kate Singley 908-892-5061.

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

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

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 November 11 at 10:30 to talk about *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan. This story of quiet heroism and hope reveals that true moral courage means doing the right thing against institutional power and societal silence, even when it comes at great personal cost. All who share a love of reading are welcome!

NEWCOMERS WELCOME RECEPTION YOU'RE INVITED!!!

Our St. Philip's Community would like to give you a PROPER WELCOME!

Join us on Sunday, October 25th after the 10:00 a.m. service for a warm Newcomer's Reception where you'll meet our leadership and discover opportunities for yourself and your family.

Fr. Lin, the Ministry Board Chairs, and Vestry Leadership will be introduced and there will be lots of time for sharing, asking questions and getting to know other folks who are new to our wonderful parish.

We Look Forward to Seeing You There!

RSVP to Vicki Garrett - text/call 704-622-5053 or email: vicki@igarrett.com

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

Terese C., Sandy S., Josephine B., Pat T., Christy M., Keith B., Woody U., Penn B., Tom B., Denise B.

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