



December 4, 2022

St. Philip's inSPIRE

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Celebrating Advent at Home

by Dorothy H. Lancaster, Director of Ministry to Children and Families



Sometimes we as Anglicans overlook or neglect some of the best tools that we have in our faith-growing toolbox. The liturgical calendar that our forefathers had the wisdom and insight to establish so long ago can still be incredibly useful in our busy lives. Case in point: the Season of Advent, a built-in time to pause and reflect on the incredible gift that Jesus is and to look toward His eventual return.

Celebrating Advent at home—in addition to our time together in corporate worship—is a great way to instill this need for a pause and reflection in our children and to reinstate in ourselves. What does celebrating Advent at home look like? For some it might be lighting an Advent candle in the wreath they made on Sunday and reading through the Advent Wreath Liturgy as they gather for dinner around the table. For others it may be adding in an extra Advent-themed devotional or a dedicated time to pray and ask God to show us an area for growth.

However you choose to celebrate Advent at home, remember it is not a mandate or a requirement but an opportunity to grow your faith. Set yourself up for success. Choose something that seems achievable. For example, if you have children who love chocolate Advent calendars, have them read a verse before they open the door to retrieve their tasty treat. If you spend a lot of time in the car, choose a Christian audio book to listen to or an inspiring podcast.

As we wait to celebrate the birth of our Savior, let's create space for Him to abide within us, allowing Him the opportunity to direct us and mold us more into the person we were created to be.

There are so many great Advent resources available—here are a just a few: Ann Voskamp's *The Wonder of the Greatest Gift*, an interactive family resource; Arnold Ytreeide's *Jotham's Journey: Storybook for Advent*; and Max Lucado's *In the Manger*.

Pictured above: On Sunday, November 27, we brought back a long-standing tradition of Advent wreath-making to mark the beginning of the season of Advent. St. Philippians of all ages gathered together to enjoy breakfast treats, fellowship and laughter, and to try their hand at wreath-making. New members and longtime members alike wove evergreen clippings around the provided wire wreaths, and some chose to add holly berries and ribbon as well. We made over 60 wreaths, and the final results were as wonderful and varied as the folks making them! A special thank you to Sandra Anderson and Roberta O'Shea for helping to make this event happen.

All St. Philippians
are cordially invited to join the
Reverend and Mrs. Jeffrey S. Miller
in their home for an

Advent Drop-in

This Saturday
December 3 | 3-6 PM
92 Church Street

There is no need to bring
anything but a festive spirit!

*The church parking lot on the corner of
Cumberland and Church Streets, about a
five-minute walk from the Rectory,
will be available for parking.*

CHORAL EVENSONG

WITH A HIGH VOICE SCHOLA
FROM THE ST. PHILIP'S CHOIR



This Sunday
December 4
5:30 p.m.

*New
time!*

Learn about the
Evensong tradition at
stphilipschurchsc.org/events



THE MONTHLY MEN'S LUNCH



Wednesday, December 7
12 noon in the Parish Hall

SPEAKER:
David Gilbert

St. Philip's
Youth Minister



The Greening of the Church

Friday, December 9, at 9:00 a.m.

All helping hands are welcome.

*Bring gloves and clippers for yourself if you
have them and a breakfast treat to share!*



Annual Lessons and Carols Service and Wassail Bowl: December 11

Lessons and Carols:

Join us for a beloved St. Philip's tradition as we celebrate Lessons and Carols, wherein God's plan of salvation is traced in Scripture and song from the creation of the world through the wondrous incarnation of Jesus Christ at Christmas. Based upon the service instituted at King's College Cambridge in 1918 in the aftermath of World War I, this glorious time of worship full of joy and hope is not to be missed!



The Wassail Bowl Reception

Immediately following Lessons and Carols, please join us in the Parish Hall for our annual Wassail Bowl reception, where you may mingle with St. Philipian friends, family, newcomers, and guests while munching on refreshments. And of course there will be plenty of hot mulled cider—otherwise known as wassail—to go around!

Poinsettia Delivery

Every year at Christmastime, the St. Philip's Compassion Committee provides poinsettias and cards to parishioners who are especially in our hearts. *We need your help to get them delivered!* As you're leaving the Wassail Bowl, please go by the downstairs entryway of the Parish House and pick up a plant (or a few plants!) to deliver to someone who lives near you or on your route home. The poinsettias will be sorted by ZIP code and the cards will have complete addresses. Families who have lost loved ones this year are also welcome to pick up their own poinsettias.

Vestry Nominations Due December 16

*Visit our website for instructions and other details:
stphilipchurchsc.org/vestry-nominations*

Welcome to the Team, Mims Weldon!



The clergy and vestry of St. Philip's are pleased to announce that Mims Weldon has joined the St. Philip's administrative team as Executive Assistant to the Senior Associate! In addition to serving as the Rev. Andrew O'Dell's assistant, Mims will be overseeing the administrative aspects of weddings, baptisms, and funerals.

About Mims: Shortly after Mims was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, she lived in Charleston while her father, the Very Rev. Ken Weldon, served as the Porter-Gaud chaplain and as an associate at St. Philip's, but Florence is where Mims made most of her childhood memories. Mims was a competitive gymnast growing up, and she graduated from West Florence High School in 2018. While attending Wofford College, Mims was an admissions ambassador and a Kappa Delta Sorority member, and she was a part of the Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), a campus ministry that gives students the hope of Jesus Christ and equips them to serve him. Mims earned her Bachelor of Arts in English literature and religious studies in May of 2022 and went straight to St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center, where she served as the assistant director of the summer camp.

Mims loves reading, spending time with her family and friends, being outside, traveling and going to concerts, and writing. She lives downtown with her best friend from high school, Caroline, and attends St. Philip's Church.

Christmas Eve Worship

4:30 p.m.*

Christmas Pageant and
Holy Eucharist: Rite I

7:30 p.m.*

Holy Eucharist: Rite I
with the Canterbury and St. David Choirs

10:30 p.m.*

Holy Eucharist: Rite I
with the St. Philip's Choir

Christmas Day Worship

10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist: Rite I

**service will be livestreamed*

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 4 (The Second Sunday in Advent)

The Rev. Justin C. Hare, preacher

8:15 a.m. **Holy Communion: Rite I ~ Church**

Greeter Heather Dawson

Usher Lucius Laffitte

Lector Dana Heikes

Chalice Bill Helms, Dana Heikes

9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery (infants–12th grade) ~ Various locations

Christian Formation Greeter Georgia Bell

9:30 a.m. Rector's Forum ~ Parish House, Parish Hall

9:30 a.m. Foundations, Andrew O'Dell ~ Philadelphia Alley

9:30 a.m. Parenting Class, Justin Hare ~ Chapel of the Good Shepherd

10:30 a.m. Nursery and Children's Church ~ Parish House

10:30 a.m. **Holy Communion: Rite I ~ Church**

Greeters Lawrence and Nancy Hollingsworth

Ushers Team 9: Cordes Ford, *captain*

Lector Jimmy Bailey

Chalice Noel Casey, Clark Hanger, Guv Gottshalk

Acolyte Mentor Brendan O'Shea

5:30 p.m. **Choral Evensong ~ Church**

6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group ~ Parish House, Youth Room

Tuesday, December 6

8:15 a.m. Dads' Drop-Off Study, Justin Hare ~ Parish House Piazza

9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting ~ Ministries Hall, Parlor

12 noon Men's Bible study, Bob Kunes ~ Ministries Hall, Parlor

Wednesday, December 7

8:00 a.m. **Morning Prayer: 1928 BCP** ~ Chapel of the Good Shepherd

10:00 a.m. inSPIRE mailing preparation ~ Ministries Hall, Parlor

12 noon **Monthly Men's Lunch ~ Parish House, Parish Hall**

4:00 p.m. Parents' Group Study, Beth Bailey ~ Parish House, Room 111

4:00 p.m. Cherub, St. Cecilia Choir rehearsals ~ Ministries Hall, Choir Room

4:30 p.m. St. Nicholas Choir rehearsal ~ Ministries Hall, Choir Room

5:30 p.m. Wednesdays Alive! Holy Communion: Rite II

6:15 p.m. Fellowship Supper ~ Parish House, Parish Hall

6:30 p.m. St. Philip's Choir rehearsal ~ Ministries Hall, Choir Room

7:00 p.m. Spiritual Gifts Workshop, Andrew O'Dell ~ Philadelphia Alley

7:15 p.m. C.S. Lewis class, Brian McGreevy ~ Parish House, Parish Hall

Thursday, December 8

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible study, Dana Heikes ~ Ministries Hall, Parlor

12 noon Rector's Bible Study, Jeffrey Miller ~ Parish House, Parish Hall

6:30 p.m. Women's Bible study, Gottshalk/Keller ~ off-campus

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Friday, December 9

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible study, Guv Gottshalk ~ Tea Garden

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible study, Group Led ~ Ministries Hall, Parlor

8:45 a.m. Women's prayer group, Marnie Kerrison ~ Ministries Hall, Prayer Room

9:00 a.m. **The Greening of the Church**

6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group ~ Parish House, Youth Room

Sunday, December 11

The Rev. William K. Christian III, preacher (8:15 only)

8:15 a.m. **Holy Communion: Rite I ~ Church**

Greeters Carol and Sam Robinson

Usher Herbert Sass

Lector Bob Kunes

Chalice Randell Stoney, Bob Kunes

9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery (infants–12th grade) ~ Various locations

Christian Formation Greeter Polly Dickson

9:30 a.m. Rector's Forum ~ Parish House, Parish Hall

9:30 a.m. Foundations, Andrew O'Dell ~ Philadelphia Alley

9:30 a.m. Parenting Class, Justin Hare ~ Chapel of the Good Shepherd

10:30 a.m. Nursery ~ Parish House (Children's Church in Recess)

10:30 a.m. **A Festival of Lessons and Carols**

Greeters Garden and John Blincow

Ushers Team 10: Chris Osborne, *captain*

Acolyte Mentor Cordes Ford

12 noon Wassail Bowl Reception ~ Parish House, Parish Hall

4:00 p.m. Charleston Men's Chorus Christmas Concert ~ Church

6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group ~ Parish House, Youth Room

Christmas Flower Memorials



If you would like to make a contribution to the Christmas Flower Fund as a memorial or in thanksgiving for a loved one, please click the flower memorial button on the front page of our website, stphilipchurchsc.org,

or scan the QR code below and submit your information by 5:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, December 14**, for inclusion in the Christmas Eve bulletins. After you complete the form, you may pay online through the My St. Philip's portal of our website or you may drop off a check payable to St. Philip's Church at the church office or mail it to:

St. Philip's Church
Attn: Juli Garland, Christmas Flowers
142 Church St.
Charleston, SC 29401



Volunteer Opportunity: Star Gospel Mission

December 5–10, 10:00–3:00 (two shifts per day)



Star Gospel Mission is seeking volunteers to help serve our neighbors in need next week. For each 2.5-hour shift (10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.), we will need four "caseworkers" and two "greeters." Caseworkers will attend a brief training and then distribute assistance to those who have made an appointment.

Greeters will assist in welcoming scheduled clients, serving coffee and/or cocoa, and ensuring every person is encouraged that day.

Sign up at stphilipchurchsc.org/events, or scan the QR code at right. Have questions? Contact Swain Marion, St. Philip's Home Missions Team liaison to Star Gospel Mission:

(843) 709-8131 or sbmarion3@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE

December 11 ~ Final Sunday School, Rector's Forum of 2022

December 11 ~ Charleston Men's Chorus concert (4:00 p.m.)

December 12 ~ Christmas Pageant sign-up deadline

December 13 ~ Final Theology on Tap of 2022

December 14 ~ Final Wednesdays Alive! of 2022

December 15 ~ Final Rector's Bible Study of 2022

December 16 ~ Vestry nominations due (5:00 p.m.)

December 16 & 18 ~ Final youth group of 2022

December 24 ~ Christmas Eve services (4:30, 7:30, 10:30 p.m.)

December 25 ~ Christmas Day service (10:00 a.m.)

December 26–January 2 ~ Church office closed

January 26–28 ~ Mere Anglicanism Conference

March 5 ~ Parish Annual Meeting and Lunch (12 noon)

June 7–18 ~ Holy Land Pilgrimage (waitlist available)

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Livestream link, printable bulletin:

Visit stphilipchurchsc.org/news on Sunday morning

Questions about the calendar?

Need to reserve a room for a church meeting or event?

Contact Rachel Murphy: rmurphy@stphilipchurchsc.org

The Lord Looks on the Heart

by Martha Vetter, World Missions Committee

My Bible study has been examining the life of David. My favorite chapter is 1 Samuel 16, where the LORD sends the prophet Samuel to anoint one of Jesse's sons to be the future king of Israel. When Samuel meets Jesse's tall and handsome oldest son, he thinks, "Surely this is the LORD's anointed!" But God cautions, "Do not look on his appearance or the height of his stature ... man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

It has been a great pleasure to serve at the Dufatanye Organization (DO) in Rwanda. While I have participated in many remarkable activities, I have been especially moved to see our people rally behind those who are struggling the most—whether from PTSD or AIDS or extreme poverty or just suffering the low blows with which life sometimes hits us. It is our *heart* at the DO that moves me the most. All of our people have had their moment when they were the ones who were down. But they, like Christ, who emptied Himself on behalf of others, have used their brokenness as the catalyst to raise others up with them.



One of the most vivid examples of this recently has been the way our team has responded to a desperate mother whose two-year-old daughter, Denise, is in dire need. Denise and her mom live in a nearby village and heard through word of mouth that leaders at the DO have helped others with serious health problems. Mom brought Denise to meet Godfrey Karema, founder of the DO, and he and his team began taking her to see the doctor in Kigali, sometimes every week for months. The doctor biopsied her skin and learned that she has a chronic autoimmune disease called "linear IgA dermatosis," which presents with vesicular skin lesions and large, painful blisters. She is currently on a steroid, and the doctor says it may take her at least four years to heal. Please pray for Denise, that she will heal quickly, find relief from her pain, and be spared from terrible scarring.

When I look at photos of dear Denise, I consider the harsh reality that she must experience every day when people see her and then comment on how "bad" she looks. They realize that she is sick, but she doesn't know that. In her little mind, she is *bad*. Then, consider how our Lord sees her. He doesn't see her lesions and blisters. He sees a beautiful little girl who is afraid and desperately wants to feel accepted and loved. Our people at the DO want to be accepted and loved too. Whatever scars they have, I thank God for what He revealed to Samuel, "Man looks at the outward appearance ... but the LORD looks on the heart." Just as the LORD sees little Denise's true heart, He sees the heart of our ministry too, and it is beautiful for Him to behold.

Make Someone's Christmas This Year Through the Angel Tree!

Here's how: **1.** Take an ornament home from one of the two angel trees in the narthex as a reminder (and as our gift to you!). **2.** Purchase one or more \$25 gift card(s) from a store listed on your ornament (Walmart, Target, Family Dollar) **3.** Return the gift card at any church service or bring it to the church office by **Monday, December 12, at 9:00 a.m.** There will be volunteers collecting cards in the narthex at both our Sunday and Wednesday worship services. The church office is open Monday–Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Visit stphilipchurchsc.org/news for complete details!

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

142 Church Street | Charleston, SC 29401 | (843) 722-7734 | stphilipchurchsc.org

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday | 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Friday



We pray for the sick: Arthur Applegate, Tim Bass, Elizabeth Bowles, Jean Carlton, Mimi Cathcart, Karen Collins, Mark Cumins, George Rawling Evans, Sally Fayard, Elizabeth Flowers, Mary Forbes, Zephia Galantis, Robert Gould, Susan Hemminger, Molly Hughes, Susan Keenan, Robert Kizer, Rena Mack, John Murray, Bill Phillips, Valerie Rouillard, Fran Sanders, Pete Sperr, Margaret Swanson, Judy Vandiford, Jenny White, Lindsey Wing, and Harrison Woods.

We grieve with and pray for The family of Gene Martini, who died on November 27.

We pray for our expectant parents: Boykin and Thomas Anderson, Kimbrell and Bruce Blackwood.

Congratulations to: Carter and Foxy Foxworth on the birth of their son, Eugene Dewey Foxworth V, on November 14.

We pray for protection for those serving in the armed forces: Becca Baird, Graham Blunt, Henry Clayton, Ben Colyer, David Daughtridge, Eric Gaines, Morgan and Mason Herring, Andrew Kane, Quin Kane, Horry Kerrison, Frazier Kulze, John Mason, Zach McFadden, Philip Middleton III, Jackson Miller, Edward Pritchard, Nathaniel Rollings, and David Scott.

We pray for our home and world missions: Star Gospel Mission, Lowcountry Pregnancy Center, Suzy McCall and LAMB, for the medical missions to Honduras, for ministry to victims of genocide and AIDS in Rwanda, for the Persecuted Church, for Anglican Frontier Missions, for Uganda Christian University Partners, for Water Mission and the Global Water Center, and for St. Jean Baptiste, our sister church, and the schools in Haiti.

Collect for Sunday:

Merciful God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

- Isaiah 11:1-10
- Psalm 72:1-15
- Matthew 3:1-12