



November 14, 2021

St. Philip's inSPIRE

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Angel Trees Are on Their Way!

Home Missions Team Gift Card "Angel Trees," generously provided by the St. Philip's Flower Guild, arrive soon



Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and then before you know it, it will be the season of Advent, a time for preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, this can be a stressful season for many families that are struggling in these uncertain times.

So the St. Philip's Home Missions Team is continuing its tradition of partnering with Neighbors Together (formerly Tricounty Family Ministries) to help brighten Christmas for Charleston families by collecting \$25-gift cards to

Walmart, Target, Family Dollar, and Publix so that parents in need can experience the joy of purchasing a gift for their children or simply cooking a Christmas meal. The Team is also working in tandem with three of our other home mission partners, St. John's Chapel, Lowcountry Pregnancy Center (LPC), and Star Gospel Mission, to provide \$25-gift cards to Walmart and Target. Cards collected for St. John's Chapel will be used to support our shared outreach at Simmons-Pinckney Middle School and will be given to the teachers who have been working so diligently throughout the pandemic. Cards collected for LPC and Star Gospel will be used by the ministries to support their clients and serve as a tangible reminder that God loves them and cares about them.

The trees—which will be in the narthex for three Sundays even with Thanksgiving coming late this year—will be decorated with ornaments that are the Home Missions Team's gift to you to serve as a "thank you" or a reminder.

But you don't have to wait for the ornaments to appear to purchase your gift card! We encourage you to take a step of generosity now by purchasing a gift card and bringing it with you to church on November 28, December 5, or December 12 and exchanging it for an ornament from one of the trees. You may also drop off a gift card or pick up an ornament at the December 1 and December 8 Wednesday night services! (Word on the street is that these ornaments make terrific stocking stuffers and hostess gifts!). If for some reason you miss the deadline on December 12, you can still bring your gift card(s) to the church office by 9:00 am on Monday, December 13.

This is a great time to share the blessings that we have all received with those who have been less fortunate. Please generously support the home mission outreach ministries at St. Philip's. Let's make this the best year ever! Thanks be to God!

CHORAL EVENSONG

WITH PAUL REESE, GUEST ORGANIST,
AND THE ST. PHILIP'S CHOIR



This Sunday,
November 14,
at 5:00 p.m.

Featuring music by
Tye, Tompkins,
Dyson, Wesley,
and Talbot.

A note from the Rev. Brian McGreevy about the Choral Evensong Service

The term "Evensong" is derived from the Old English æfensang, originally applied to the pre-Reformation service of Vespers during the Middle Ages. Thomas Cranmer's 1549 *Book of Common Prayer* combined elements of the old monastic services of Vespers and Compline into a unique English-language service focused on the wonder of Christ's Incarnation, built around the two great Canticles from Luke's Gospel, the Magnificat and the Nunc Dimittis, supplemented with psalmody and Scripture. Contemplative in tone, the liturgy for this service has remained essentially unchanged for some 500 years, and connects us to the countless host of saints who have gone before, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Commencing with the confession of sin, followed immediately by the sung prayer "O Lord, open Thou our lips," we affirm that the gifts of speech and of song come from God alone and that we are created to sing His praise. May the words and music sung by the choir become a prayer within us and lift us to contemplate God's beauty and glory as we worship Jesus, the Light of the world.

Fall Clean-Up at Camp St. Christopher

Saturday, November 20, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.



St. Philip's will be joining forces with Cursillo of The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina and other churches in our diocese in order to maximize efforts

for this clean-up day. We need as many helping hands as possible—no experience necessary! Lunch is provided. Feel free to work until 3:00 or as long as you're able.

Visit stphilipchurchsc.org/events or scan the QR code at right or to register. Please sign up by Wednesday, November 17, so we know how many folks to plan for. Also, please bring gardening gloves, clippers, and/or whatever equipment you are comfortable handling (lawn mower, weed eater, etc.). We can't wait to see you there!



St. Philip's Smile Ambassador Hard at Work in New York



We recently heard from Marshall, St. Philip's smile ambassador, who was last on duty in Maine and has now moved on to New York. Marshall, a young Golden Retriever, continues to encourage smiles wherever he goes, and he's added an additional task to his list of duties: squirrel patrol!

We can't wait to see Marshall back on Church St. when he returns to downtown living in December, but for now, we are ever so grateful for all the hard work he's putting in up north. We know that he will work just as hard at spreading smiles in the Holy City when he gets back, and if he'd like to help Gus keep squirrels out of the Tea Garden, we're sure he'd be more than welcome.

If you follow St. Philip's on social media, you already knew Marshall's latest adventures. But if this is news to you, why don't you take a minute to visit us on Facebook and Instagram and click the like or follow buttons so that you, too, can be among the first to hear stories like these?

Like
and
follow!



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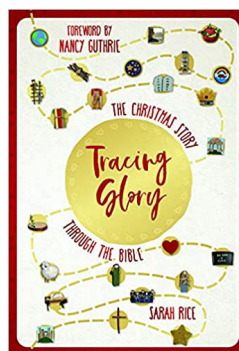


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Advent Resources for Families

*A message from Dorothy Lancaster,
Director of Ministry to Children and Families*



Advent will be here before we know it! This season in the church is a time of preparation and waiting, and it is a great time to make having a family devotional part of your routine if it is not already. Try setting aside 5-10 minutes (or more!) to read this short devotional, *Tracing Glory: The Christmas Story*, together as a family either first thing in the morning, at dinner, or bedtime. If none of those times fit, sometimes families find they have time in the car.

Copies will be available on Sunday mornings on the table on the ground floor of the Parish House while supplies last. The book is a great tool by itself; however, if you are looking for an Advent craft to take on with your children, there is an additional supplement with directions and a supply list to make an ornament for each day. I will also have on display a craft hack for those of you who may want a visual aid but may be overwhelmed with the idea of a daily craft.

The ultimate purpose of this Advent resource is to start conversations between you and your children about Jesus—who is, of course, the reason for the season! So don't feel defeated if every day doesn't produce a meaningful discussion or if you skip a day. We all are just doing our best as our parents and the Good News is that God is gracious and fills in the gaps when we inevitably fall short.

Team St. Philip's Raises Over \$4,000 for Lowcountry Pregnancy Center

Rank	Team Name	Captain	Walkers	Raised
1st	Grace Community Baptist, Moncks Corner	Craig Premo	4	\$14,375
2nd	Citadel Square	Jonathan Merkling	17	\$12,125
3rd	Calvary Chapel Summerville	Melanie Carroll	20	\$7,560
4th	East Cooper Baptist Church	Craig Harris	18	\$6,550
5th	St. Michael's Church	Team St. Michael's - Shea Chambers	18	\$5,410
6th	James Island Christian	Sarah Grace Piercy	11	\$4,990
7th	St. Philip's Church	Jill Settle	13	\$4,405
8th	Team Lawrence	Bob Lawrence	3	\$3,990

It was a cold, drizzly day in Charleston last Saturday, November 6, when Team St. Philip's was set to gather at Wanamaker Park to raise funds for Lowcountry Pregnancy Center

(LPC), one of our home missions partners. But the weather didn't matter one bit to our walkers, who ranked 7th out of 46 teams in fundraising, raising enough for 22 life-affirming ultrasounds and parenting classes!

Thank you to all who walked and all who donated and prayed for our team and the families who will benefit from all that LPC offers. Stay tuned for more opportunities to support LPC and our other home mission partners!



Art Auction to Benefit St. Philip's Choir with the Rev. Jeff Miller, auctioneer



Mark your calendar for January 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall, and prepare yourself for a fabulous evening of enjoying (and bidding on!) beautiful artwork, mingling with friends, sipping wine or soda, and supporting the St. Philip's Choir as they prepare for their internship at St. Paul's

Cathedral in London next summer! Have artwork to donate? Contact Pat Gould at pgould@stphilipschurchsc.org or (843) 364-9552—and please invite your artist friends to donate, too!

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 14 (The Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost)

The Rev. Brian K. McGreevy, preacher

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

Greeters Heather Dawson

Usher Howell Morrison

Lector Randell Stoney

Chalice Heather Dawson, Randell Stoney

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

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

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

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

10:30 a.m. **Morning Prayer (Children Sing): Rite I ~ Church**

Greeters John and Garden Blinow

Ushers Team 5: Gregg Lancaster, captain

Lectors Carolyn Warlick, Cynthia Patteson

Acolyte Mentor TBD

5:00 p.m. Choral Evensong ~ Church

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

Tuesday, November 16

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

Wednesday, November 17

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible study, John Kerrison ~ Ministries Hall, Parlor/Zoom

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

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

4:00 p.m. Cherub Choir rehearsal ~ Ministries Hall, Choir Room

5:00 p.m. St. Nicholas, St. Cecilia Choirs rehearsal ~ Choir Room

5:30 p.m. **Holy Communion: Rite II** ~ Church (Wednesdays Alive!)

6:00 p.m. St. Philip's Choir rehearsal ~ Ministries Hall, Choir Room

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

7:00 p.m. C.S. Lewis class, Brian McGreevy ~ Parish Hall

Thursday, November 18

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

10:30 a.m. Generations Ministry Small Group ~ Philadelphia Alley

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

5:30 p.m. Canterbury, St. David Choirs rehearsal ~ Choir Room

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

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Friday, November 19

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 ~ Choir Room piazza

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

Saturday, November 20

9:00 a.m. Fall Clean-Up Day at Camp St. Christopher

Sunday, November 21 (Last Sunday After Pentecost: Christ the King)

The Rev. Andrew R. O'Dell, preacher

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

Greeters Sam and Carol Robinson

Usher Briggs Huddleston

Lector Sebastian Von Marschall

Chalice Bill Helms, Sebastian Von Marschall

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

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

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

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

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

Greeters Lynn Dayton, Lawrence Hollingsworth

Ushers Team 6: Brad Wallace, captain

Lector Bill Thompson

Chalice Mike Mullins, Bill Thompson

Acolyte Mentor Clay Hershey

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



As we thank God and pray for the veterans of the armed forces of the United States, let us also pray for this country they have defended—or continue to defend—so valiantly:

Lord God Almighty, who hast made all the peoples of the earth for thy glory, to serve thee in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with thy gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. —The Book of Common Prayer, page 207



SAVE THE DATE

Nov. 24 ~ No printed inSPIRE (Thanksgiving week)

Nov. 24 ~ Church office closes at 1:00 p.m.
reopens Monday, November 29, at 8:30 a.m.

Nov. 24 ~ No Wednesdays Alive! service, class, or supper

Nov. 25 ~ Thanksgiving Day Service (9:00 a.m.)
note corrected time

Nov. 24 ~ No Wednesdays Alive! service, class, or supper

Dec. 4 ~ Advent Drop-In at the Rectory

Dec. 10 ~ Greening of the Church

Dec. 12 ~ Lessons and Carols, Wassail Bowl

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

Integrity through Accountability

from watermission.org

Water Mission is a Christian engineering nonprofit that builds safe water, sanitation, and hygiene solutions in developing countries and disaster areas. Water Mission is one of St. Philip's world missions partners.



This year, Water Mission celebrates the 20th anniversary of our official founding. Over the past two decades, the Lord has worked powerfully through a talented global team and our passionate partners. Together, we have served more than 7 million men, women, and children over the last 20 years.

Throughout the last two decades, we have been recognized

as a leader in safe water solutions for underserved communities. For example, the International Organization for Migration's audit of water projects in Northern Uganda serving South Sudanese refugees reported:

"Water Mission stands out as the NGO with enough in-house expertise to independently design O&M [operate and maintain] solar water schemes and are also the only ones chlorinating water in all of their solar schemes."

One reason we have become trusted as an implementer is because of our dedication to integrity, which we show through accountability. This can be a challenge for nonprofits because, unlike in a for-profit model, those who fund the work do not receive the service. As such, nonprofits must be intentional about developing accountability for their solutions. At Water Mission, we know we are accountable to those we serve, to friends who come alongside us with support and prayer, and most importantly to God. As Scripture says:

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. —Colossians 3:23-24

We develop and implement our remote monitoring technology to intentionally weave accountability throughout all we do. With it, we can evaluate any project around the world in real-time, based on:

- Daily water production: Is the system working?
- Water quality: Is the water safe to consume?
- Aquifer levels: Are we depleting the groundwater?
- Water pressure: Are systems pressurized and delivering the expected flow rates?

The information gathered helps hold our organization accountable to our vision, mission, and values. It helps us ensure that your gifts and support of our ministry are used effectively.

It also allows a swift response when service needs from crises unexpectedly arise, as they did in Honduras after Hurricanes Eta and Iota caused widespread devastation. Because our remote monitoring systems use satellite communication, we knew which systems were down and prioritized sending staff into the 20 impacted communities.

We are grateful for the dedicated supporters who enable us to serve with integrity, building safe water solutions that transform lives.



A man in Honduras receives much needed safe water after Hurricanes Eta and Iota.



We pray for the sick:

Charles Cornwell, Sally Fayard, Mark and Cindy Fields, Elizabeth Flowers, Mary Forbes, Dave Gund, Mary Anne Hanckel, Susan Hemminger, John Jerger, Kevin Kane, Claudia Kolster, Joe Livesay, Connor Lowndes, Lucille MacLennan, Beverly Melvin, John Murray, Juanita Orvin, Olivia Palmer, Isla Pearce, Mave Riggs, Valerie Rouillard, Wanda Russer, Fran Sanders, Jay Schrimpf, Larry Scoville, Lynne Scoville, Jason Stryker, Lawrence Timoney, Hope Walters, and Lindsey Wing.

We pray for our expectant parents:

Kimbrell and Bruce Blackwood.

Congratulations to:

Justin and Molly Hare on the birth of their daughter, Eleanor Cordes, on November 4.

We pray for protection for those serving in the armed forces:

Becca Baird, Chris and Julia Beasley, Graham Blunt, Henry Clayton, Ben Colyer, David Daughtridge, Hayes Fair, Tripp Hathaway, Morgan and Mason Herring, 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 missions:

Star Gospel Mission, Neighbors Together, Lowcountry Pregnancy Center, and St. John's Chapel.

We pray for our world missions:

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 Water Mission and the Global Water Center, and for St. Jean Baptiste, our sister church, and the schools in Haiti.



Collect and Readings for Sunday:

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

- Hebrews 10:31-39
- Psalm 16
- Mark 13:14-23

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