



April 21, 2024

St. Philip's inSPIRE

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Home at St. Philip's

by Katie Perez-Phillips



I've been fortunate enough to call St. Philip's my church home for my whole life. Both sets of my grandparents joined the church after moving to Charleston, and they planted St. Philip's roots in their children, grandchildren, and now great-grandchildren. My grandmothers first instilled in me the gift of service right here at St. Philip's. During my elementary years, they would bring me along to polish the communion and collection plates for the Altar Guild. I still can remember being so excited to open up the safe and read the engravings on the silver dishes given to our church in honor of parishioners. In the 5th grade, I became one of the first female acolytes, and in 8th grade, I started helping my dad, Al Phillips, with Confirmation class. Needless to say, even when I was a young girl, St. Philip's significantly impacted me and my faith as it has for innumerable parishioners both past and present.

My husband and I now have two young boys who have begun their own relationship with St. Philip's. Whether attending the preschool, Sunday school with Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Dorothy, or choir with Mrs. Zippy, they find comfort and joy here.

All of our major life milestones have been celebrated at St. Philip's: baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and funerals. All of these blessings have been given to us from God and made possible through the faith and stewardship of past St. Philippians. The Shine the Light campaign reminds us of the importance of stewardship so that future generations may enjoy the same blessings while deepening their faith here at St. Philip's.

St. Philip's is our home, and our hope is that our children will be able to say the same. We contributed to the Shine the Light campaign this spring in memory of generations who built their faith here before us and in honor of those who will follow.

*Learn more about the Shine the Light campaign, make a pledge, or
donate at stphilipschurchsc.org/shine-the-light.*

St. Philip's Church



TEA ROOM and Gift Shop



April 22-26

11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Bring a friend and come by for a
Lowcountry lunch and delicious dessert!

PLUS: All hands on deck!

Volunteer, donate to the gift shop, or make
dessert! Get information at
stphilipschurchsc.org/volunteers-tea-room.

No Rector's Forum or Sunday School
This Sunday, April 21! Other changes:

- Wednesdays Alive! service only on 4/24 (no supper or class)
- Rector's Bible Study in recess 4/25



FUNDRAISING BANQUET

MONDAY, APRIL 22 AT TRIDENT TECH

5:30 PM
SILENT AUCTION

6:30 PM
DINNER

REGISTER AT
LOWCOUNTRYFCA.ORG/SPRING-BANQUET

ENTER TABLE HOST AS "ST. PHILIP'S"

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

JESSICA KOLP

AUTHOR OF

"LEAVING IT ALL ON THE FIELD"

Free to attend!





House of Prayer: April Prayer Points

by Frenchie Richards, St. Philip's Prayer Ministry

"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations." —Isaiah 56:7

**Give thanks with a grateful heart
for our risen Lord!**

Answered Prayers:

1. For all the glorious Holy Week and Easter services.
2. For the increase in Shine the Light pledges and donations.
3. For Alan Runyan's excellent Rector's Forum teaching series.
4. For the confirmation class of 30-plus children.
5. For the 92 adults who have chosen to get confirmed in May.
6. For the many visitors coming through the Open Door Ministry.
7. For the great attendance for the Foundations and Spiritual Gifts classes.
8. For the successful outreach ministries locally and abroad. For the safe return of the St. Philippians who traveled to Honduras.
9. For the successful turnout at the Walk For Water.
10. For the outgoing vestry members and their service these last three years.

Prayer Points: Local Needs

1. For Bishop Chip Edgar, that he would have the wisdom needed to lead this diocese.
2. For our clergy and their families: their spiritual vitality, leadership, family time, and physical health.
3. For plenty of volunteers and gift shop and dessert donations for next week's Tea Room.
4. For the Prayer as Worship workshop to go well.
5. For the Shine the Light Campaign to reach its goal and for 100% participation among our parishioners.
6. For Ben Navarro, who purchased Union Pier, that his plans for its development may be excellent and balanced and for those working on it to be unified and wise.
7. For blessings on our new Mayor, William Cogswell. Give him wisdom as he guides our city.

Prayer Points for the Nations

Israel: 1. For supernatural peace and resolution to come to the war in Gaza and for hostages be released unharmed. 2. For wisdom for Netanyahu and his government as they make decisions for the nation, its people, and future plans for the Gaza territory. 3. For a hedge of protection around Israel and for the peace of Jerusalem. 4. For humanitarian aid to get through.

Ukraine: 1. For the war between Ukraine and Russia to be resolved. For mercy on all the soldiers on both sides. 2. For the release of the journalist being held in Russia. 3. For humanitarian aid to get through when needed.

Taiwan: 1. For protection from a takeover by China. For protection for our troops being sent to that region. 2. For the earthquake victims to be found and for the restoration of areas that have been destroyed.

Haiti: 1. For help to be brought to this nation to defeat the gangs. 2. For open doors for humanitarian aid to enter. 3. For protection for the clinics that continue to treat patients in the midst of the turmoil.

Ecuador: Thanksgiving for Dr. Bill Sasser's dental team and their success and blessings upon the many patients they ministered to.

Nigeria: Thanksgiving for the answered prayers for the release of the hundreds of children kidnapped from their school.

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Prayer Request for St. Philippians Traveling to Uganda

by Tom Gurley, World Missions Committee



How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" —Isaiah 52:7.

The St. Philip's Uganda Mission Team will head to Uganda Friday, April 19. The team includes Fred Willis, Guv Gottshalk, Tammy Gottshalk, Jayne Gurley, and Tom Gurley. Two others will join us in Uganda: Dr. Jean Chamberlain Froese (OB/GYN from Hamilton, Ontario) and Dr. Sean Gillis (OB/GYN from Bozeman, Montana). Mark Bartels, Executive Director of Uganda Christian University Partners, will join us and will handle the logistics of the itinerary and mission outreach.

We will be staying on the campus of Uganda Christian University in Mukono, Uganda. UCU is the largest Christian (Anglican) University in Uganda with approximately 13,000 students located at five different locations around the country. We will be touring the campus and meeting with the administration, staff, faculty, students, and alumni. The team will worship on Sunday and have community worship at noon during the week. The objective will be to build friendships with Ugandans who have similar interests and expertise and to explore potential future interactions. The university has a broad range of academic programs that include theology, medicine, nursing, law, agriculture, engineering, social studies, history, English, communication, computer science, and more. Learn more about the university at ucu.ac.ug.

The team will also have the opportunity to visit a Water Mission project in a rural region near Jinja in Eastern Uganda to see how these projects are identified, managed, and implemented to provide clean water with the message of the gospel interwoven in the process.

Some of the team will be observing how Save the Mothers (STM) is working to reduce maternal mortality by visiting hospitals that are part of STM's Mother Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative. Dr. Chamberlain Froese founded STM and lived in Uganda for 15 years prior to returning to Canada to practice medicine, and Dr. Gillis is the chairperson of STM's U.S. board.

At the end of our short visit, the team will be going to Murchison Falls National Park to experience Uganda's national treasures—its wild animals—which will include a safari and a boat ride up the Nile River to see Murchison Falls.

We would appreciate your prayers for divine appointments, good health, and safe travel during our time in Uganda. We will return home on Monday April 29.

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 21 (The Fourth Sunday in Easter)

The Rev. Jeffrey S. Miller, preacher

8:15 a.m. The Holy Eucharist ~ Church

Usher Briggs Huddleston

Lector Heather Dawson

Chalice Bob Kunes, Heather Dawson

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

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

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

10:30 a.m. The Holy Eucharist ~ Church

Greeters Honoré LeClercq, Joanne Harth

Ushers Team 6: Brad Wallace, captain

Lector Sallie York

Chalice Malcolm Rhodes, Gerry McCord, Bill Stafford, Ken Humphries

Acolyte Mentor Chris Mettler

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

Monday, April 22

11:30 a.m. Tea Room ~ Parish House, Parish Hall and Lawn

5:30 p.m. Lowcountry FCA Banquet ~ North Charleston

Tuesday, April 23

9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting ~ Church Office, Parlor

11:30 a.m. Tea Room ~ Parish House, Parish Hall and Lawn

12 noon Men's Bible study, Bob Kunes ~ Church Office, Parlor

Wednesday, April 24

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

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

11:30 a.m. Tea Room ~ Parish House, Parish Hall and Lawn

5:30 p.m. Wednesdays Alive! Holy Eucharist ~ Church

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

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

Thursday, April 25

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

11:30 a.m. Tea Room ~ Parish House, Parish Hall and Lawn

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

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

Friday, April 26 (Tea Room 11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.)

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

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

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

11:30 a.m. Tea Room ~ Parish House, Parish Hall and Lawn

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

3:00 p.m. Tea Room Breakdown and Cleanup

Sunday, April 28 (The Fifth Sunday of Easter)

The Rev. Justin C. Hare, preacher

8:15 a.m. The Holy Eucharist ~ Church

Usher Herbert Sass

Lector Gantt Folline

Chalice Dana Heikes, Gantt Folline

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

Christian Formation Greeters Barbara and David Spell

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

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

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer ~ Church

Greeters Nancy and Lawrence Hollingsworth

Ushers Team 7: Jimmy Hagood, captain

Lectors Bob Kunes, TBD

Acolyte Mentor Clay Hershey

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

Questions about the calendar? Need to reserve a room for a church meeting or event?

Contact Rachel Murphy: rmurphy@stphilipschurchsc.org



FRIDAY, MAY 3: 7:00–9:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 4: 9:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M.



STPHILIPSCHURCHSC.ORG/EVENTS



Cinco Carnival
Sunday, May 5 ~ 3:00–5:30 p.m.
GAMES • PRIZES • TASTY TREATS
CHORAL EVENSONG LED BY THE CANTERBURY
AND ST. DAVID CHOIRS TO FOLLOW!



Diaper Drive
FOR THE LOWCOUNTRY PREGNANCY CENTER
What's needed

- Diapers (especially sizes 4, 5, and 6)
- Baby wipes

Drop-off options

- Sunday, May 12, at church
- May 13–17 in the church office
- Saturday, May 18, at Saturday Serves

Sign up for Saturday Serves at LPC is open!

IMPORTANT DATES

May 1 ~ Monthly Men's Lunch (noon in the Parish Hall)

May 2 ~ Grandparents@Prayer drop-in (11:00–11:45 a.m.)

May 3–4 ~ Spiritual Gifts workshop

May 4 ~ Anglican Women's Gathering (Pawleys Island)

May 5 ~ St. Philip's Cinco Carnival (3:00 p.m.)

May 12 ~ Diaper Drive for Lowcountry Pregnancy Center

May 16 ~ Pop-Up Chamber Concert (11:00 a.m.)

May 19 ~ Graduating Senior Recognition Sunday

June 17–20 ~ Vacation Bible School (VBS)

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Livestream link, printable bulletin:

Visit stphilipschurchsc.org/news on Sunday morning

Prayer Points, Richards, *continued from page two*

United States: 1. For protection for the members of the Supreme Court, Congress members, and their families. 2. For the fear of the Lord to guide all meetings in Congress and special committees. 3. For God's choices for all the election positions coming available in November. 4. For wisdom for the military advisors dealing with all the issues around the world. 5. For the immigration crisis to be solved. For the cartels to lose their power. 6. For Baltimore: For solutions to the many problems associated with the Key Bridge damage. For comfort for the families who lost loved ones. Thank you for the quick response that closed the lanes before traffic could move across the span.

Lord, we give You thanks for all the answered prayers and for all those that have yet to be answered.

Oh, To Be Young at St. Philip's!

It's hard to say which age group has it best at St. Philip's: is it our young adults with their biweekly Theology on Tuesday meet-ups? (The next one is on April 23, by the way!) Or is it our youth with their weekly gatherings in the Parish Hall for food, games, teaching, and prayer? (Every week their games don't result in broken light bulbs is a good week.) Or could it be our retirees with their special outings to places like Brookgreen Gardens and Millford Plantation? (Stay tuned for information on the next outing!)

To be fair, we are all blessed no matter our ages: week after week we've got beautiful worship with excellent preaching, fun parishwide events like oyster roasts and fellowship suppers (and the Cinco Carnival coming up May 5!), and classes that people from across the world tune into while we sit live in the Parish Hall.

But the children of St. Philip's edged the rest of us out last week with their simple but beautiful classic childhood pastimes: playing with blocks and eating Sno-Cones! Below, a block rendering of St. Philip's during children's church on April 14, and gleeful and colorful Sno-Cone assembly during the final Wednesday afternoon choir rehearsal of 2023-2024.



POP - U P C O N C E R T

Thursday,
May 16, at
11:00 a.m.



Save the dates for VBS!
June 17-20



LORD,
HEAR OUR PRAYER

We pray for the sick: Jimmy Bowes, Diane Christensen, Karen Collins, Mary Forbes, Mike Goodwin, Myron Harrington, Tom Kerns, Marvin Kirkland, Melvin Knight, Rena Mack, Paula McNamara, Eric Panizza, Lou Parker, Barbara Sainsbury, Fran Sanders, Esther Spade, Pete Sperr, and Ginny Townsend.

We grieve with and pray for Mims Weldon and family on the death of her grandfather, William Edward (Eddie) Weldon, on April 9.

We pray for our expectant parents: Sarah and Wyatt Baldwin, Katy and Andrew Brown.

Congratulations to Becca Baird and Louis Duffie on the birth of their son, Henry Zed Duffie, on April 8.

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

We pray for our home and world missions: Lowcountry Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Hope to Home, Lowcountry Pregnancy Center, Star Gospel Mission, 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.

SUNDAY'S COLLECT AND READINGS

O God, whose Son Jesus is the Good Shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice, we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end.

- Ezekiel 34:1-10
- Psalm 23
- John 10:1-15

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