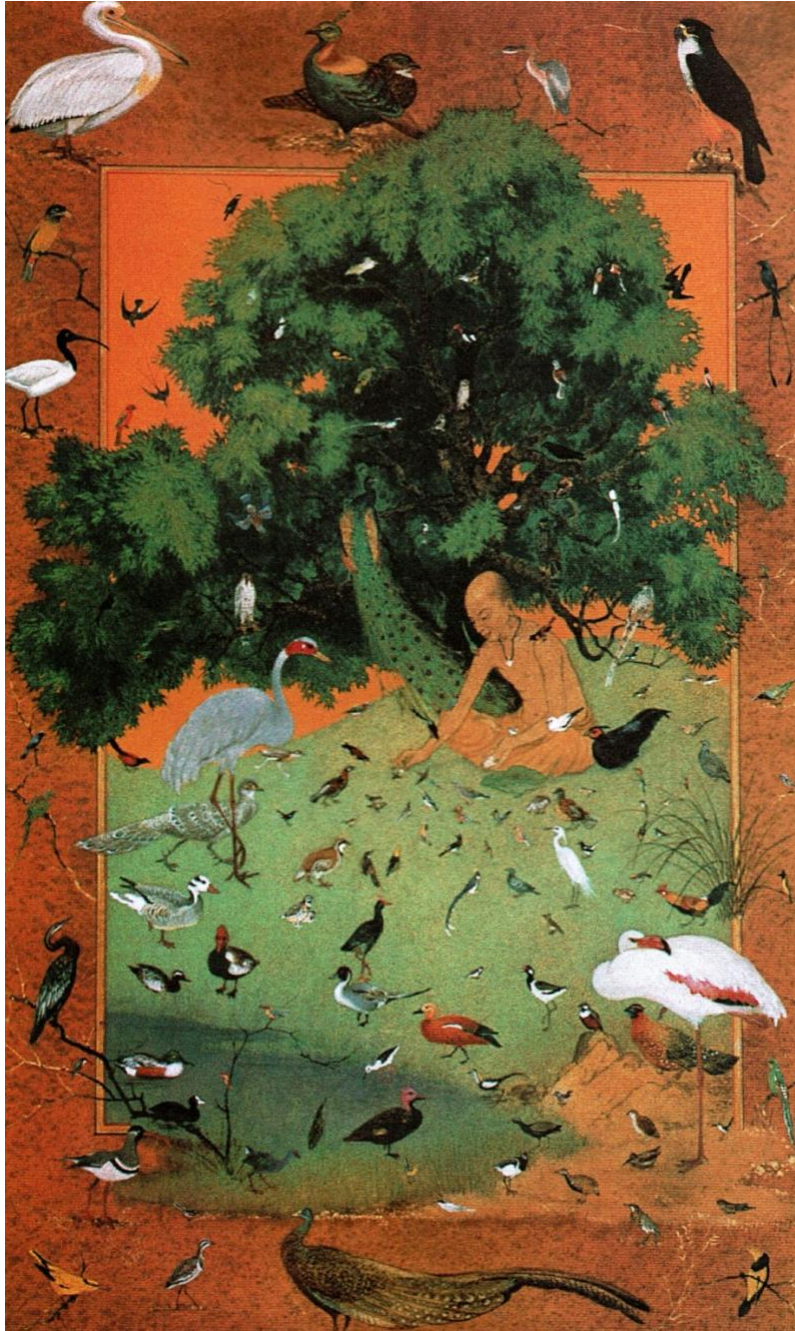


St. Philip's Episcopal Church

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi



Holy Eucharist

Sunday, October 4, 2026

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Welcome! We offer two services today: one at 8:00 a.m. and one at 10:30 a.m. The 10:30 a.m. service is broadcast on Facebook Live or YouTube. Livestreaming begins at 10:25 a.m. If you are visiting, please fill out a visitor card (located in the pew rack) and drop it in the offering plate or hand to an usher.

The Word of God

PRELUDE Praise to the Lord the Almighty arr. Marianne Kim

INTROIT As We Are Walking in the Light Len Thomas

As we are walking in the light, through harmony unite, for the common good
with one another. As we are walking in the light, let harmony unite!

All stand as they are able.

HYMN (10:30 a.m. only)

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation *Westminster Abbey*
The Hymnal 1982 #518 (st. 1-2, 4)

Descant

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

The Celebrant says to the People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (8:00 a.m. only)

The following is said, all standing

**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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (10:30 a.m. only)

Robert Powell
The Hymnal 1982 #S 280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE **And also with you.**
CELEBRANT Let us pray.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Job 39:1-18

All sit.

A Reading from the Book of Job.

¹"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?

Do you observe the calving of the deer?

²Can you number the months that they fulfill,

and do you know the time when they give birth,

³when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,

and are delivered of their young?

⁴Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open;

they go forth, and do not return to them.

⁵"Who has let the wild ass go free?

Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,

⁶to which I have given the steppe for its home,

the salt land for its dwelling place?

⁷It scorns the tumult of the city;
it does not hear the shouts of the driver.

⁸It ranges the mountains as its pasture,
and it searches after every green thing.

⁹"Is the wild ox willing to serve you?
Will it spend the night at your crib?

¹⁰Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes,
or will it harrow the valleys after you?

¹¹Will you depend on it because its strength is great,
and will you hand over your labor to it?

¹²Do you have faith in it that it will return,
and bring your grain to your threshing floor?

¹³"The ostrich's wings flap wildly,
though its pinions lack plumage.

¹⁴For it leaves its eggs to the earth,
and lets them be warmed on the ground,

¹⁵forgetting that a foot may crush them,
and that a wild animal may trample them.

¹⁶It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own;
though its labor should be in vain, yet it has no fear;

¹⁷because God has made it forget wisdom,
and given it no share in understanding.

¹⁸When it spreads its plumes aloft,
it laughs at the horse and its rider.

READER	The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE	Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121

Levavi oculos
The Hymnal 1984 S-206
Richard Farrant (1525?-1580)

8:00 a.m.: The reader and the congregation read the psalm responsively by half verse.

10:30 a.m.: The congregation chants the **entire** psalm with choir.



(8:00 a.m.) Let us read the psalm responsively by half verse.

- ¹ I lift up my | eyes to the | hills; *
from | where is my | help to | come?
- ² My help | comes from the | LORD, *
the | maker of | heaven and | earth.
- ³ He will not let your | foot be | moved *
and he who watches over you | will not | fall a- | sleep.
- ⁴ Behold, he who keeps | watch over | Israel *
shall neither | slumber nor | sleep;
- ⁵ The LORD himself | wat- ches | over you; *
the LORD is your | shade at | your right | hand,
- ⁶ So that the sun shall not | strike you by | day, *
– | nor the | moon by | night.
- ⁷ The LORD shall preserve you from | all | evil; *
it is | he who shall | keep you | safe.
- ⁸ The LORD shall watch over your going out and your | com- ing | in, *
from this time | forth for | ev- er- | more.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.

After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the price." Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out."

Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

READER	The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE	Thanks be to God.

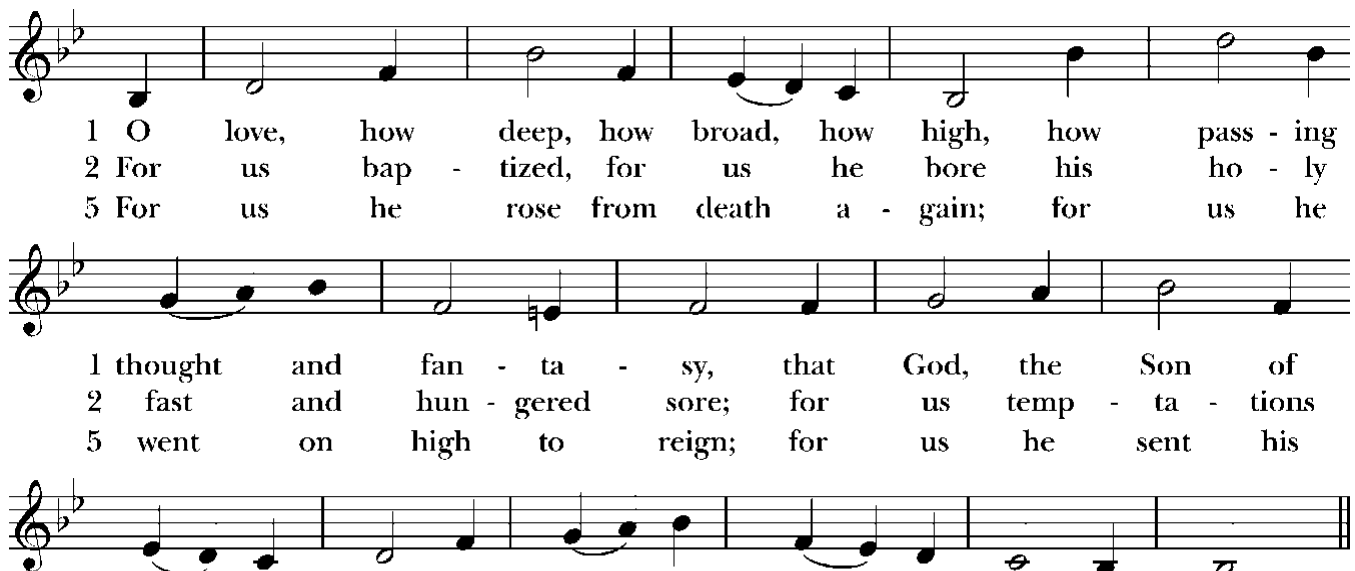
All stand as they are able.

HYMN (10:30 a.m. only)

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Deus tuorum militum

The Hymnal 1982 #448 (st. 1-2, 5)



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

PRIEST The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
PEOPLE **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have

prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

PRIEST The Gospel of the Lord.
PEOPLE **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

Brad Wilson

NICENE CREED *All stand as they are able.*

Let us rise and reaffirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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 worshiped 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Book of Common Prayer, Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Christy Adams, Alston, Kathy Ambrose, Peggy Ayres, Barry, Bill, Dez Blue, Christopher Bolk, Leslie Brown, Cassidy, Holly Renee Copeland, Courtney, Darrington Crane, Jay Curwen, Carl Denny, Judy Caldwell Dexter, Lance Dickenson, Suzanne Dininny, Jan Dryselius, Judith Egan, Ellen, Eugene, the Borgia family, Tim Courtois and family, Mike Farley, Liz Ford, Ann Franklin, Colten Frey, John Gannon, Howard Jackson, Kay Jones, Lyn Kane, Roxann Kibbin, Michael Kirwen, Kurt, Ruth LePine, Tom Lewis, Rodge and Barbara Livengood, Kathleen Mallet, Dottie Marcinko, Buddy Marines, Johnny Martinez, Larry Maupin, Mark and Leslie Montgomery, Veronica Morrow, Tom Murray, Ruby Palmer, Pam, Pat, Nancy Patterson, Judy Pierce, Greg and Carrie Rauch, West Rial, Jim Rice, Linda Rigsby, Lisa Rodke, Lisa Rodke, Hudson Rudisill, Gabrielle Ruge, Linda Schieve, Jan Sendzik, Bill Sharp, Frank Shoemaker, Ann Sikes, Alice Silva, Ray Snellgrove, Linda Stadnick, Barbara Staubs, Brenda Summers, Matthew Sundstrom, Sr., Jackie Thomas, Mike Tiddy, Jenny Tierney, Jim Tso, Emily Walthall, Will, Eileen Gilson Williams, Dick and Susanne Williams, Ed Wiseman, Risdon Wood, Judy Yancey

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the flowers at the altar, given to the glory of God and in memory of her father J.C. Cox by Moonyean Wood.

We pray for those who are expecting childbirth, remembering Claire Sikes-Clark and Zif Clark, and Magdalena and Christian Funk.

We give thanks for the birth of Josephine Anne Elliott, daughter of Taylor and Brendan Elliott, granddaughter of Melissa and Scott Elliott, grandniece of Pam Watson, and great granddaughter of Barbara Elliott.

In our diocese, we pray for all our ecumenical relationships on this World Communion Sunday. In our Anglican Communion, we pray for La Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil (The Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil).

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Minister and People

**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.**

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

PEACE

CELEBRANT The peace of the Lord be always with you.
PEOPLE **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.)

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

Text: Mrs. C. F. Alexander, 1818-95

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky;

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden –
He made them every one.

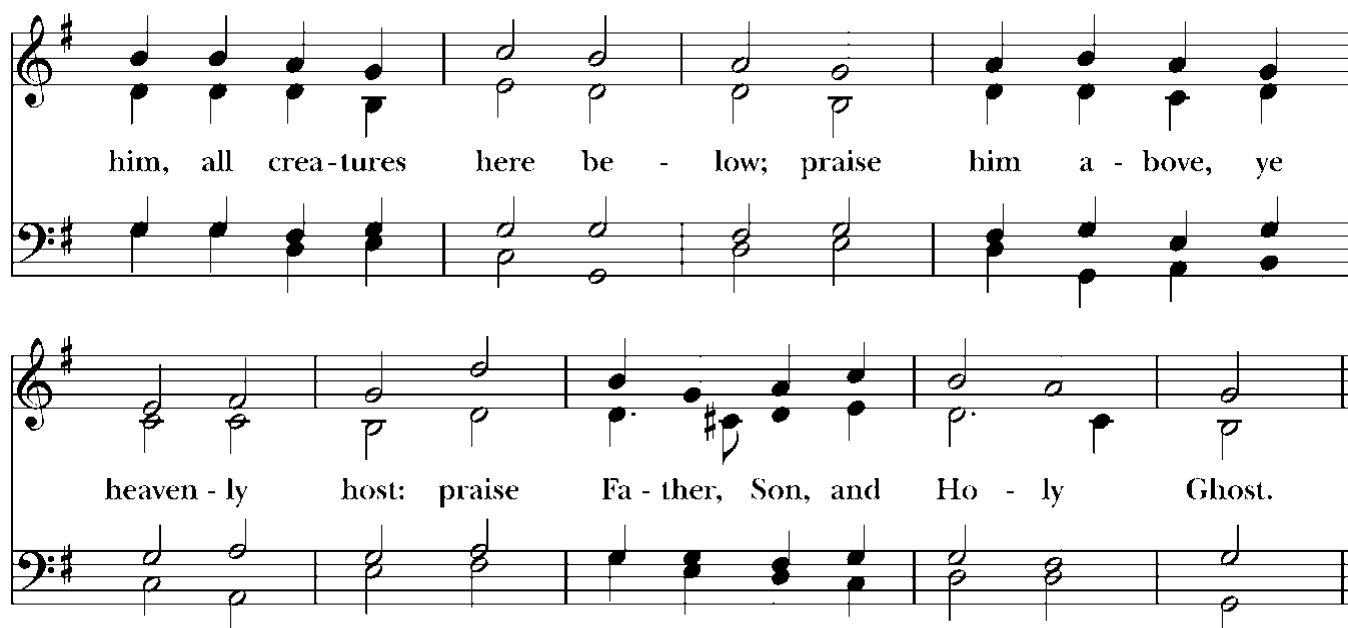
He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

OFFERTORY (10:30 a.m. only)

Old 100th

The Hymnal 1982 #380 (st. 3)

*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise



GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship 1
Eucharistic Prayer 1

All stand as they are able.

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.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Celebrant and People (8:00 a.m. only)

**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.

(10:30 a.m. only)

Proulx, *The Hymnal 1982* #S 125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your

creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Philip and Francis and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**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.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND FRACTION ANTHEM

CELEBRANT We break this bread
to share in the Body of Christ.

PEOPLE **We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread. Alleluia.**

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who seek Christ are invited to receive the bread and wine standing or kneeling at the altar rail. If you choose not to receive the wine, let the server know that you want only the bread by placing one hand over your heart (receiving only the bread is full communion). If you prefer not to take communion, you may come forward for a blessing, crossing your arms over your chest, or not come forward at all; no one will judge you.

To receive the wine by intinction, please come to the altar rail. Extend your hands, palms flat, and the bread will be placed there for you to dip the bread into the wine.

To receive the wine by sipping from the chalice, please also come to the altar rail, consume the bread, then please help the Lay Eucharistic Minister guide the chalice to your lips to sip.

Please wait for an usher to release you from your pew to come forward. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY (8:00 a.m.)

Meditation

Jacob Arcadelt

COMMUNION HYMN (10:30 a.m.)

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace *Dickinson College*
The Hymnal 1982 #593

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

CHANT

All Shall Be Well

David Keller

Text by Julian of Norwich

Choir and congregation sing five times together.

All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all man-ner of thing shall be we - e - ll.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

This prayer takes the place of the Postcommunion Prayer for those worshiping at home.

Gracious God, since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The people stand as they are able.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of 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 Savior. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

After the prayer, the People respond

Amen.

BLESSING

HYMN

Guide My Feet Lord *African-American spiritual*
Wonder, Love, and Praise #819

1. Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
2. Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
3. Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I
 Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race. 'cause I
 Stand by me Lord, while I run this race. 'cause I

don't want to run this race in vain.
 don't want to run this race in vain.
 don't want to run this race in vain.

DISMISSAL

The priest or seminarian offers a dismissal, and the people respond

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

Andre Campra



Hearing Loop assistance is available inside this building. Set hearing aid on "T" (telecoil) setting. Headsets are also available in both the narthex and Miller Hall that will allow access to the Hearing Loop. Please see an usher for help.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

We welcome children of all ages in all our worship services. In the narthex, you can find worship bags with quiet activities for children. **Nursery for children Kindergarten age and younger is available today beginning at 10:15 a.m. for our 10:30 a.m. service.** An usher can direct you to our nursery located on the lower level of our parish building.

HEARING THE WORD OCTOBER 4

On Sunday, October 4, 2026, we welcome Brad Wilson to preach at our morning services. Brad is studying for the priesthood at General Theological Seminary in New

York City and currently serves at St. Philip's. Please join us in giving him a warm welcome!

THIS SUNDAY AT ST. PHILIP'S

- **Sunday at 8:00 a.m.** – During this season, we enjoy sharing the same Holy Eucharist, Rite II liturgy in our Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. spoken service as the 10:30 a.m. service.
- **Walking The Episcopal Way at 9:15 a.m.** – see below.
- **Coffee & Conversation at 9:15 a.m.** – see below.
- **Godly Play at 9:15 a.m.** – Children ages 4 through 5th grade will be engaged in Godly Play. The Godly Play approach helps them to explore their faith through story, to gain religious language and to enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play. Godly Play meets in the education wing downstairs.
- **Youth Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.** – Middle and high school youth are invited to join us for Sunday School! We meet weekly in the education wing downstairs to discuss youth-led topics and what we can learn about them from the Bible.
- **Children's Church at 10:30 a.m.** – On Sunday all children (K-5th grade) are invited to Children's Church during the Liturgy of the Word in the 10:30 a.m. service. Children may be brought to the Sunday School room across from the Godly Play room (the youth classroom) before parents/grandparents go to church. Children will be taken to the church during the Peace and should join their family for communion.
- **Sunday at 10:30 a.m.** – Join us for Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music) at our 10:30 a.m. service.
- **Coffee Hour after the 10:30 a.m. service** – All are invited and always welcome to join us in Miller Hall (our large upstairs meeting room) after the 10:30 a.m. service for juice or coffee and fellowship. This is a great chance to mingle, meet new people, or just relax with friends.

OUR ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN SUPPORTS OUR MISSION TO WORSHIP

Praising God and giving thanks through word, sacrament, and song as the Body of Christ. Our clergy leadership and lay worship ministers lead us in joyous worship of Word and Sacrament. We are enlivened by the music of our St Philip's choirs and choral scholars under the Director of Music Ministry. Bill Rigot says: "Joy! That's what I see in the faces of the congregation when the choir sings, or in the faces of my friends when I serve them communion in their home, and it brings me joy as well."

If you need a pledge card, you can [print one here](#) or pick one up in the narthex, Miller Hall foyer, or Parish Office. Every pledge—large or small—makes a difference and helps our church plan faithfully for the year ahead. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to the life of St. Philip's!

EXPANDING SPIRITUAL PRACTICES IN A PROPHETIC AGE

This fall, Coffee & Conversation will explore spiritual practices for living out the Kingdom here and now—especially in a time of upheaval and change. Together, we'll expand our understanding of practices such as unhurriedness, radical hospitality, downward mobility, and consider how they shape the way we move through the world. Coffee & Conversation meets at 9:15 a.m. in Miller Hall, our large upstairs meeting room.

ECHOES OF EDEN BOOK DISCUSSION SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 4, 11, 18

Join us for a discussion of Craig Gralley's new book, *Echoes of Eden in Western North Carolina*, exploring the story of the Johnstone settlers and the larger questions of belonging, community, and the people who have called these mountains home. Our first session will be Welcoming the Stranger: The Johnstone Settlers and Who Gets to "Belong"? The wealthy Johnstone settlers moved to our mountains in the 1850s. A decade later, their settlement was destroyed. Their experience raises a question that continues to resonate today: Who belongs here?

Our discussion takes place Sunday, October 4, 2026 | 9:15–10:15 a.m. YAC (our large downstairs meeting room).

AN EVENT OF GIVING OCTOBER 4

Mike and Kay Tiddy are offering a sharing of art and love as they prepare to move to Greenville. Artist Mike Tiddy is downsizing and gifting to our parishioners many of his creations!

Come to Miller Hall (our large upstairs meeting room) following both services on October 4th and choose your gift! (Please note this art show is unavailable from 9:15-10:15 a.m. during our Coffee & Conversation class.)

Join us for this coming together to share Art, Cookies, Coffee, and Love. Offerings to the Children, Youth and Family fund are invited in appreciation for Mike's gift. (Note: these offerings are not tax-deductible donations.)

RAIN OR SHINE! - JOIN ST. PHILIP'S AND LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD FOR OUR ANNUAL ST. FRANCIS BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS AND HARVEST BLESSING OCTOBER 4TH!

This year marks the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi, making our annual celebration of his love for all of God's creation especially meaningful.

On Sunday, October 4, at 5:00 p.m., join us in the back parking lot of the church for our annual St. Francis Blessing of the Animals, followed by a Harvest Blessing at the Rice Street Community Garden.

****Rain Plan** IF rain interferes with our plans, we will have a Drive-Through Pet Blessing! Follow the signs/volunteer directions through the back gravel parking lot, and we will come to your car to bless your pet. (And, of course the cake will be provided for you to take with you!)**

Bring your pets **on a leash or in a carrier**. If your pet would rather stay home, you are welcome to bring a **photo** so they can be included in the blessing. A brief service will be followed by an individual blessing for each animal. **And, of course, there will be cake!**

We'll also collect donations for Transylvania County Animal Services. Cash donations, as well as dog and cat food and toys, are welcome. Please make checks payable to **Transylvania County Animal Services**.

Come celebrate St. Francis, our animal companions, the harvest, and the beautiful world entrusted to our care!

CORNERSTONE CENTENNIAL NUGGET: A FAITH BUILT TO LAST: THE EARLY 2000S RESTORATIONS AND RENOVATIONS

In January 1998, The St. Philip's Vestry adopted a clear guiding principle: "Restoration prior to Renovation." By June of that year, critical structural work began on the church roof, foundation, bell tower, and exterior stone walls, successfully wrapping up before the year's end.

With the foundation secured, the focus shifted to the future. In January 1999, the Vestry appointed a study group - led by Jr. Warden Steve Womble alongside Fr. Rob Field, Rebecca Freeman, Beth Gash, Carolyn Pollie, Jo Pumphrey, Carol Tyson, and the Rev. Joe Weaver - to evaluate long-term interior renovations.



By 2000, growing attendance meant that weekly services were consistently at or beyond functional capacity. Recognizing the need for professional guidance, the Renovation Committee interviewed four design firms. In August 2000, the Vestry selected liturgical design architect Terry B. Eason of Eason & Farlow Design in Chapel Hill to create a comprehensive master plan.

Unveiled at the December 2001 annual meeting, the initial proposal featured a 16-foot extension of the rear wall, expanding seating capacity by 32 percent (from 147 to 192 seats, plus overflow). The plan sparked a wide spectrum of parish feedback; while many praised the beauty and wisdom of the design, others felt strongly about preserving the original footprint.

Interestingly, history was repeating itself. In 1926, architect Louis Asbury's original vision for St. Philip's had also called for a larger footprint, including 15 additional feet in the nave. Just as in 1926, financial realities guided the timeline. When pledge receipts dipped in late 2002, the Vestry prudently paused the capital campaign.

In June 2003, a newly convened renovations committee established updated parameters, deciding ultimately to keep all exterior walls intact. By June 2005, Eason & Farlow presented a revised plan focused entirely on interior improvements and historical preservation.

The updated vision addressed essential maintenance while increasing worship seating accessibility by 27 percent.

Key features included:

- Installing custom pews designed as precise replicas of the originals
- Refinishing the original flooring
- Reconfiguring choir seating and opening up the chapel arches
- Removing steps to the communion rail for seamless accessibility

Under the leadership of Senior Warden Gus Tucker, Junior Warden Jim Tyson, and Vestry Steering Committee representative Tom Penn, the parish moved forward. Bill and Ann Ives stepped up to co-chair the "Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow" capital campaign, setting an ambitious goal of \$586,000. To further enhance accessibility, architect Sam Brewton submitted plans in 2006 for a \$30,745 handicap-accessible chapel ramp, targeting completion for 2007.

Through thoughtful discernment, financial patience, and dedicated parish leadership, St. Philip's successfully honored its past while opening its doors wider for the generations to come.

GIVING IS A SPIRITUAL ACT!

Thank you for investing your treasure in the work and mission of St. Philip's. Your gift supports our Growth in Faith – through an engaging array of spiritual, intergenerational, and educational offerings with an exciting focus on youth and children. Visit <https://www.stphilipsbrevardnc.org/donate> to explore donating. To make a gift now use Realm or text STP to 73256.

THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

The Season after Pentecost is the sixth and final season of the church year. This season, sometimes referred to as "ordinary time," is the longest of the Church year, lasting through summer and well into late autumn, ending with the coming of Advent. During the season after Pentecost, we recount the stories of Jesus' ministry, read and study passages from the Old Testament, and discuss letters written by disciples for members of the early church. The color for the season after Pentecost is green, appropriate for the season of growth.

WEEKLY SERVICES AT ST. PHILIP'S

Join us each week at our services of Holy Eucharist!

- Sundays, 8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II (*spoken*)
- Sundays, 10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II (*with music*)
- Tuesdays, 2:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist Rite II (*College Walk Senior Living Community Chapel*)
- Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing (*Chapel*)

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Birthdays

04 Sam Benton	06 Frank Shoemaker	10 Oliver Whitfield-Cargile
04 Liz Fuller	07 Paula Benton	10 Beverly Yeager
04 Constance Mehta	07 Margaret Joseph	10 Reid Usedom
05 Tom Buechele	08 Sue Ann Glenn	
05 Dianne Clay	10 Carol Juhl	

Anniversaries

06 Brandon and Rebecca Cook	07 Phil and Lynne Seymour
07 Joe and Mary Lee Fennessy	09 Murphy and Ida Smith

COVER ART: *St. Francis with the Birds of India*. Painting by Frank Wesley. Note: Wesley was born in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh into a fifth generation Christian family of Hindu and Muslim descent. He belongs to the Lucknow school of painting. His paintings reflect this influence and that of the Chughtai school of painting that flourished in India at the turn of the century. Wesley made art based on both biblical and secular themes. He used water colours, oil paintings, miniatures and wooden carvings. (Attribution: Wesley, Frank, 1923-2002. St Francis with the Birds of India, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://act.library.vanderbilt.edu/artworks/59252> [retrieved September 18, 2026]. Original source: Estate of Frank Wesley, http://www.frankwesleyart.com/main_page.htm.)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Officiant	The Rev. Elizabeth Roles
Seminarian	Brad Wilson
Director of Music Ministry	Dr. Brittnee Siemon
Guest Conductor	Gabby Lujon
Organist	Roxanne Holt-Watson

8:00 a.m.

Acolyte	Betty Creese	Ushers	Melissa Elliott
Reader	Jean Woods		Scott Elliott
Creed/Prayers	Mary Dryselius	Liturgical Coordinator	
LEM	Kathryn Polmanteer		Ed Nezelek

10:30 a.m.

Acolyte	Violet Silva	Welcomer	Sharon Mosher
Reader 1	Molly Tarrt	Offering Counters	
Reader 2	Ellen Davis		Daphne Chalaron
Reader 3	Christie Eberhardt		Bru Izard
LEM	Denis Bolena	Liturgical Coordinator	
	Peggy Bridges		Ken Racht
	Christie Eberhardt		
Ushers	Debbie Turbert		
	Pat Dunham		

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MINISTERS: The Baptized People of God
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OUR VISION: *Rooted in God's word and guided by Christ's example, St. Philip's Episcopal Church will be a loving, inclusive community committed to living out Christ's commandments.*

OUR MISSION: *Guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit, and informed by Scripture, tradition and reason, we will:*

- *Learn and teach by word and example how God continues to be at work in the world and in our lives;*
- *Love and serve all people as Christ loves us;*
- *Grow in faithful stewardship of the resources God has given us; and*
- *Celebrate joyfully this faith in our life, worship, prayer, and service.*