

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Eucharist

Sunday, October 25, 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 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing *Nettleton*

All stand as they are able.

HYMN (10:30 a.m. only) O God, Our Help in Ages Past *St. Anne*

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly, forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE (10:30 a.m. only)

Bless The Lord (10,000 Reasons)

Verse 1 The sun comes up
 It's a new day dawning
 It's time to sing your song again
 Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
 Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus Bless the Lord O my soul
 O my soul
 Worship his holy name
 Sing like never before
 O my soul
 I'll worship your holy name

Verse 2 You're rich in love and you're slow to anger
 Your name is great and your heart is kind
 For all your goodness I will keep on singing
 10, 000 reasons for my heart to find

Chorus Bless the Lord O my soul
 O my soul
 Worship his holy name
 Sing like never before
 O my soul
 I'll worship your holy name
 Sing like never before
 O my soul
 I'll worship your holy name

Verse 3 And on that day when my strength is failing
 The end draws near and my time has come
 Still my soul will sing your praise unending
 10, 000 years and then forever more

 Bless the Lord O my soul
 O my soul
 Worship his holy name
 Sing like never before
 O my soul
 I'll worship your holy name
 I will worship your holy name

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you

command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

All sit.

A Reading from the Book of Leviticus.

¹The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

²Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

¹⁵You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1

Beatus vir qui non abiit

Let us read the psalm responsively by half verse.

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

¹You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as they are able.

HYMN (10:30 a.m. only)

Spirit of the Living God

Words and Music by Daniel Iverson

CHORUS

♩ = 80

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-46

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

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴“The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet”?”

⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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, Steve Clay, 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, The Sikes Family, The Clark Family, Mike Farley, Liz Ford, Ann Franklin, Colten Frey, Liz Fuller, John Gannon, Howard Jackson, Kay Jones, Lyn Kane, Roxann Kibbin, Michael Kirwen, Kurt, Ruth LePine, Tom Lewis, 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, Hudson Rudisill, Gabrielle Ruge, Linda Schieve, Jan Sendzik, Bill Sharp, Lynn Sherrick, 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, remembering Tommy Cheatham, 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 thanksgiving for the Cornerstone Centennial Committee for a history-making year of celebration.

We pray for those who are expecting childbirth, remembering Magdalena and Christian Funk.

In our diocese, we pray for St. Francis, Rutherfordton. In our Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

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.)

Lord I Offer My Heart to You Everything I've Been Through

OFFERTORY (10:30 a.m. only)

Doxology

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship
Eucharistic Prayer 2

The people 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 our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he
who comes in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Philip and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast

at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. 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.)

COMMUNION ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.)

The Blessing: The Lord Bless You and Keep You

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

Rise up, Ye Saints of God

Festal Song

Rise up, ye saints of God!
Have done with lesser things,
give heart and soul and mind and strength
to serve the King of kings.

Rise up, ye saints of God!
His kingdom tarries long:
Lord, bring the day of truth and love
and end the night of wrong.

Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where his feet have trod;
and quickened by the Spirit's power,
rise up, ye saints of God!

DISMISSAL

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

PEOPLE

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

O God Beyond All Praising

Gustav Holst



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

On Sunday, October 25, 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!

HEARING THE MUSIC

On Sunday, October 25, 2026, Christy Bauman and Megan Banner and their daughters will offer music at our 10:30 a.m. service. They look forward to sharing this family music as a joyful opportunity to pray, sing, listen, and celebrate together. We hope you'll join us for this special Sunday!

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.
- **How the Bible Came to Be 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 CONTINUES

Our Annual Giving Campaign continues. Please prayerfully consider your annual pledge. 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!

Giving Campaign Progress - 10/18/26		
	2027	2026
Amount Pledged	\$ 441,205	\$ 646,885
Pledges Received	116	178

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.

HOW THE BIBLE CAME TO BE - SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 25 AND NOVEMBER 8

Have you ever asked (or wondered) how to read or interpret Scripture? If so, come to two sessions on “How the Bible Came to Be and How the Process Impacts Our Study and Interpretation of Scripture.” In Session 1 (October 25), we will look at the historical events recorded in Scripture and the timeline when the books were compiled. We will consider possible motivations for compiling the writings as well as possible questions the authors were trying to address. In Session 2 (November 8), we will look at the centuries of debate that culminated in the Bible, compare the Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish Scriptures, and consider the impact of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls on the study and interpretation of Scripture. Our discussion takes place Sunday, October 25, 2026 | 9:15–10:15 a.m. in the YAC (our large downstairs meeting room).

DON'T BE EARLY TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1!

Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday, October 31, 2026, before you go to bed!

TAIZÉ WORSHIP SERVICE NOVEMBER 1

Please join us for a special worship opportunity on All Saints Day, November 1st. Our Taizé service will be filled with the words of many Saints whose writings have survived the ages. Coupled with the contemplative Taizé chants, this will be a perfect way to honor and remember those known and unknown who have preceded us to the heavenly communion of saints. We will gather at 5:00 p.m. in Miller Hall, our large upstairs meeting room.

CORNERSTONE CENTENNIAL NUGGET: GATHERING AT THE TABLE: THE BIRTH AND GROWTH OF "COFFEE & CONVERSATION"



In April 2009, an announcement in *The Messenger* signaled the arrival of something fresh and vibrant at St. Philip's: a brand-new Sunday morning group tailored to include Gen Xers, GenYers, and young Boomers. Titled simply "Coffee & Conversation," the class grew out of a simple phone call and shared recognition of an unmet need within the parish family.

It began when parishioner Veronica Morrow called Paula Benton with a thoughtful proposal. At the time, the church's younger demographic - young adults in their late teens, twenties, and thirties - lacked an Adult Sunday School offering specifically designed to resonate with their stage of life. Veronica asked if Paula would be willing to lead a new group that could serve as an open, welcoming bridge for younger adults while remaining inclusive of older generations.

Paula readily accepted the call. Under her leadership as primary facilitator, Coffee & Conversation quickly blossomed into a safe, engaging space where parishioners could wrestle with real-world questions, explore deep spiritual themes, and discuss virtually anything without judgment.

Paula established a dynamic teaching rhythm that kept discussions grounded yet expansive. She began each session with selected Scripture passages, followed by insightful quotes from theologians, historians, and contemporary scholars. From there, the floor opened for spirited, authentic dialogue. The topics were purposefully designed to bridge generational divides and speak to everyday human experiences, including memorable sessions such as:

- "Jesus and the Art of Conflict Management"
- "Wake Up to the Art of Power"
- "Wake Up to Living with Intention"
- "Change... Do You Fear It"

Originally gathering in the Youth Activity Center (YAC), the enthusiasm surrounding the class caused it to steadily expand. It eventually outgrew its original meeting space and relocated upstairs to Miller Hall.

Today, Coffee & Conversation remains one of St. Philip's most beloved adult formation offerings. Driven by a dedicated and dynamic team of facilitators, the group continues to

honor its founding vision: gathering around hot coffee, open hearts, and honest conversation to deepen both faith and fellowship across every generation.

GIVING IS A SPIRITUAL ACT!

Thank you for investing your treasure in the work and mission of St. Philip's. Your gift supports our invitation: "All are Welcome" is at the core of who we are. Our parishioner and clergy relationships, email communications, and online presence invite, welcome, and connect new people into our community. 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

25 Barry Wyrick	27 Steve Clay	30 Mike Tiddy
25 Sy Shepherd	28 Kay Tiddy	30 Violet Polk
26 Amelia Workman	29 Mark Tooley	31 Martha Kelly
26 Joe Jellicorse	29 Josie Mosser	
27 Finn Whitfield-Cargile	30 Susan Quillman	

Anniversaries

22 Pete Kuehne and Julie Cooley	27 Bill and Jane Rigot
27 Ken and Lynn Adams	

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Officiant	The Rev. Elizabeth Roles
Seminarian	Brad Wilson
Director of Music Ministry	Dr. Brittnee Siemon
8:00 a.m. Organist	Roxanne Holt-Watson

8:00 a.m.

Acolyte	TBA	Ushers	Betty Creese
Reader	Gena Hawk		Craig Roth
Creed/Prayers	Barthell Joseph	Liturgical Coordinator	
LEM	Peggy Bridges		Ed Nezelek

10:30 a.m.

Acolyte	TBA	Ushers	Craig Gralley
Reader 1	Bill Mellman		Janet Gralley
Reader 2	Christie Eberhardt	Offering Counters	
Reader 3	Denis Bolena		Liz Fuller
LEM	Denis Bolena		Bill Mellman
	Christie Eberhardt	Liturgical Coordinator	
	Jann Mellman		Ken Racht
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- *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.*