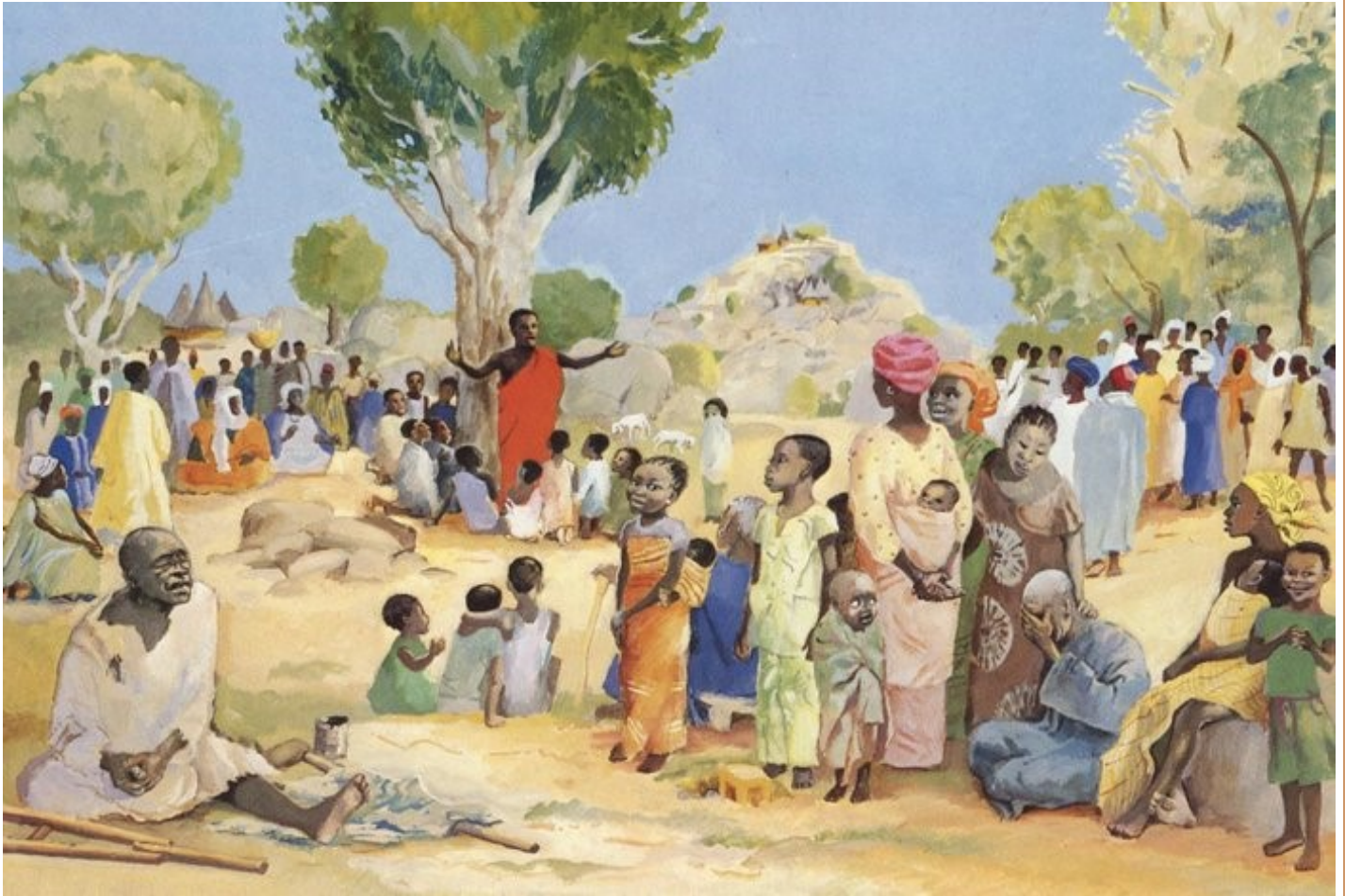


# St. Philip's Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

January 29, 2023

8:00 and 10:30 am



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## WELCOME!

We are so glad you are here, and I hope you find worship at St. Philip's Episcopal Church to be inspiring, spirit-filled, and nurturing for your faith journey. Here are two ways to take a next step:

- 1) Simply fill out the visitor card in the pew. Completed cards may be placed in the offering plate or given to an usher. Your responses are confidential, and we will contact you only if you make that request.
- 2) A calendar of events can be found on our website at [stphilipsrva.org](http://stphilipsrva.org) or in our e-News (subscribe on the website) as an invitation to you! All of our classes, services, and programs are open to all. If you are interested in learning more about St. Philip's or the Episcopal Church, please let me know!

As you prepare your heart, soul, mind, and body for worship, may the love of God and the mercy of Christ fill your heart with peace.

The Rev. Marlene E. Forrest  
Rector of St. Philip's

### About Today's Worship:

- ♦ We welcome all people to meet Christ in the sharing of our sacred meal. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacraments of bread and wine, please come forward during communion and place your arms across your chest.
- ♦ **A gluten-free alternative** is available. Please communicate this preference to our priest.

Holy Baptism is our rite of initiation into the Christian faith and primary to membership in our parish. If you would like to learn more about this sacred rite and membership in our church, please speak with Rev. Marlene or contact our office at 804-321-1266.

## HOLY EUCHARIST - Rite II

PROCESSIONAL HYMN\*

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Hymn 616

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy  
to those who suffer wrong,  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth:  
before him on the mountains  
shall peace, the herald, go;  
and righteousness in fountains  
from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall bow before him,  
and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him,  
his praise all people sing;  
to him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,  
he on his throne shall rest;  
from age to age more glorious,  
all-blessing and all-blest:  
the tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
his Name shall stand for ever,  
his changeless Name of Love.

**Celebrant:** Come to Jesus, you who are thirsty.

**People:** Alleluia!

**Celebrant:** Drink deeply of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Alleluia!

**Celebrant:** Let your heart overflow with the living water that renews the face of the earth.

**People:** Hallelujah; thanks be to God.

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 (*sung*)

**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.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON

Micah 6: 1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with

thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 15**

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the LORD.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

## **THE SECOND LESSON**

1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's

foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN\***

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Hymn 442

**In the cross of Christ I glory,  
towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake me:  
lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming  
light and love upon my way,  
from the cross the radiance streaming  
adds new luster to the day.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure,  
joys that through all time abide.**

**In the cross of Christ I glory,  
towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.**

## **THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 5: 1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **SERMON**

The Rev. Marlene E. Forrest

## **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**

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*(A brief silence.)*

Cultivate humility in your church. In gatherings of every size, teach us to boast only in the cross. Shape your church to be people of kindness, generosity, and justice. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

The foundations of the earth bear witness to your faithfulness; the mountains and hills echo with your holiness. When we mistreat your creation, show us the error of our ways. Inspire us with reverent awe to honor all you have made. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You make foolish the wisdom of the world. Raise up honorable leaders who seek justice, love mercy, and pursue peace. Frustrate plans that are corrupt, wicked, and self-seeking. Prosper the work of peacemakers. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Bless all whom the world rejects. Accompany those who are regarded as foolish, weak, low, and despised; reveal your power and presence at work where it is least expected. Give your life, strength, and wisdom to all in need, especially Marc Albertson, Trey Bankhead, Cynthia Bently, Mary Carter, Alexander Corbett, Joseph Flannigan, Eudora & Lewis Forrest, Anaya Gavins, Damar Hamilin, Marvis Hazel, Eva Hicks, Ester Hyatt, Francine L. Johnson, Alaina LaVonne, Mary Little, Steven Little, Barbara Lowe, Kay Mack and family, Michael Mackey, Christian Miller, Robinette Miller, Edmund Moore, Romaine Morgan, Lela Morris, James Neal, Tara Plummer, Hortense Powell, Inez Tuck, Clementine Washington, Louise White, Cynthia Smith Williams, and John Williams. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

As with your people Israel, remind this congregation of your saving acts. Remind us how your faithfulness brought us through difficulties and sustained us despite our weaknesses. Establish the cross as the center of our life together. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**



Our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Barrington Bowser, Henry Davis, Meaghan West, and Sharamaine Williams as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Praise to you for your blessed saints in every time and place especially Michael Mack. Trusting you accompanied them in poverty, persecution, and in every trial, we trust you abide with your people always. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

The peace of God be al - ways with you, And may God's

6 grace be al - ways in your heart. And may His love keep

11 you in per - fect peace, The love of God, the love of God,

17 *rit.* the love of God keep you in per - fect peace.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, AND TRAVEL BLESSINGS

## LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## OFFERTORY

## DOXOLOGY\*

LEVAS 56

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.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**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.**

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

**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.**

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**FRACTION ANTHEM\***

*Lamb of God*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**

**Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord,  
and drink the holy Blood for you outpoured.**

**Saved by that Body and that holy Blood,  
with souls refreshed, we render thanks to God.**

**Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,  
by his dear cross and blood the victory won.**

**Offered was he for greatest and for least,  
himself the Victim, and himself the Priest.**

**Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,  
and take the pledges of salvation here.**

**He that his saints in this world rules and shields  
to all believers life eternal yields;**

**with heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole,  
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.**

**Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow  
all nations at the doom, is with us now.**

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of  
your Son 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 Lord. Amen.**

#### **BLESSING**

**May the grace of God our Father and Mother bless you with peace, may the love of Christ,  
God's son and our brother, sustain you in joy, and may the power of the Holy Spirit fill you  
with courage, this day and forevermore. Bless the Lord! **Amen!****

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age the same;  
his holy Name—the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!**

## **DISMISSAL**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord and our neighbor. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*\*Music referenced is for the 10:30 am service.*

## **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

### **Lay Eucharistic Ministers:**

Pauletta James (8 am)

Thomas Beatty and Brad Mackey (10:30 am)

### **Lectors:**

TBD (8 am)

Sherrard Gardner (10:30 am)

**Organist/Minister of Music:** Dr. Willis L. Barnett

**Vergers:** Nathaniel Lewis

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# UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS AT ST. PHILIP'S

**Important:** New or gently used blue pants or jeans for elementary school children are needed to fill up the boxes located in the atrium. We need to support the Barack Obama E.S. children in our community!

**Attention:** The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, February 26** after the only service that day at 9:30 am. We will not livestream the meeting, and you must be present to vote.

**Vestry elections:** If you are interested in the vestry, join Thomas Beatty on January 29 after each service for a vestry interest meeting in the Hamilton Chapel. St. Philip's will elect three new vestry members at our Annual Parish Meeting on February 26. The vestry invites all with interest in serving on the vestry.

**Sunday, February 5:** We will **celebrate Rev. Marlene's first anniversary** as rector with St. Philip's after the 10:30 am service. Please bring something to share with all.

**Sunday school is kicking off February 5!** St. Philip's church school leaders are excited to announce that Sunday School will return to in-person classes beginning with our kick-off on Sunday, February 5, 2023! **Sunday School will be held only the first Sunday of each month.** All church school age children are invited to join us upstairs in the multimedia room during the 10:30 service. Refreshments will be served.

**Girl Scouts:** We still have spaces for girls in grades K–12 to join the fun at Girl Scouts. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6-7:30 pm. Please reach out to Melissa Greene or Sarah McDermott to sign up. **Did someone say cookies?** A well-known component of Girl Scouts is the cookie program, *the largest girl-run business in the world*. Did you know that when you purchase cookies, you are supporting our girls in "learning by earning"? They learn five essential skills: goal-setting, money management, people skills, decision-making, and business ethics. Here are three ways to order and support these young entrepreneurs:

- 1) Stop by our table in the parish hall after either Sunday service to place your order.
- 2) Order online for **local delivery** or to pick up at the church: [bit.ly/3wg62lC](https://bit.ly/3wg62lC)
- 3) For delivery **outside of metro Richmond**, order here: [bit.ly/3D1MGVg](https://bit.ly/3D1MGVg) (Customer pays shipping.)

**Souper Bowl Sunday with Chili Cookoff!** Wear your favorite sports team Jersey on Sunday, February 12! We will have one service at 9:30 am and share in God's love for our neighbors in need and give generously on Souper Bowl Sunday. All donations collected will go directly to the St. Francis Food Pantry and our Blessing Box Ministry.

Interested in learning about **Shrine Mont**? James Williams will appraise us of activities and happenings at Shrine Mont on Sunday, February 19 at the 10:30 am service.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancakes!** Join us on **February 21, 6-8 pm**, to celebrate the last evening before the start of Lent. St. Philip's will serve pancakes, bacon, and sausage. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please email Joy Lee: [joylee1971@yahoo.com](mailto:joylee1971@yahoo.com)

**Mark the date!** The Ministry Fair and Newcomers Reception has been moved to Sunday, **March 5** after the 9:30 am service (one service only). Thanks to the Knights of St. Philip's for hosting the reception! If you can, please bring something to share and welcome all our newcomers.

**Baptism! If you are interested in getting baptized on Easter, April 9**, you must attend two required classes in March after the 10:30 am services. Contact our office manager, Diem, and she will keep you up to date in the process.