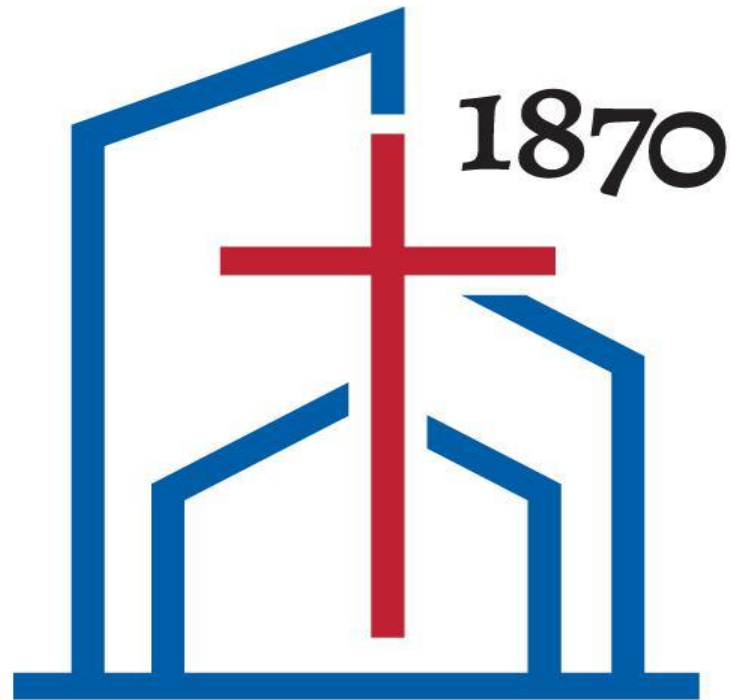


SAINT PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

-ANNAPOLIS, MD-



**ST. PHILIP'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Living Our Faith

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

10:30 AM

730 Bestgate Road

Annapolis, MD 21401

WELCOME TO ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Philip's Mission Statement:

Our mission is to restore people to unity with God and each other in Christ by promoting Stewardship, Community Outreach, Diverse Worship Services, Church Growth and the Involvement of Youth and Young Adults in the development of a cross generational church family.

We are happy to have you visiting St. Philip's today. If you are a guest or visitor, *(in person)* we hope you will take a moment to receive a welcome package and fill out the Guest Information Form inside. After filling out the form please place it in the collection plate or hand it to one of the greeters at the end of the service. *(Guest online)* We ask that you email us with your information, and we will mail you a welcome package.

The order of the service is given in the leaflet. If the hymns are not printed, they can be found in the Hymnal, (H1982) which is the larger, blue book or in the Lift Every Voice and Sing II, (LEVAS) which is the multi-color book.

The Great Hall is through the front doors on the right of the sanctuary, down the steps, through the doors, where fellowship is held immediately following the 10:30 AM service. *(Hospitality hour is cancelled due to the pandemic)*

The restrooms are also through the same sanctuary door, down the steps, turn left, go straight down to the end of the hallway, and turn right. You will see the restrooms on the left.

Holy Communion is the sacred meal of the Christian faith. The Episcopal Church, as all churches rooted in the historic Christian faith, affirms that the sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Eucharist; we also believe that anyone who desires to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord is always welcome at God's table. To receive the Bread, extend your open hands to the priest. To receive the Wine, you may sip from the chalice by gently guiding it by its base to your lips; or you may leave the Bread on your palm for a Eucharistic Minister to dip the bread in the cup and place on your tongue [intinction]; or you may receive the Wine in an individual cup.

If there is anything that you would like to know about St. Philip's or would like to become a member, please ask the Rector, one of the ushers, or one of the greeters. We hope that you enjoy your visit today and look forward to seeing you again.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome

The Rev. Randy K. Callender

Second Candle – The Candle of Peace

Reader Today is the second Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting. We wait for God to send divine love and light into our dark world.

All *How does this happen?*

Reader God's light comes through Jesus, who became a human being just like you and me, so that he could show us the way back to God's divine love and light.

All *Merciful God, give us grace to heed the warnings of the prophets and forsake our sins, so that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.*

Reader **A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah:** *Isaiah 11:1-4*
Like a branch that sprouts from a stump, someone from David's family will someday be king. The Spirit of the Lord will be with him to give him understanding, wisdom, and insight. He will be powerful, and he will know and honor the Lord. His greatest joy will be to obey the Lord. This king won't judge appearances or listen to rumors. The poor and the needy will be treated with fairness and with justice. His word will be law everywhere in the land, criminals will be put to death.

Reader We continue to wait for the coming of Jesus. Last Sunday, we began in the darkness and then we lit one candle. Today, on the second Sunday of Advent, we light two candles.

First and second candles are lit. While this is being done, the following is read:

Reader Every week in Advent, we will light another candle. Each candle that we light will remind us that the Light of the World will soon come to us in the human form of the baby Jesus.

All *Today, God's messengers still appear in the wilderness of our lives to Prepare the Way of the Lord. May we be willing to get new minds and to get ready for God's kingdom. May we welcome God's baptism of the Holy Spirit's fire and love in our hearts. Amen.*



Opening Hymn

"Prepare the way, O Zion"

H1982 #65



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

The people stand

Opening Acclamation

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

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

The Collect of Purity

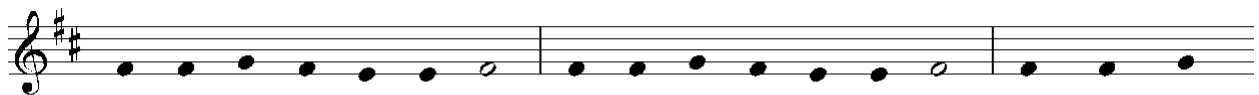
The Presider continues

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.*

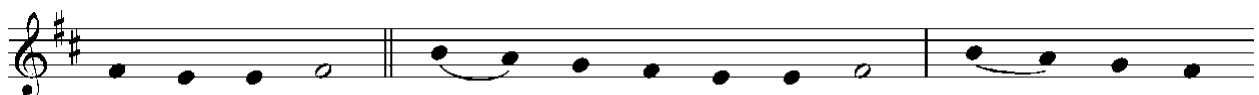
Song of Praise

Kyrie eleison

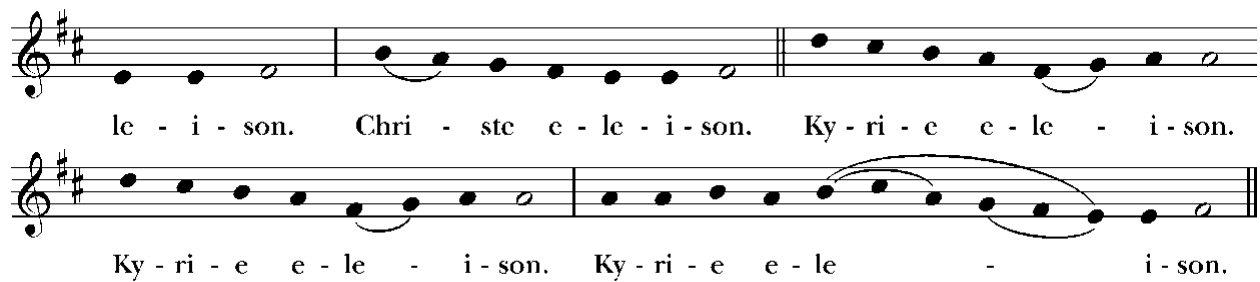
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Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e



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The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Presider Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Baruch

Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Canticle of the Day *(Read Responsively by asterisk)*

Canticle 16

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
**he has come to his people and set them free.*

He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
**born of the house of his servant David.*

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies,
**from the hands of all who hate us.*

He promised to show mercy to our fathers
**and to remember his holy covenant.*

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,
**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,*

Free to worship him without fear,
**holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.*

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
**for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,*

To give his people knowledge of salvation
**by the forgiveness of their sins.*

In the tender compassion of our God
**the dawn from on high shall break upon us,*

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
**and to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

Reader and People

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*
People *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand as able

Sequence Hymn

"Christ is Coming"

LEVAS #6

Christ is com - ing: Pre - pare the way.

Christ is com - ing: Pre - pare the way.

Christ is com - ing. Christ is com - ing.

Fine

D.C.

D.C.

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Then, all standing the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Gospel According to Luke

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

Deacon John Verdon

Please take a moment in silence to reflect on what you just heard and where God is calling you.

All standing.

The Nicene Creed

Presider and People

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.

The people stand, sit, or kneel.

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Prayers are said silently or aloud.

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Presider 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.**

Presider

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 Presider says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

The people sit.

Announcements

*"Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
as an offering and sacrifice to God."*

Offertory

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

(Omitted during the pandemic)

If using the online giving, please go to our church website:

*<https://stphilipsannapolis.org>, then click on the "give a gift online" banner
on any page and follow the prompts.*

You can also send your tithes and contributions via mail to:

St. Philip's Episcopal Church, PO Box 6371, Annapolis, MD 21401

Offertory Hymn

"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord "

LEVAS #11

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It begins with a piano introduction in 4/4 time, consisting of four measures. The piano part features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand. The voice part enters in the fifth measure with the lyrics "Pre - pare ye the way of the Lord." The melody includes two triplet markings over the words "Pre - pare" and "way". The score concludes with a final piano accompaniment of four measures, mirroring the opening.

Pre-pare ye the way of the Lord.

1. Make straight in the
 2. Fill ev - 'ry
 3. Go up to a
 4. Say to all

D.S.

1. des - ert a high - way for our God.
 2. val - ley, bring all moun - tains low.
 3. moun - tain and shout with a loud voice.
 4. peo - ple, here is your God.

D.S.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people stand or kneel.

Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

Presider continues

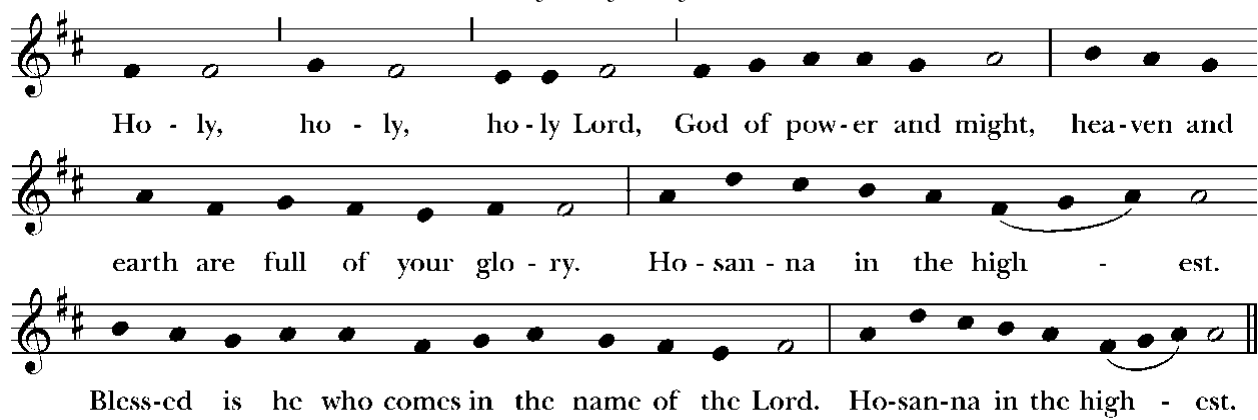
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy

H1982 #S124



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

The Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Philip and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Presider and People

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Presider consumes the bread.

Members and Guests will come up to receive a wafer (lead by the usher)

You can consume the wafer at your seat.

Communion Hymn

"People, look East"

WLP #724



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
 2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
 3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
 4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
 5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

The people stand.

Post Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

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.

The Blessing

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. Amen.

Closing Hymn

"God Will Take Care of You "

LEVAS #183

1. Be not dis-mayed_ what - e'er be - tide, God will take care of you;—
 2. Through days of toil_ when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;—
 3. All you may need_ He will pro-vide, God will take care of you;—
 4. No mat - ter what_ may be the test, God will take care of you;—

1. Be - neath His wings_ of love a - bid, God will take care of you.____
 2. When dan - gers fierce_ your path as - sail, God will take care of you.____
 3. Noth - ing you ask_ will be de - nied, God will take care of you.____
 4. Lean, wea - ry one, up - on His breast, God will take care of you.____

God will take care of you, Through ev - 'ry day, O'er all the way;

He will take care_ of you, God will take care_ of you.____

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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Weekly Announcements

Regathering at St. Philip's Annapolis (Orange Phase)

The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland has announced a return to Phase Orange. St. Philip's Church remains open for indoor worship at limited capacity at both 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM services. We ask that you please continue to wear your mask while inside of the building. During Communion, members and guests will come up to receive a wafer only in a single file line from the altar.

Special People to Celebrate & Remember

Dec. Birthdays

Sheryl Banks 12/5, Marion Wenn 12/9, Brandon Peters-Brown 12/9, John Merrick 12/10, Linda Boyd 12/10, Lolly Thomas 12/11, Derek Green 12/12, Aubrey Baden, III 12/13, Ann O'Malley 12/14, Aliceteen Mangum 12/15, Gina McKay 12/18, Jerome Powell 12/18, Joel McCord 12/19, Steven Arthur 12/29, Joyce Baden 12/31

Dec. Anniversaries

Ed & Barbara Munro 12/8, Arend & Lolly Thomas 12/14

Special Prayers

James Gathright, Linda Omar, Darrell Kohr, Shannon Colbert

2022 Giving Estimate Cards

On behalf of everyone on the Stewardship committee, we want to extend a huge "Thank You," to our church members and friends who turned in their 2022 giving estimate cards. We are truly grateful for your commitment and dedication to the ministry here at St. Philip's Church. Each week until January 23, 2022, we will add your names to our bulletin, to acknowledge that we have received your cards and to also show our appreciation. Again, thank you for your devotion towards our goal to have 100% of our church family giving. *"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."* (Hebrews 13:16)

Advent Awakening Series

How to live in the moment! Most of us Westerners spend too much time thinking about the past and focusing on the future. Learn how to take control of a racing brain. How we fall asleep and awaken each day has a significant impact on our health and well-being. Learn techniques to improve your sleep experience. Advent is the season of renewal – anticipating the birth of the Messiah. Join us for an Advent Study Series where we will study how to awaken from the sleepwalk, we may be in and prepare for Christ's presence in the world. We will meet for three **Tuesdays on zoom at 6:00 PM: November 30th: *Learning how to be in the moment*, December 7th: *What do we dream for? Develop our Dream Map* & December 14th: *How we fall asleep and awaken to start each new day, can significantly impact our mental, spiritual, and physical well-being. (You do not want to miss this Advent Series)***

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4345492848> (copy and paste the link)

Call in: 929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 434-549-2848#

New Church Email

St. Philip's Church is using a NEW email: stphilipschurchannapolis@gmail.com

Christmas Eve Services

We will have two services for Christmas Eve: 6:00 PM (Livestream) & 10:30 PM (Midnight Mass).

Anglican Rosary/Bible Study/Weekly Prayers (New Day & New Time)

Anglican Rosary gatherings with Wanda Valentine, First Tuesday of every Month at 6:00 PM (*New day*) and Bible Study will be on all the other Tuesdays at 6:00 PM. Also, our weekly 15-minute prayers on Wednesdays will now move to 6:00 PM-6:15 PM (*New time*).

Zoom Video link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4345492848> (copy and paste the link)

Call in: 929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 434-549-2848#

Tutoring at Stanton Center

Help is needed for one-on-one tutoring at the Stanton Center. Vaccinated people would be welcomed on Monday-Tuesday & Thursday-Friday at 10am-12:15pm & 1:55pm-3:45pm. Mondays and Tuesdays are most in need. Please contact Barbara Arthur at arthurhome98@comcast.net to volunteer.

Free Radio Yogi Zoom Yoga Class

Stephanie Gaines-Bryant will be leading her chair yoga classes online via Zoom.com. The classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 AM-10:30 AM and Saturdays at 8:30AM. It is a 30-minute class for senior citizens, anyone who has physical challenges, and for anyone who wants to keep moving. It is critical for our seniors to remain active during this time. Just 30 minutes twice a week will do wonders for your mental and physical well-being.

Tuesday Zoom Link

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Thursday Zoom Link https://us04web.zoom.us/j/976449770?_ga=2.85495385.1167917774.1585660863-354439104.1584478241

Saturday Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89405502929>

A Prayer for Those Affected by the Coronavirus

O God of compassion, giver of life and health, we pray your healing mercies upon all who are in any way affected by the outbreak of the COVID-19 coronavirus. Comfort and sustain those who have been stricken; relieve their pain and restore to them your gifts of gladness and strength. Grant to all in authority the courage to make wise decisions that are essential for the common good and strengthen them to lead institutions that care for those whom they serve. Watch over all first responders and those in the medical professions whose duty it is to care for the sick; guard them from all danger, and keep them safe in the knowledge that is through their sacrifice and service that the health of the whole community is promoted.

Mercifully accept these our prayers, O God of all comfort, and our only help in time of need. Amen.

-The Rt. Rev. Eugene Sutton



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PLEDGE!!!!

"A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great."

– Proverbs 18:16

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| Amos, Joyce | Offer, Shari |
| Arey, Pam | O'Malley, Chuck/Ann |
| Arthur, Thomas/Barbara | Parham, John/Andrea |
| Baden, Aubrey Jr. /Joyce | Peters, Yevola |
| Baden, Aubrey III | Peters, Yvette |
| Boyd, Linda | Phillips, Preston |
| Brown, Marlin | Powell, Jerome |
| Bulman, Hannah | Randall, Peggy |
| Callender, Fr. Randy/Katya | Scurlock, Herbert/Cynthia |
| Colbert, Dorothy | Stevenson Jr., Zollie |
| Colbert, Phil/Velma | Sydnor, Samuel |
| Davidson, Alphonzo/Ingrid | Thomas, Richard/Anne |
| Flood, Margot | Thomas, Arend/Lorraine |
| Fritz, Christopher/Stephanie | Thompson, Bill |
| Gathright, James/Donna | Thompson, Otho / Rosemarie |
| Gentry, Newton/Pamela | Verdon, Deacon John/Michelle |
| Hall, Carol | |
| Harvey-Henderson, Marvina | |
| Harris, Marvin/Kim | |
| Hewitt-Clarke, Dr. Michael/ Dr. Gail | |
| Jacob, Elizabeth | |
| Johnson Jr., Clifton A. | |
| Johnson, Richetta | |
| Jones, Orion/Sharon | |
| Jones, Emily | |
| Libby, Jane | |
| Long, Ramona | |
| Looney, Michael | |
| Madden-Swain, Barbara | |
| Mangum, Aliceteen | |
| McCord, Joel | |
| McCullough, Joan | |
| McCullough, Velma | |
| McPherson, Fr. Bruce | |
| Merrick, John | |
| Neale, Karen | |
| Offer, Tawana | |

DECEMBER 2021

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ACT Turnaround
Thursday 6:00 PM
At Asbury Church
West Street

Free Radio
Yogi Zoom
Yoga Class
10:00AM

Church Office
Closed

Free Radio
Yogi Zoom
Yoga Class
10:00AM

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2nd Sunday of
Advent 8:00AM &
10:30AM
Deacon John (P)
P=Preaching

Free Radio
Yogi Zoom
Yoga Class
10:00AM

Zoom 15 Minutes
of Prayer
6PM-6:15PM

Free Radio
Yogi Zoom
Yoga Class
10:00AM

Church Office
Closed

Free Radio
Yogi Zoom
Yoga Class
10:00AM

Advent Series 6:00
PM

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3rd Sunday of
Advent 8:00AM &
10:30AM
Fr. Callender (P)

Free Radio
Yogi Zoom
Yoga Class
10:00AM

Zoom 15 Minutes
of Prayer
6PM-6:15PM

Free Radio
Yogi Zoom
Yoga Class
10:00AM

Church Office
Closed

Free Radio
Yogi Zoom
Yoga Class
10:00AM

Finance
Committee
Meeting

Advent Series 6:00
PM

Executive
Committee
Meeting 6:00 PM

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4th Sunday of
Advent 8:00AM &
10:30AM
Michael Looney
(P)
Men's Club &
ECW Meeting

Vestry Meeting
7:00 PM

Free Radio
Yogi Zoom
Yoga Class
10:00AM
NO BIBLE
STUDY

Zoom 15 Minutes
of Prayer
6PM-6:15PM

Christmas Eve
Services 6:00 PM
& 10:30 PM

Christmas Day

Church Office
Closed

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First Sunday after
Christmas
8:00AM &
10:30AM
Lessons & Carols

Free Radio
Yogi Zoom
Yoga Class
10:00AM

Zoom 15 Minutes
of Prayer
6PM-6:15PM

Church Office
Closed

New Year's Eve

Church Office
Closed

NO BIBLE
STUDY

Sermon Notes

Advent Prayers

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day, We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. *Amen*

God of Strength,
I need your courage.
You offer to make firm the knees that are weak.
Only you know how frightened I so often am.
And you do offer me strength.
There is the promise of your Son's coming
and knowing that you will save me.
I can't do this on my own
no matter how often I think I can.
Give me the humility to ask for your help
and open heart to accept
your healing and love in my life. *Amen*

Lord, like a loving parent,
you offer me your comforting hand
and tell me not to be afraid.
Help me to wait for your coming with patience
and to listen to what you ask of me.
I want so much to be one of "your people"
and to live my life in you.
Thank you for the way you bless my life.
Thank you for listening to my prayers
and for planting deep in my heart
the knowledge that with you,
nothing is impossible. *Amen*



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Mrs. Velma McCullough, Verger

Miss Myava Mitchell, Streaming Technician

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Class of 2023: Carol Hall, Newton Gentry III, Richetta Johnson

Class of 2024: Joan McCullough, Joel McCord, Ann O'Malley, Zollie Stevenson Jr.

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Junior Warden: Marvin Harris Sr. (2022)

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Bookkeeper: John Parham

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