

St. Philip Parish Church



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WELCOME: We welcome you to St. Philip this morning as we celebrate the **Second Sunday of Advent Year A**. A warm welcome is extended to all who are visiting for the first time.

The members of the St. Philip's Parish Church consider it a privilege to have you worship with us and sincerely hope you enjoy your visit. It is our desire ***to be an agent that ensures God's love and help reach all.***

ORDER OF SERVICE

**During the Season of Advent
The Gloria and Alleluias are omitted**

Lighting of the Second Candle

Leader: May the Lord's peace be with us all.

All: The Lord is our faith and our life.

Leader: May His love shine in our hearts.

All: Our hope is in the coming of the Lord.

Leader: Today we light the candle of **Peace**

Two purple candles are lit and allowed to burn.

Leader: Let us pray that we may experience fully the peace of Christ.

Pause for silent prayer.

Father in Heaven, the day draws near when the birth of your Son will make radiant the night of the waiting world. May His quiet coming fill us with true inner peace. Amen.

Introit Hymn 53

Thy kingdom come, O God,
thy rule, O Christ, begin;
break with thine iron rod
the tyrannies of sin.

Where is thy reign of peace
and purity and love?
When shall all hatred cease,
as in the realms above?

When comes the promised time
that war shall be no more,
and lust, oppression, crime
shall flee thy face before?

We pray thee, Lord, arise,
and come in thy great might;
revive our longing eyes,
which languish for thy sight.

Men scorn thy sacred name,
and wolves devour thy fold;
by many deeds of shame
we learn that love grows cold.

O'er heathen lands afar
thick darkness broodeth yet:
arise, O morning star,
arise, and never set!

Salutation

Jesus says, surely I am coming soon! Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! *Revelation 22: 20*

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

ALL: **And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

ALL

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. Amen.

Collect for Purity

ALL

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.

THE KYRIES

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect: Second Sunday of Advent

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.**

FIRST READING: A reading from the word of God written in the 11th Chapter of the book of the Prophet Isaiah beginning at the 1st verse. (*Isaiah 11:1-10*)

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his

loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
 and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
 and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the
 people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
 he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
 * from one generation to another.

- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
 * like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
 there shall be abundance of peace till the moon
 shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
 who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
 and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
 Amen.

**SECOND READING: A reading from the word of God
written in the 15th chapter of the letter of Paul to
Romans beginning at the 4th verse - (*Romans 15:4-13*)**

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise

the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: 42

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake, and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge, and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew
the 3rd chapter beginning at the 1st verse. (Matthew 3:1-
12)**

Glory to Christ our Saviour

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not

bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen or 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,
one in 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 was born of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered, died and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in fulfilment of 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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 FOR THE PEOPLE FORM D

LEADER

Our Heavenly Father has promised through our Lord Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. Let us therefore pray for the Church and the World, and let us thank God for His goodness.

Silence may be kept

LEADER

We pray for the Church of God in every place; especially for this Diocese, our Bishop **Michael**, Our Rector, **Trevor** and all the people of God.

ALL

Strengthen your Church to carry forward the work of Christ; that we and all who confess your Name may unite in truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory to the world.

LEADER

We pray for our country and for all the nations of the world, especially _____ and for all peoples in their various _____ callings.

ALL

Direct this nation and all nations in the ways of justice and truth. Give wisdom to all in positions of public trust and authority; that they may promote the prosperity, godliness and peace of your people everywhere.

LEADER

We pray for our own community, for this parish, for our families, friends, and all who live and work with us.

ALL

Give grace to all our friends and neighbours in Christ, that we may serve Him in one another and grow together in His love.

LEADER

We pray for the poor, the sick, the unemployed, the differently-abled; all who have requested our prayers and all who seek the prayers of the Church in their time of trouble.

ALL

Give healing and strength to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles and sustain all those who remember and care for them.

LEADER

We commemorate the departed, especially

ALL

We commend all people to your unfailing love, that in them your will may be fulfilled; and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may share with them in your eternal kingdom.

Silence may be kept.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP PRAYER

Almighty God, father of every family, who through your son Jesus Christ, has poured out your best gift of love to be the bond of perfectness among men, and the means of bringing men together; bless, we beseech you, all Men's Fellowship Organizations throughout the world, and especially in this Diocese; let love, and happiness ever be found among us and may our faith in you grow stronger each day we live; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen**

LEADER

Accept these prayers, O Lord our God, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.

ACT OF PENITENCE

PRESIDENT

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

A period of silence shall be kept.

PRESIDENT: Let us therefore confess our sins

FORM B

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 neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as we ought. 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.

THE ABSOLUTION

PRESIDENT

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord

ALL Amen

THE GREETING OF PEACE

PRESIDENT

The Kingdom of God is justice, peace, and joy, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

ALL

They who thus serve Christ are acceptable to God and approved by others.

PRESIDENT

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father
Children all are we
Let us walk with each other
In peace and harmony

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

Offertory Hymn 35

Blest be the King whose coming
 is in the name of God!
For him let doors be opened,
 no hearts against him barred!
Not robed in royal splendour,
 in power and pomp, comes he;
but clad as are the poorest –
 such his humility!

Blest be the King whose coming
is in the name of God!
By those who truly listen
his voice is truly heard.
Pity the proud and haughty,
who have not learned to heed
the Christ who is the Promise
and has our ransom paid.

)Blest be the King whose coming
is in the name of God!
He only to the humble
reveals the face of God.
All power is his, all glory!
All things are in his hand,
all ages and all peoples,
till time itself shall end!

Blest be the King whose coming
is in the name of God!
He offers to the burdened
the rest and grace they need.
Gentle is he and humble!
And light his yoke shall be,
for he would have us bear it
so he can make us free!

Hymn 453

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Refrain:

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved, as to love with all my soul*

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive;
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

The Offertory Prayer

All: Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us: this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PRESIDENT The Lord be with you.

ALL And also with you.

PRESIDENT Lift up your hearts.

ALL We lift them up to the Lord.

PRESIDENT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL It is right to give God thanks and praise

PRESIDENT

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father Almighty, everlasting God:

PRESIDENT

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in Him of eternal 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

ALL

**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.

Eucharistic Prayer B

PRESIDENT

Holy and gracious Father,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
All life, all holiness, comes from you
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
whom you sent to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

We therefore bring you these gifts,
and we ask you to make them holy by the power of your
Spirit,
that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who offered Himself in obedience to your will,
the Perfect Sacrifice for all mankind.

On the night He was betrayed,
He took bread,
and when He had given thanks to you,
He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said:
"Take this and eat it:
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.
Do this, whenever you drink it,
For the remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith."

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

PRESIDENT

Father, calling to mind the death your Son
endured for our salvation;
His glorious Resurrection and Ascension;
His continual intercession for us in heaven;
and looking for His coming again in glory,
we offer you, in thanksgiving,
this holy and life-giving sacrifice.

Look with favour on your Church's offering,
and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts
may be filled with your Holy Spirit
and become one body in Christ.
and serve you in unity, constancy and peace.

May He make us a perpetual offering to you and enable
us,
in communion with blessed Mary
and the whole company of heaven,
to share in the inheritance of your Saints.

With Him, and in Him, and through Him,
by the power of the Holy Spirit, we worship you,
Father Almighty, with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven in songs of everlasting praise:

ALL

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESIDENT

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

ALL

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRESIDENT

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

ALL

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all
share in one bread.**

The Agnus Dei

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

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

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

The Invitation Form A

PRESIDENT

My brothers and sisters in Christ, draw near and receive His Body which He gave for you, and His Blood, which He shed for you. Remember that He died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

ALL

Grant gracious Lord, that we so eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and drink His blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

Hymn 597

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.

Hymn 616

O thou, who at thy eucharist didst pray
that all thy church might be for ever one,
grant us at every eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, "Thy will be done:"
O may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

For all thy church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of peace;
thus may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

*We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith which saints believed of old,
back to the church which still that faith doth keep;
soon may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love:
more blessed still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.

HYMN: 618

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from his dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended: O now be extended
the fruits of his service in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, our hungry souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for man.
His grace shall incite us, his love shall unite us
to work for his kingdom and further his plan.

With praise and thanksgiving to God everliving,
the task of our everyday life we will face,
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing as brothers all men of each race.
One feast that has fed us, one light that has led us,
unite us as one in his life that we share.
Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving,
give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.

Children's Hymn 654

Jesus, friend of little children,
be a friend to me;
take my hand and ever keep me
close to thee.

Teach me how to grow in goodness
daily as I grow;
thou hast been a child and surely
thou dost know.

Step by step, O lead me onward,
upward into youth;
wiser, stronger, still becoming
in thy truth.

Never leave me nor forsake me,
ever be my friend,
for I need thee from life's dawning
to its end.

Post Communion

ALL

**Eternal God and Heavenly Father,
We thank you for feeding us
with the Body and Blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.
Send us now into the world in peace
And grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you, and all persons in you
With gladness and singleness of heart
Through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

NOTICES

Recessional 559

We shall overcome. We shall overcome,
we shall overcome some day.
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe.
We shall overcome some day.

We'll walk hand in hand. We'll walk hand in hand,
we' walk hand in hand today;
oh, deep in my heart, I do believe.
We'll walk hand in hand today.

God is on our side. God is on our side,
God is on our side today;
oh, deep in my heart I do believe.
God is on our side today.

We are not afraid We are not afraid,
we are not afraid, today;
oh, deep in my heart, I do believe.
We are not afraid today.

We shall live in peace. We shall live in peace,
we shall live in peace some day.
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe.
We shall live in peace some day.

NOTICES

WELCOME to all who are visiting for the first time or returning after a long time.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS (Dec 07-13) to Regina Holder (07), Felicia Belgrave (07), Valerie Burgess (07) and Cheryl Moore (07), Flora Aimey (08) Deborah King (08), Nico Chadderton (09), Francia Collymore (09), Ione Cox (09), Akhalia Rowe (09) Triston Sargeant (09), Marcia Clarke (10), Tyrese Parris (10), Grell Griffith (11), Shakira Hinkson (12), André Belgrave (13), Aaron Joseph (13) and Tiffany Mottley (13).

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS (Dec 07-13) to Ulric & Joyce Sealy (08)

HOUSEBOUND AND SICK: Please remember the sick in your prayers and where possible give them a call: **Joyce Sealy, Agnes Belgrave**, Mercil Gill, Melanie Haggins (UK), Claristine Olton, Miranda Clarke; Wilma Estwick, Erskine Batson, Carmen Franklin, Camille Wilson, Eugene Norville, Michael Gittens, Iolanthe Manifold, Dafton Mayers, Corletta White, Myrna McCarthy, Geneva McCarthy, Glenville Davis, Kayrene Forde, Marlene Mottley, and Keith Alleyne.

CONDOLENCES are extended to the families of the late:

- **Sheila McCollin**, whose funeral service will be held on Tuesday, December 09, 2025, at 10:00 am.
- **Velton Payne**, whose funeral service will be held on Monday, December 15, 2025, at 10:00 am.

Organist and Choir are requested for both services.

FEAST DAY: Monday, December 08, 2025, is **the Feast Day of St. Ambrose** (*transferred from Dec 07, 2025*) Please pray for the Rector, Rev Clive Thomas and the congregation of St. Ambrose.

MIDWEEK DEVOTIONS: Midweek devotions continue on **Wednesday December 10, 2025**, at 7:00 am via Zoom. Passcode 375362.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88653340207>

LEADERS' MEETING: The Annual planning meeting will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2025 at 10:00 am in the church. Leaders of organisations are expected to (1) Present a brief review of activities for the year-challenges and achievements and (2) Planned activities for 2026 which should include a financial budget for any fundraisers. Leaders are asked to make a special effort to attend or have a representative present. You are asked to avoid having one person representing more than one organization/group.

NEXT SUNDAY is the **Third Sunday of Advent**. There will be one service at 8:00 am- Sung Eucharist and Sermon.

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS: The St. Philip's Parish Church Choir presents A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Tickets: \$25 Come and share in a beautiful retelling of the story of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus. Join us for an evening of worship, music, and reflection.

ST. PHILIP'S PARISH CHURCH

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

JOIN US FOR A STORY OF
HUMANITY, THE PROMISE OF THE
MESSIAH AND THE BIRTH OF JESUS

DEC **14** SUN 6 PM **\$25**

ST. PHILIP'S PARISH CHURCH, CHURCH VILLAGE,
ST. PHILIP

DEACONS CUPBOARD:

- **Walk-Up Collection:** There will be a walk-up collection **today, December 07**, to assist with the Christmas Hampers.
- Members are reminded to make their contribution towards the Deacon's Cupboard for distribution to the less fortunate in our community. Items required for the hamper are: bath soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, powder, hand cream, toilet paper (must be individually wrapped), tinned meats/sausages/tuna, etc., tinned vegetables (peas, mixed vegetables,

baked beans etc.), tinned fruit, tinned/package
fruit juices, rice, pasta/chowmein,
tinned/package soups, sugar, cereals (quaker
oats/corn flakes, etc.), flour, corn meal, tea
bags, milo/ovaltine/horlicks, etc., evaporated
milk, detergents, soap powder, biscuits -
sodabix or eclipse or small pkgs. Sweet biscuits,
cooking oil, ketchup/mayonnaise, ensure, jello,
and any other non-perishable items.

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS: Persons are encouraged to donate towards the Christmas Flowers In celebration of birthdays, anniversaries or special occasions or in memory of loved ones. Monetary donations can be made to any member of the Flower Guild

CHRISTMAS ON THE GREENS: St. Philip Parish Church presents “ **A Joyful Christmas on the Greens**” on Saturday, December 27, 2025, at 5:30 pm featuring lots of entertainment for the whole family. Food and drinks will be on sale. Admission: Adults \$20 Children 5-15 years \$10.00

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presents

**A Joyful
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Saturday Dec. 27, 2025
Time | 5:30 to 10:30 PM |
Church Recreational Park,
Church Village,
St. Philip

Lots of entertainment for the whole family
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FOOD AND DRINKS SALE
*Come and enjoy an evening of
music, joy and community spirit*

Tickets on sale from the church office @ 423-8191
Admission \$20.00
Children \$10.00

Call to Ministry

Ministries	Leaders	Meeting Times
Altar Servers	Sis Alicia Headley	3 rd Sat -4:00pm
Bereavement Group	Sis Jean-Ann Murrell	Quarterly-6:30 pm
Choir		Fri-4:00 pm
Church Army	Sis Marcia Clarke	3 rd Sat. -9:30 am
Flower Guild	Sis. Jackie Franklin	Quarterly
Health Guild	Sis. Lolita Bushell	1 st Sat -4:00pm
Men's Ministry		
M & E	Sis. Joan Small-White	2 nd Sat -3:00 pm
Mothers' Union	Sis Joyce Sealy	2 nd Sat 9:30am
CFH	Sis Lyn-Marie Franklin	Sun 8:00 am
Ushers' Guild	Sis Shelley Blades	3 rd Sat -4:30 pm

Lay Eucharistic Ministers/Lay Readers/Chalice Assistants

Sonia Gill	Ralph McCarthy
Alicia Headley	Hilford Murrell
Jeanette Holder	Amarel Robinson
Jocelyn King	Edwin Tudor
Doreen Knight	June Ward
	Harold Weir

DAILY READINGS:

Mon	Psalm 21	Isaiah 24:1-16a	1 Thessalonians 4:1-12
Tue	Psalm 21	Isaiah 41:14-20	Romans 15:14-21
Wed	Psalm 21	Genesis 15:1-18	Matthew 12:33-37
Thu	Psalm 146:5-10	Ruth 1:6-18	2 Peter 3:1-10
Fri	Psalm 146:5-10	Ruth 4:13-17	2 Peter 3:11-18
Sat	Psalm 146:5-10	1 Samuel 2:1-8	Luke 3:1-18