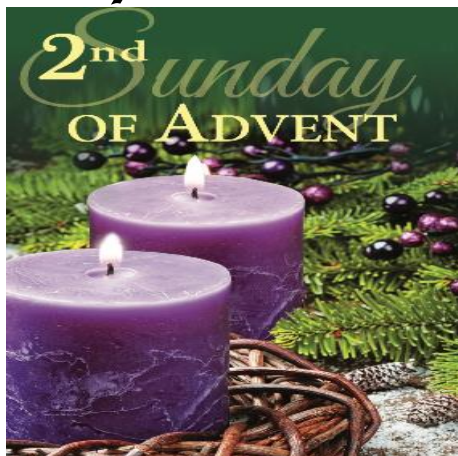


St. Philip Parish Church



December 10, 2023

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TIMES OF WORSHIP

Sundays: 7:00 a.m. Said Eucharist
9:30 am Sung Eucharist
8:00 am- Children Fellowship Hour
Wednesday: 7:00 a.m. Devotions online
10:00 am- Said Eucharist

WELCOME: We welcome you to St. Philip this morning as we celebrate **The Second Sunday of Advent. The Readings are for Year B.**

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 Advent 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.

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

Two purple candles are lit and allowed to burn as before.

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 lesson: A reading from the word of God written in the 40th Chapter of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah beginning at the 1st verse. (Isaiah 40:1-11)

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their

constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear
him,* that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Second lesson: A reading from the word of God written in the 3rd Chapter of the Second Letter of Peter beginning at the 8th verse. (2 Peter 3:8-15a)

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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 Mark,
the 1st chapter, beginning at the 1st verse.
(Mark 1:1-8)**

Glory to Christ our Saviour

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight” John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to Christ our Lord

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 fulfillment 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 OF THE PEOPLE FORM H

LEADER

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.

Silence

LEADER Lord in your mercy

ALL Hear our prayer.

LEADER

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

Silence

LEADER Lord in your mercy

ALL Hear our prayer.

LEADER

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 honour and glory.

Silence

LEADER Lord in your mercy

ALL Hear our prayer.

LEADER

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.

Silence

LEADER Lord in your mercy

ALL Hear our prayer.

LEADER

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.

Silence

LEADER Lord in your mercy

ALL Hear our prayer.

LEADER

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

Silence

LEADER Lord in your mercy

ALL Hear our prayer.

The President adds a concluding Collect.

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.

PRESIDENT: Let us therefore confess our sins

FORM A

ALL

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life 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

FORM A

PRESIDENT

We are the body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

ALL

Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

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 56

When the King shall come again
all his power revealing,
splendour shall announce his reign,
life and joy and healing;
earth no longer in decay,
hope no more frustrated;
this is God's redemption day
longingly awaited.

In the desert trees take root
fresh from his creation;
plants and flowers and sweetest fruit
join the celebration;
rivers spring up from the earth,
barren lands adorning;
valleys, this is your new birth,
mountains, greet the morning!

Strengthen feeble hands and knees,
fainting hearts, be cheerful!
God who comes for such as these
seeks and saves the fearful;
deaf ears, hear the silent tongues
sing away their weeping;
blind eyes, see the lifeless ones
walking, running, leaping.

There God's highway shall be seen
where no roaring lion,
nothing evil or unclean
walks the road to Zion:
ransomed people homeward bound
all your praises voicing,
see your Lord with glory crowned.
Share in his rejoicing!

Hymn 75

Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew,
come to make all things new;
bear his people's burden,
freely love and pardon.

Refrain

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes,
when he comes,
who will make him welcome?

God in time, God in man,
this is God's timeless plan:
he will come, as a man,
born himself of woman,
God divinely human.

Refrain

Mary, hail! Though afraid,
she believed, she obeyed.
In her womb, God is laid:
till the time expected,
nurtured and protected.

Refrain

Journey ends! Where afar
Beth'lem shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!

Final Refrain

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes!
Jesus comes!
We will make him welcome!

HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRESIDENT Father,

ALL

We offer to 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:

Proper Preface Advent

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 C

PRESIDENT

We give thanks to you Lord our God,
for the goodness and love you have made known to us
in creation;

in calling 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 Saviour 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.

For, on the night that 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."

And 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."

PRESIDENT

Therefore, Father, according to His command;

ALL

We remember His death

We proclaim His resurrection

we await His coming in glory.

PRESIDENT

And we offer our sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving to you, 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, made acceptable in Him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new.
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all 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 whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, now and ever.

PEOPLE **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.

THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

HYMN 623 - PART ONE

The heavenly Word proceeding forth
yet leaving not the Father's side,
accomplishing his work on earth
had reached at length life's eventide.

By false disciple to be given
to foemen for his life athirst,
himself, the very bread of heaven,
he gave to his disciples first.

He gave himself in either kind,
his precious flesh, his precious blood;
in love's own fulness thus designed
of the whole man to be the food.

By birth their fellow-man was he,
their meat, when sitting at the board;
he died, their ransom to be;
he ever reigns; their great reward.

HYMN: 407

As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

Refrain:

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.*

I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy.
you alone are the real joy-given
and the apple of my eye.

Refrain

You're my friend and you're my brother
even though you are a king.
I love you more than any other
so much more than anything.

Refrain

Children's Hymn: 667

Saviour, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need thy tenderest care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
thou hast bought us, thine we are;
blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus
thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine: do thou befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
hear, oh hear us when we pray;
blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus
hear, oh hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus
let us early turn to thee.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
let us early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favour,
early let us do thy will;
blessèd Lord and only Saviour,
with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
thou hast loved us, love us still.

Post Communion

ALL

**Almighty Father,
we thank you for feeding us
with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we who share His Body live His risen life;
we who drink His cup bring life to others;
we upon whom your Spirit shines give light to the
world.
Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your Name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Son of Righteousness shine upon you. gladden your hearts, and scatter the darkness from before you;, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

ALL Amen.

Recessional Hymn 46

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
 robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
 shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
 still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
 to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture, with what rapture,
with what rapture
 gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
 high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory;
 claim the kingdom for thine own:
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

NOTICES

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS (Dec 10-16) to Marcia Clarke (10), Edith Mullin (10), Tyrese Parris (10), Grell Griffith (11), Marlene Mottley (11), Shakira Hinkson (12), André Belgrave (13), Aaron Joseph (13), Tiffany Mottley (13), Sheila Layne (15), and Muriel Stoute (16).

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS (Dec 10-16) to Clive & Audine Lorde (14), Rev. Canon Trevor & Raquel O'Neale (14) and Cyril & Emelda Coppin (15)

HOUSEBOUND AND SICK: Please remember the sick in your prayers and where possible give them a call: **Alphonza & Corletta White**, Myrna McCarthy, Geneva McCarthy, Edith Mullin, Glenville Davis, Kayrene Forde, Winfield Hunte, Marlene Mottley, Harold Lynch, Keith Alleyne, Myrtle Inniss, Cynthia Steele, Cecelia Alleyne, Fitzherbert McCarthy, and Pearl Wiggins.

CONDOLENCES are extended to the family of the late:

- **Carl Wilson James Clarke.** Details of his funeral service will be published at a later date.

VISITATION: Members are reminded to complete the visitation request form for relatives who are ill or those who are housebound and require the sacrament at home .

CHRISTMAS RECITAL: The St. Philip Parish Church Choir presents “**A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**” today, at 6:00 pm. Tickets are available from members of the Choir at \$20.00 each. Members are invited to share in the reflection on the story of humanity, the promise of the Messiah and the birth of Jesus.

THANKS to all who came out and assisted with the Cleaning of the church yesterday.

FEAST DAYS:

- Wednesday, December 13, 2023, is the **Feast Day of Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**. Please pray for the Priest-in-Charge, Rev Curtis Goodridge and the congregation of St. Lucy

OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK:

- Today's 8:00 am Service will be streamed live via: YouTube <https://youtube.com/live/VonnFEBDVQA>
- **MIDWEEK DEVOTIONS:** Midweek devotions will continue on **Wednesday December 13, 2023**, at 7:00 am via Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88653340207>
Passcode 375362
- **MIDWEEK EUCHARIST** will continue on **Wednesday December 13, 2023** at 10:00 am.

NEXT SUNDAY is the **Third Sunday of Advent: Joy** Services will resume at 7:00 am -said Mass and 9:30 - Sung Eucharist.

CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP HOUR will be on break from **December 17 to January 07** and will resume on **January 14, 2024**.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. PHILIP: There will a Children's Party and Christmas Karaoke on December 23, 2023, on the Rectory grounds from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm. persons are asked to brin a chair or blanket for seating. Persons are asked to bring a wrapped gift for a child. Food and drinks will be on sale.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: Persons desirous of being confirmed are asked to submit their names to the church office.

FLOWERS: The Altar Guild is seeking donations for flowers for Christmas. The monies should be paid by Sunday December 17th to facilitate the purchase of flowers.

2024 CALENDARS are available at \$6.00 each from the church or Church office.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: The services for Christmas 2023 are:

- **Sunday, December 24, 2023** (Christmas Eve)-
8:00 am - Solemn Eucharist
6:00 pm - Solemn Eucharist
- **Monday, December 25, 2023** (Christmas Day):
5:00 am – Said Eucharist with hymns
8:00 am- Solemn Eucharist
- **Sunday, December 31, 2023** (New Year's Eve)-
8:00 am - Solemn Eucharist
11:00 pm - Watchnight Service

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Call to Ministry

Ministries	Leaders	Meeting Times
Altar Guild	Sis. Jackie Franklin	Quarterly
Altar Servers	Sis Alicia Headley	3 rd Sat -4:00pm
Bereavement Group	Sis Jean-Ann Murrell	Quarterly-6:30 pm
Choir	Bro Shae Branch	Fri-4:00 pm
Church Army	Sis Marcia Clarke	Mon. -4:00pm
Health Guild	Sis. Lolita Bushell	1 st Sat -4:00pm
Men's Fellowship	Bro. Ulric Sealy	1 st Sun-4:30 pm
M & E	Sis. Glenda Weir	2 nd Sat -4:30 pm
Mothers' Union	Sis. Sheila Mayers	1 st Sat 4:00pm
Sunday School	Lyn-Marie Franklin	Sun.8:00 am
Youth Group		
Ushers' Guild	Sis Sheryl Belgrave	3 rd Sat -4:30pm

Lay Eucharistic Ministers/Lay Readers/Chalice Assistants

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

DAILY READINGS:

Mon	Psalm 27	Isaiah 26:7-15	Acts 2:37-42
Tue	Psalm 27	Isaiah 4:2-6	Acts 11:1-18
Wed	Psalm 27	Malachi 2:10-3:1	Luke 1:5-17
Thu	Psalm 126	Habakkuk 2:1-5	Philippians 3:7-11
Fri	Psalm 126	Habakkuk 3:2-6	Philippians 3:12-16
Sat	Psalm 126	Habakkuk 3:13-19	Matthew 21:28-32