

St. Philip Parish Church



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WELCOME: We welcome you to St. Philip this morning as we celebrate the **Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A**. The final Sunday before Christmas Day, focusing on the theme of **love**, representing God's ultimate act of sending His Son, Jesus, to Earth as an act of selfless, redeeming love for humanity, preparing hearts for Christmas by focusing on God's boundless agape love and our call to live that love.

A warm welcome is extended to all who are visiting for the first time. WE extend a special welcome to our guest organist, Bro David Scott from the Church of the Holy Trinity.

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 Fourth Candle

Last Sunday we lit the candle of **Hope**, remembering the hope which comes in Christ, the candle of **Peace**, remembering God's dream of a peaceful world, and the candle of **Joy**, remembering the Spirit within us who brings joy.

*Two purple candles and the **rose-coloured candle** are lit and allowed to burn.*

Leader: Today we light the candle of **Love**.

Scripture tells us, “There is no fear in love, for perfect love casts out fear.” (1 John 4:18). God created this world in love and this world will end in the love of God. God’s love pervades all aspects of this life. From birth to death, pain to delight, strangers to lovers, God’s love is there.

On this day, we remember God is **Love**

Leader: May the Lord's love shine in our hearts.

All: And may His peace be with us all.

Leader: The Lord is our faith and our life.

All: Our hope is in the coming of the Lord

The candle is lit

Leader: Let us pray that we may grow in love for each other as the Lord comes to us.

Thank you God for the love you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your love with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

Introit Hymn 451

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above;
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: A reading from the word of God written in the 7th Chapter of the book of the Prophet Isaiah beginning at the 10th verse. (Isaiah 7:10-16)

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; * shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, * how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; * you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, * and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,* the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; * give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.!

SECOND READING: A reading from the word of God written in the 1st chapter of the letter of Paul to the Romans beginning at the 1st verse - (*Romans 1:1-7*)

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual 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
Bethl'em 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!

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 1st chapter beginning at the 18th verse. (Matthew 1:18-25)

Glory to Christ our Saviour

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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.

Prayer for the Youth

God our Father, we pray for our young people growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more meaning to life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

ALTAR SERVERS' PRAYER

O God, who has entrusted us to the privilege of serving at the altar, help us to become more worthy of this trust. Give us reverence and humility: keep us loyal to the faith, dedicated in witness and ready in service; that we may be counted worthy to minister in your sanctuary; through Him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **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 LOVE SHARED AMONG US

Let there be love shared among us,
Let there be love in our eyes,
May now your love sweep this nation,
Cause us oh lord to arise.
Give us a fresh understanding
Of brotherly love that is real,
Let there be love shared among us,
Let there be love.

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Offertory Hymn 52

The Advent of our King
our prayers must now employ,
and we must hymns of welcome sing
in strains of holy joy.

The Everlasting Son
incarnate deigns to be;
himself a servant's form puts on,
to set his servants free.

Daughter of Sion, rise
to meet thy lowly King;
nor let thy faithless heart despise
the peace he comes to bring

As Judge, on clouds of light,
he soon will come again,
and his true members all unite
with him in heaven to reign.

Before the dawning day
let sin's dark deeds be gone;
the old man all be put away,
the new man all put on.

All glory to the Son
who comes to set us free,
with Father, Spirit, ever One,
through all eternity.

Hymn 45

Ye servants of the Lord,
each in his office wait,
observant of his heavenly word,
and watchful at his gate.

Let all your lamps be bright,
and trim the golden flame;
gird up your loins as in his sight,
for awful is his name.

Watch! 'Tis your Lord's command,
and while we speak, he's near;
mark the first signal of his hand,
and ready all appear.

O happy servant he,
in such a posture found!
He shall his Lord with rapture see,
and be with honour crowned.

Christ shall the banquet spread
with his own royal hand,
and raise that faithful servant's head
amid the angelic band.

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

Video: Creator of the Stars of Night

Hymn 43

Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing,
stirs on the earth and trembles in the air!
Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?
Is it the music of his people's prayer?

Surely he cometh, and a thousand voices
shout to the saints, and to the deaf are dumb;
surely he cometh, and the earth rejoices,
glad in his coming who hath sworn: I come!

This hath he done, and shall we not adore him?
This shall he do, and can we still despair?
Come, let us quickly fling ourselves before him,
cast at his feet the burden of our care.

Yea, through life, death, through sorrow and through
sinning,

he shall suffice me, for he hath sufficed:
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.

Hymn 54

The King shall come when morning dawns
and light triumphant breaks,
when beauty gilds the eastern hills
and life to joy awakes.

Not, as of old, a little child,
to bear, and fight, and die,
but crowned with glory like the sun
that lights the morning sky.

O brighter than the rising morn
when he, victorious, rose
and left the lonesome place of death,
despite the rage of foes.

O brighter than that glorious morn
shall this fair morning be,
when Christ, our King, in beauty comes,
and we his face shall see!

The King shall come when morning dawns
and light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray:
come quickly, King of kings.

Children's Hymn 36

Christ is surely coming, bringing his reward,
Alpha and Omega, First and Last and Lord:
root and stem of David, brilliant Morning Star -
meet your Judge and Saviour, nations near and far;
meet your Judge and Saviour, nations near and far!

See the holy city! There they enter in,
all by Christ made holy, washed from every sin:
thirsty ones, desiring all he loves to give,
come for living water, freely drink, and live;
come for living water, freely drink, and live!

Grace be with God's people! Praise his holy name!
Father, Son, and Spirit, evermore the same:
hear the certain promise from the eternal home:
'Surely I come quickly!' - Come, Lord Jesus, come;
'Surely I come quickly!' - Come, Lord Jesus, come!

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 750

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

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.

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

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

NOTICES

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

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS (Dec 21-27) to Linda-Kay Robinson (21), Janelle Jemmott-Jordan (22), Erla Mapp (22), Andrew Applewhaite (23) Veronica Applewhaite (23), Sophia Harewood (24), Greg Padmore (24), Rochelle Franklin (25), Daniel Parris (25), Barbara Sealy (25), Shirley Haynes-Johnson (26), Wendy Mapp (26), Kathleen Beckles (27), Trekyiah Bowen (27) and Marlyn Rawlins (27).

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS (Dec 21-27) to Hal & Fern Gollop (26)

HOUSEBOUND AND SICK: Please remember the sick in your prayers and where possible give them a call: **Patricia Clarke, Kersley Alleyne**, 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.

FEAST DAYS:

- Monday, December 22, 202, is **the Feast Day of St. Thomas** (*transferred from Dec 21*). Please pray for the Rector, Rev Audrey Griffith and the congregation of St. Thomas.

- Friday, December 26, 2025, is the **Feast Day of St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr**. Please pray for the Rector, Rev George Harewood and Priest-in-Charge Rev Lisa Jessamy-Maynard and the congregation of the Church of St. Stephen.
- Saturday, December 27, 2025, is **the Feast Day of St. John, the Apostle**. Please pray for the Rector, Rev Anthony Harewood and the congregation of St. Thomas.

MIDWEEK DEVOTIONS: Midweek devotions continue on **Wednesday December 24, 2025**, at 7:00 am via Zoom. Passcode 375362.

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

THANKS to the organist and choir, and special thanks to Bro Andrew Hall for the preparation and presentation of the **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols** last Sunday.

DEACON'S CUPBOARD Thanks to the members of the Deacon's Cupboard Committee for organizing and distributing the Christmas Hampers last week. Thanks to all members who would have contributed towards the hampers.

CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY: Thanks to all who came out yesterday and assisted in the clean-up.

2025 CHRISTMAS SERVICES
Wednesday, December 24, 2025
 (Christmas Eve)-
 11:30 pm - Solemn Eucharist

Thursday, December 25, 2025

(Christmas Day):

5:00 am – Said Eucharist with hymns

8:00 am- Solemn Eucharist

Sunday, December 28, 2024

(1st Sunday after Christmas)

8:00 am - Solemn Eucharist

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

(New Year's Eve)

11:00 pm - Watchnight Service

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

2026 Calendars: The 2026 Diocesan Calendars are available at \$6.00 each.

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

**St. Philip's
Parish Church**
presents

**A Joyful
Christmas
on the Greens**

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
featuring local popular entertainers.

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:	Luke 1:46b-55	Isaiah 33:17-22	Revelation 22:6-7, 18-20;
Tue:	Luke 1:46b-55	2 Samuel 7:18, 23-29	Galatians 3:6-14
Wed:	Isaiah 9:2-7	Psalms 96	Luke 2:1-14
Thu:	Isaiah 62:6-12	Psalms 97	Luke 2: 8-20
Fri	Psalms 148	Wisdom 4:7-15	Acts 7:59-8:8
Sat	Psalms 148	Proverbs 8:22-31	1 John 5:1-12