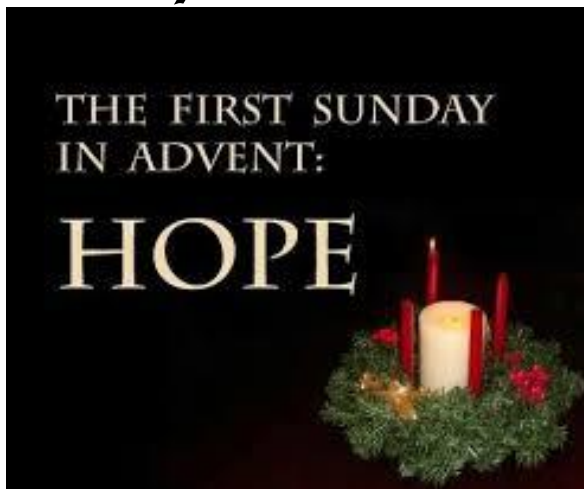


St. Philip Parish Church



December 03, 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 **Advent Sunday. The Readings are for the First Sunday of Advent 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

Opening Prayer

The Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Leader: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

All: Who has made Heaven and earth.

Leader: Let us pray: "O God, by whose Word all things are made holy, pour forth Your blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ."

All: Amen.

Lighting of the First Candle

Leader: The Lord is our faith and our life.

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

Leader: And His love shines in our hearts.

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

Leader: Heavenly Father, as we begin this Advent, give light to our eyes and peace to our hearts. May the Lord find us watching and waiting in joy when He comes. We pray in Jesus' name

All: Amen.

One purple candle is lit

Leader: Let us pray: that our faith may be strengthened for the coming of the Lord.

God of light, in you there is no darkness. Be with us, we pray as we prepare during this Advent season to celebrate the coming of Christ. May we be open enough to welcome the light you offer us, so we may come out of darkness into your glorious light. In Christ's name we pray, AMEN

Pause for silent prayer.

Father in Heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of Your love and our minds are searching for the light of Your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour and give us the strength to grow in our faith so that the day of His coming may find us prepared and filled with joy.

All: Amen.

Introit 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.

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– **Advent Sunday**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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 64th Chapter of the Book of Isaiah beginning at the 1st verse. (Isaiah 64:1-9)

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence-- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and

do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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 lesson: A reading from the word of God
written in the 1st Chapter of the First Letter of Paul
to the Corinthians beginning at the 3rd verse. (1
Corinthians 1:3-9)**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for
you because of the grace of God that has been given
you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been
enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-
- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened
among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual
gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may
be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God
is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of
his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn 34

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver;
born a Child and yet a King;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thy own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone:
by thy all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

The Holy Gospel

*The Lord be with you
And also with you.*

**A reading from the Holy Gospel According to Mark,
the 13th chapter, beginning at the 24th verse. (Mark
13:24-37)**

Glory to Christ our Saviour

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

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 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(s)
_____ 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.

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**

Silence may be kept.

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.

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 48

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel;
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.

Refrain

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Refrain

O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

Refrain

O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Refrain

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 E

PRESIDENT

Sovereign Lord and Father,
To you be glory and praise for ever.
In your boundless wisdom
you brought creation into being;
In your great love you fashioned
us in your image;
In your tender compassion
you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
to share our human nature;
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
He overcame the power of sin and death
and brought your people to new birth
as first fruits of your new creation.

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 the command of your
dearly beloved Son

ALL

We remember His death

We proclaim His resurrection

We await His coming in glory

PRESIDENT

And we offer you. Father,

our sacrifice of thanks and praise.

Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts of
bread and wine that they may become
the Body and Blood of your Son,
Jesus, our Lord and Redeemer.

As we partake of this holy food of new
and unending life, may your Holy Spirit
establish us as a royal priesthood

with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. N-
and all your sons and daughters who share
in your eternal inheritance;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER (Online Worshippers)

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 602

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture –
in the body and the blood –
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord most high.

HYMN: 633

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King:
born of one Father, we are his children,
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

Children's Hymn HYMN: 620

Sweet sacrament divine,
hid in thine earthly home;
lo, round thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise
in songs of love and heartfelt praise:
sweet sacrament divine,
sweet sacrament divine.

Sweet sacrament of peace,
dear home of every heart,
where restless yearnings cease
and sorrows all depart;
there in thine ear all trustfully
we tell our tale of misery:
sweet sacrament of peace,
sweet sacrament of peace.

Sweet sacrament of rest,
ark from the ocean's roar,
within thy shelter blest
soon may we reach the shore;
save us, for still the tempest raves,
save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
sweet sacrament of rest,
sweet sacrament of rest.

Sweet sacrament divine,
earth's light and jubilee,
in thy far depths doth shine
thy Godhead's majesty;
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,
that earthly joys may fade away:
sweet sacrament divine,
sweet sacrament divine.

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 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.

NOTICES

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS (Dec 03-09) to Winston Holder (05), Sade Clarke (05), Shelley Blades (06), Terry Vaughn (06), Valerie Marshall (06), Kayrene Forde (06), Venetha Belgrave (06), Trishon Shepherd (06), Regina Holder (07), Felicia Belgrave (07), Valerie Burgess (07) , Cheryl Moore (07), Flora Aimey (08) Deborah King (08), Magdalene Barrow (09), Nico Chadderton (09), Francia Collymore (09), Ione Cox (09), Akhalia Rowe (09) and Triston Sargeant (09).

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS (Dec 03-09) to Winston & Veronica Holder (05), Hugo & Lisa Craig (06) and Ulric & Joyce Sealy (08).

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:

- **Seymour DaCosta Inniss**, whose funeral service will be on Tuesday, December 05, 2023, at 3:00 pm. Organist and Choir are requested.

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 .

THE DEACON'S CUPBOARD: Members are reminded of the walk-up collection during this morning's service for the Deacon's Cupboard Christmas Hampers.

FEAST DAYS:

- Thursday, December 07, 2023, is the **Feast Day of St. Ambrose**. Please pray for the Rector, Rev Clive Thomas and the congregation of St. Ambrose.
- Friday, December 08, 2023 is the **Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** as we celebrate Mary's conception without sin.

OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK:

- **MIDWEEK DEVOTIONS:** Midweek devotions will continue on **Wednesday December 06, 2023**, at 7:00 am via Zoom.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88653340207>
Passcode 375362
- **MIDWEEK EUCHARIST** will continue on **Wednesday December 06, 2023** at 10:00 am.

NEXT SUNDAY is the **Second Sunday of Advent: Peace** There will be **one service at 8:00 am.**

CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP HOUR continues every Sunday at 8:00 am.

CHRISTMAS RECITAL: The St. Philip Parish Church Choir presents "**A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**" on December 10, 2023, 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 31 story of humanity, the promise of the Messiah and the birth of Jesus.

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.

CONTRIBUTIONS: We take this opportunity to express sincere thanks and appreciation to all members who have been making their contributions. Indeed, they have helped us tremendously in meeting our financial commitments. For those who can, contributions may be made online directly to the Church's bank account at **CIBC First Caribbean International Bank, Wildey, A/C #1818610 in the name of St. Philip Parish Church.** Please keep your receipts for the records of the church or call or email us and let us know when you have made your contributions.

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 79	Micah 4:1-5	Rev 15:1-8
Tue	Psalm 79	Micah 4:6-13	Rev 18:1-10
Wed	Psalm 79	Micah 5:1-5a	Luke 21:34-38
Thu	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13	Hosea 6:1-6	1 Thess 1:2-10
Fri	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13	Jer 1:4-10	Acts 11:19-26
Sa	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13	Eze 36:24-28	Mark 11:27-33