St. Philip's Episcopal Church



Fourth Sunday of Advent Rite II

December 24, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

A note to guests and visitors who may be looking for a church home

WELCOME to St. Philip's!

Whoever you are and wherever you might be in your spiritual journey, we welcome you as fellow travelers to explore a deeper relationship with God and stronger spiritual life.

We wear name tags at St. Philip's to help us all with fellowship. When you are comfortable, please ask one of our door greeters or ushers to arrange for a permanent name tag.

Each Sunday it will be ready for you at the front door.

After the service, please join us for coffee hour (downstairs).

Our Nursery is available for infants and children up to 3 years old. The nursery is located downstairs and available during the service.

> Celebrant: Organist: Administrative Assistant:

The Rev. Jimmy Swarthout David Bolthouse Marinelle Glickauf

Altar Guild: Liz Huth Taylor Greeters: Bill Burns and Lamar Jones First Reader: Marvin and DJ Hill; Vested Reader: Judy Zawacke

Nursery; Jessica Hill-Jones, if attending

Counters: Bud Lowe and Mike Zawacke

Advent Readers: Pete and Leslie Mayhew

Anniversaries

December 25 John and Rita Mullins December 26 Mike and Judy Zawacke

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by the Jr. and Sr. Wardens in thankfulness of Christ's abiding love, blanket of protection and clear direction as the St. Philip's Church Family searches for a new Rector.

Welcome, Guests and Visitors

- St. Philip's Church is one of 127 congregations in the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, and our identity, vision and mission extend far beyond through the worldwide Anglican Communion. Our members' faith stories are diverse: some are lifelong Episcopalians, while others are converts from other traditions. We hope for an opportunity to know you, your story and your questions.
- Our normal Sunday worship is called the Eucharist, taken from the ancient Greek word Eucharist – Thanksgiving! Our use of the Book of Common Prayer, a valued tradition dating from the English Reformation in the mid-16th century, can sometimes be daunting to guests or newcomers. Please feel free to ask us questions if and when you become confused and/or curious.
- The nursery is located on our lower level and is available during the Sunday worship service. Children are always welcome in worship.
- Restrooms are located in the Parish Hall (downstairs), or, by the offices on the main level.

Rite 1 and Rite 2 Explanation

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. If you are new to the Episcopal Church, you may notice some terms that are unfamiliar. We are occasionally asked, "What do you mean by 'Rite 1 and Rite 2?'" (Sometimes rendered as "Rite I & Rite II".)

Most of our Sunday services and all of our Tuesday worship times use "Rite 2". All this means is that contemporary language is employed by both the presider and the congregation. On the first Sunday of most months, we enjoy a "Rite 1" service. This means the syntax used is rather like Old English - somewhat Shakespearean in tone and content. We do this to recognize the past upon which our modern worship traditions are founded. We hope you enjoy both traditions and learn, with us, to savor the gift that is the Book of Common Prayer.

God bless you as you worship!

THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

This morning's Gospel focuses on Mary and her response to God's announcement that she would bear a very special Son. Our music covers this, especially our Offertory Hymn, "Ye who claim the faith of Jesus", written by the talented and prolific African-American organist and composer, David Hurd. The tune is accessible, the text poetic and succinct, the harmonies contemporary, and the whole comprises well the story of the Annunciation. We also have our Recessional Hymn, which paraphrases Mary's song of praise, the Magnificat.

But we do not focus on Mary to the exclusion of all else – Advent is still a season of expectation, of the Church universal, waiting. And so, it is appropriate that our seasonal music continues as well, with hymns such as "O come, O come, Emmanuel", where we sing the four "O" antiphons that fall closest to December 24th, verses 1, 6, 7, and 8 (see last week's bulletin for more specifics on the "O" antiphons).

This year, too, the fourth Sunday of Advent is unusual – we spend our morning in Advent but our evening in Christmas. Tonight, we'll have a Lessons and Carols service, with Eucharist, where the Lessons and Carols form the Service of the Word. The Hymnal 1982 has two tunes for the text, "Redeemer of the nations, come!"; we'll do the more modern one this morning and the more ancient one this evening. Please join us; we'll have hymns, solos, and guest musicians to lead our worship.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

- ✤ Page numbers refer to the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).
- * WLP indicates Wonder Love and Praise Hymnal
- ELW indicates Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal
- The Hymnal Screen, located on the front right side of the nave, lists the numbers found in the blue Hymnal 1982.
- Thank you for turning off all devices that may distract you or others from worship.

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn 54

"Redeemer of the nations, come!" Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Priest: 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**.

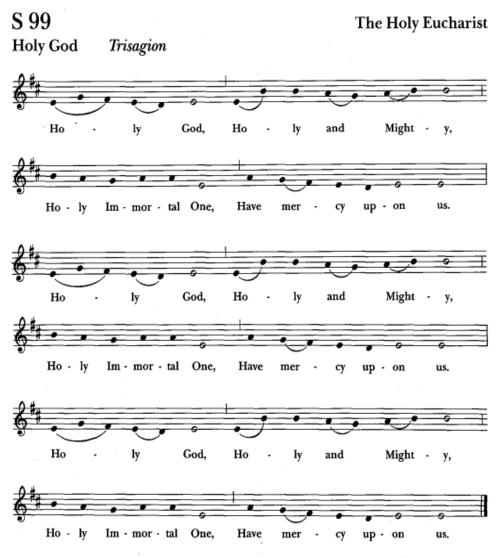
Lighting of the Advent Wreath Week 4

(Directions: Light the first purple candle - the one directly across from the pink candle. Then, light another purple candle followed by the pink one. Finally, light the last purple candle.)

First Reader: Last week, we lit the candles of hope, peace and joy. Today, we light those candles again. And we also light the candle of love. In this season of Advent, if our love has grown cold, may it be warmed by the Spirit of Jesus.

Clergy: Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Second Reader: In Advent, we prepare our hearts for Christ's coming. Jesus came first, as a vulnerable baby, to show us humility and servanthood. And our Savior is soon to come again to establish a kingdom of peace, justice, equity and compassion. Dear Lord, plant in each of us a deeper longing for your rule and reign. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.



Setting: Plainsong, Mode 1; adapt. Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947)

The priest continues.

Priest:The Lord be with you.People:And also with you.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: Let us pray:

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

The Lessons

Please be seated.

First Reading

2nd Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Lector: A reading from <u>2nd Samuel</u>:

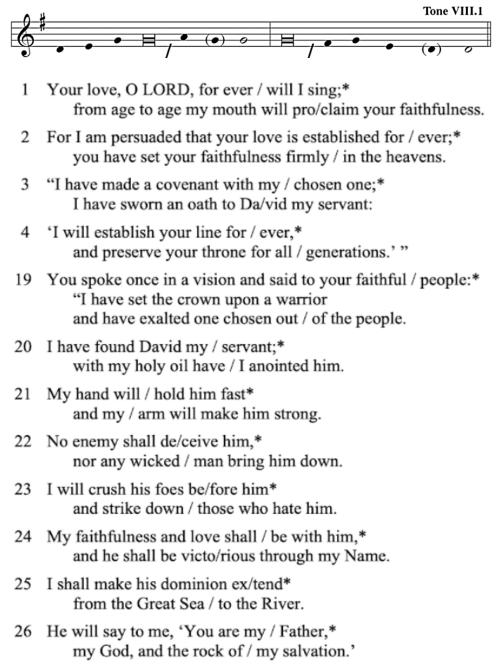
When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

The lector concludes the Old Testament. Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Lector: Let us chant together the words of Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26.



Second Reading

Romans 16:25-27

Vested Lector: A reading from the book of Romans.

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

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

Please stand as you are able for the sequence hymn.

Sequence Hymn ELW 266

"All earth is hopeful"

Todas la tierra, Alberto Taulé (Verses 1 & 2 before the Gospel)

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Please remain standing for the Gospel.

The Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

Priest:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke:

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord. *People*: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please remain standing Sequence Hymn ELW 266 "All earth is hopeful"

*See music on page 12 Todas la tierra, Alberto Taulé (Verses 3 & 4 after the Gospel) The Homily

The Rev. Jimmy Swarthout

The Nicene Creed

Spoken by all, please stand as you are able.

We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, Of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, The only Son of God, Eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, Begotten, not made, Of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: By the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified **Under Pontius Pilate;** He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again In accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven And is seated at the right hand Of the Father. He will come again in glory To judge the living and the dead, And his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord, the giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father And the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic And apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism For the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection Of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People - Form IV

After each intercession, there is a period of silence, then the intercessor continues with "Lord, in your mercy", and the people respond: **"Hear our prayer**."

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.

Lord, in your mercy; Hear our prayer.

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

Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer**. 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 honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy; Hear our prayer.

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.

Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer**.

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.

Lord, in your mercy; Hear our prayer.

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.

Lord, in your mercy; Hear our prayer.

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

[the intercessor adds the specific prayers of parish and community here.]

Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer**.

The priest adds a concluding collect...

Priest: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will, and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Please kneel as you are able.*

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you In thought, word and deed, by what we have done, And by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; That we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**.

The Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People*: And also with you.

After the confession, which reconciles us with God and our neighbors, we exchange the peace with a handshake or hug, and the words, "**Peace be with you**".

This comes from the Jewish practice that required the people to be reconciled with one another before offering a gift at the altar. The Peace ends the Liturgy of the Word and we begin the Liturgy of the Table, which is the Eucharist.

Parish Announcements

Please be seated

Blessings for Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Offertory

The plate is passed for financial offerings. Thank you for your gifts in support of the church's ministries and mission. The people stand as the offerings and gifts are taken to the altar.

Offertory Hymn 268 "Ye who claim the name of Jesus" Julion Verse 1: Choir, verses 2 – 4: all

The Holy Communion

This is Eucharistic Prayer B. Please stand as you are able. (The people read the bold print)

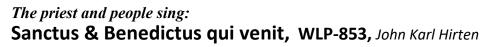
- *Priest*: The Lord be with you.
- *People*: And also with you.
- *Priest*: Lift up your hearts.
- *People*: We lift them to the Lord.
- *Priest*: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- *People*: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:

Priest: It is right, and good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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





Music: John Karl Hirten (b. 1956). Copyright © 1995 John Karl Hirten.

Please stand, sit or kneel as you are able. The Priest continues:

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

At the following words concerning the bread, the Priest is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." *The Acolyte rings the bell.*

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."

The Acolyte rings the bell.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

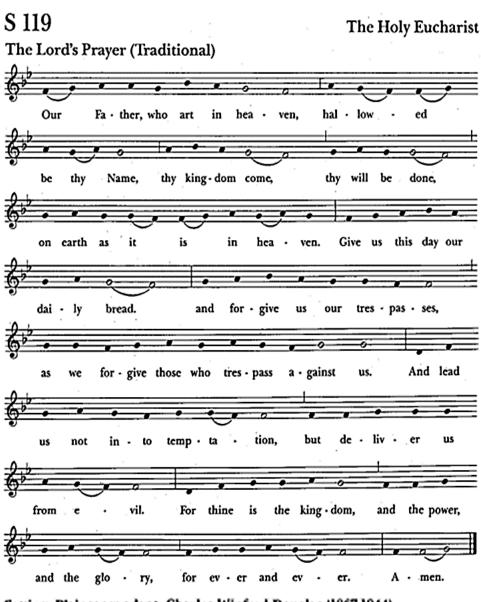
Priest and People:	We remember his death,
	We proclaim his resurrection,
	We await his coming in glory;

The Priest continues:

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

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

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen**. And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to sing *(all sing)*,



Setting: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

The Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem, WLP 868, "Lamb of God" John Karl Hirten



Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The bread and wine are given to the people who may respond: "Amen."

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the bread and the wine; or just the bread as is their need or custom. If you have not been baptized, you are still most welcome to come forward and join our celebration. Please cross your arms over your chest to receive a prayer of blessing from the clergy. This is God's altar and all are welcome.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request; just let the priest know if you would like to receive one.

Communion Music

Hymn 56

"O come, O come, Emmanuel" (vs. 1, 6, 7, and 8)

Post-Communion Prayer (BCP Page 366)

Priest: Let us pray:

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 437 "Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!" Birmingham

The Dismissal

Join us for Coffee Hour in Parish Hall after the service!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



NEED PHOTOS - Mike Livingston is working on the <u>annual</u> <u>video</u>! He needs photos that people may have taken or any other material that may be included from 2023.

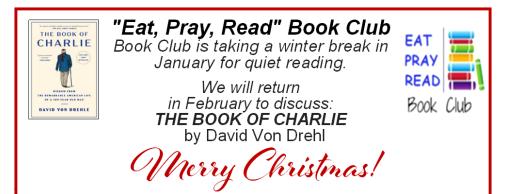
TAKE A TURN HOSTING COFFEE HOUR!

We are looking for hosts in the upcoming weeks. We ask that all who enjoy this festivity to take a turn hosting the coffee hour.

Guided Spiritual Awareness:

Join Dcn. Dan on the first Sunday and first Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Meetings: Sun. Jan. 7th & Tue. Jan. 2nd * (Note the Tuesday date change)





St. Philip's Calendar

SUNDAY-4th Sun. of Advent

Dec 24-9:30a Rite II Eucharistic Service

Dec 24—The Rev. Jimmy Swarthout

Dec 24—Christmas Eve Service

Dec 24-7p Rite II Eucharistic Service

Dec 24—The Rev. John Heschlē

Dec 25—CHRISTMAS DAY

Dec 26—8am Chi Quong & Tai Chi Dec 26—9:30a Rite II Eucharistic Service

SUNDAY-NEW YEAR'S EVE

Dec 31—9:30a Rite II Eucharistic Svc Dec 31—The Rev. John Heschlē

Jan 2—8am Chi Quong & Tai Chi Jan 2—9:30a Rite II Eucharistic Svc

SUNDAY

Jan 7—9:30a Rite II Eucharistic Svc Jan 7—The Rev. John Heschlē Jan 7—11a Spiritual Awareness

Jan 9—8am Chi Quong & Tai Chi Jan 9—9:30a Rite II Eucharistic Svc

Jan 9-11a Spiritual Awareness



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Christmas Flowers

Special Intentions

Bill and Helen Burns – In memory of our son, Rob, and our parents

Peg Davis – In memory of Chuck Davis Kay Ford – In honor of my children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren

The Gronlunds Beverly Harrell – In memory of Lester Joe Harrell Fr. John Heschle – In memory of Fr. Sheldon B. Foote The Holians –In memory of Suzanne Henning-Schlott Grace Horner Liz Huth-Taylor – In memory of John Huth The Kistner Family – In honor of family Richard Knowles – in memory of Diane Knowles Bud and Pat Lowe – In memory of Jonathan Getz Jo-ann Miller – In memory of Bob Miller The Morrill Family – In honor of family Sophie Obara The Svendson Family – In memory of Les Svendson Mike & Judy Zawacke – In thanksgiving for our family



St. Philip's Mission Statement:

SEEK ... a deeper knowledge of Jesus Christ

- SHARE... the love and compassion of Christ
- SERVE... others with open hearts

SHINE... with Christ's light, illuminating our world

CLERGY & STAFF

Ministers:	Everyone!
Bishop:	The Right Rev. Paula E. Clark
Rector:	
Deacon:	Rev. Dan Hughes
Administrative Assistant:	Marinelle Glickauf
Organist & Choir Director:	David Bolthouse

Office Hours Monday through Thursday

Monday & Thurs. 9:30am-1pm Remotely

(Church Voicemail & emails will be checked regularly)

Tues. & Wed.—In-Person

- Flexible times available per request
- Please call the office for appointments and to be sure of availability.

(This office hour arrangement may be changed or revisited in consultation with the rector.)

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