

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Diane Bruce, Bishop
The Rev. Ted Estes, Interim Rector
Caleb Klinzing, Organist & Assistant Choir Master
Julie Farmer, Choir Director
Kim Siers, Secretary
Lector – Pam Volkl EM – Sharrock Dermott

Special Thanks to our Acolytes, Lectors,

Eucharistic Ministers and Musicians

December 24, 2023 – 10:30 pm



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Special thanks to all the youth who are serving this evening as acolytes and those carrying the cross, torches, and gospel book.



Crucifer
Walt Webster

Servers
Walt Webster

Thurifer
George Webster

Boat
Ben Webster

The Chancel Choir
Julie Farmer, Director
Caleb Klinzing, Organist & Assistant Choir Master

Sopranos:
Gayle O'Hare, Julie Farmer, Tammy Macy

Altos:
Ramona Shields, Pam Volkl

Tenors:
Bob Larson, Terrence O'Brien, Micheal Fick

Bass:
Hugh Shields, Russ Osburn

Instruments:
Caleb Klinzing-Organ & Piano
Gary Ames-Piano, Bass Guitar, Bells
Pam Volkl-Keyboards, Julie Farmer-Oboe
Russ Osburn-French Horn
Wil & Calvin DePriest-Trombone, Trumpet
Tricia Cherry-Flute

Christmas Program

“What is this Lovely Fragrance” from *Ten Chorale Improvisations, Set*

VII, no 2 (Paul Manz(1919-2009)[Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO., 1975])

#102-Once in Royal David’s City (Irby)

Congregation, please sing verses 5 & 6 below

VS 5 And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through His own redeeming love;
For that Child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above,
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone.

VS 6 Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars His children crowned²
All in white shall wait around.

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (Michael Burkhardt[Morning Star Pub, 1998])

Pamela Volk! Keyboard Tricia Cherry Flute

#112-In the Bleak Midwinter (Cranham)

Song of the Crib (Joseph Dearest [Oxford Book of Carols, Oxford UK])

Gary Ames Bass Julie Farmer Oboe Pam Volk! Keyboard

#105 God rest ye Merry Gentlemen (God Rest You Merry)

Russ Osburn Wil & Calvin DePriest-Brass

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten” from *Six Carol Settings* (Wilbur Held (1914-

2014)[Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO. 1970.]

Congregation please join in the singing of the Hymns

Introit Processional: Dominus Dixit Ad me

(Sarum Plainchant) Sung in Latin by Cantor)

The Lord hath said to me:
Thou are My Son,
this day have I begotten Thee.

Ps. Why have the Gentiles raged,
And the people devised with things?

Opening Hymn # 83 – O Come, All Ye Faithful (Adeste Fideles) all Verses

Arr. David Wilcox

-----The Candle Lighting -----

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Leader: Today is Christmas Eve. Today, we light again the
candles of hope, peace, love and joy.

(Each candle will be lit as the reader speaks)

First Candle: We speak of hope – because God keeps his
promises to us.

Second Candle: We work for peace – because Jesus is the
“Prince of Peace” and he calls his children to work for peace in
his name.

Third Candle: We show love – because Jesus gave everything
for us and led us to know the forgiveness of God.

Fourth Candle: We share joy – because the Holy Spirit fills our
hearts and minds with the presence of God.

Last Candle: Now we light our last candle to remember the birth
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As the prophets promised
so long ago, you have come to us once again; and with the
shepherds, we are filled with wonder and amazement.

(Light the white Christ candle now.)

Leader: Lord, you come as a tiny, fragile baby; yet we know you are God and you are with us. May the flame of this candle remind us that you are the light of the world and that if we follow you, we will never walk in darkness, but will have the true light of life.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Word of God

Celebrant: *Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: *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.*

Gloria S278 (Mathias)

Celebrant: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: *Let us pray.*

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading

EM: *A reading from the Book of Isaiah Isaiah 62:6-12*

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm:

I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples.

The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Lector: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 97

- 1 The LORD is King; let the earth re-**joice**; *
let the multitude of the isles be **glad**.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round a-**bout him**, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his **throne**. *Refrain*
- 3 A fire goes be-**fore him** *
and burns up his enemies on every **side**.
- 4 His lightnings light up the **world**; *
the earth sees it and is a-**fraid**. *Refrain*
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the **LORD**, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole **earth**.
- 6 The heavens declare his **righteousness**, *
and all the peoples see his **glory**. *Refrain*
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false **gods!** *
Bow down before him, all you **gods**.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah re-**joice**, *
because of your judgments, O **LORD**. *Refrain*
- 9 For you are the LORD, most high over all the **earth**; *
you are exalted far above all **gods**.
- 10 The LORD loves those who hate **evil**;
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the **wicked**. *Refrain*

- 11 Light has sprung up for the **righteous**, *
and joyful gladness for those who are true-**hearted**.
12 Rejoice in the LORD, you **righteous**, *
and give thanks to his holy **Name**. *Refrain*

The Epistle

Lector: *A reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus Titus 3:4-7*

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

EM: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please, stand and sing.

***The Gospel Hymn – Of the Father’s Love Begotten - Hymn #82,
vs 1,2 (Divinum Mysterium)***

Please, remain standing.

The Christmas Gospel Reading

Celebrant: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke Luke 2: 1-20 (KJV)*

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage

of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Celebrant: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

***The Gospel Hymn – Of the Father’s Love Begotten - Hymn #82,
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T h e S e r m o n

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant and People:

**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.**

Prayers of the People - Form III

EM: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

EM: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

EM: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

EM: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

EM: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

EM: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

EM: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

EM: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Silence

Celebrant: *Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Celebrant: *The peace of the Lord be always with you.*



People: And also with you.

Please, be seated for the parish notices.

The Offertory

Celebrant: *Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2*

The Bread and the Wine are presented at the Altar.

The Offertory Music

Cantique de Noel (Adolphe Adam)
Terrence O'Brien – Tenor

The Incensation

Congregational Offertory – Hymn#107 – Good Christian Friends Rejoice
(In Dulci Jublio)

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B
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Celebrant: *The Lord be with you.*

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: *It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Of God the Son Through Jesus Christ our Lord; Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.*

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:

Sanctus S128 (Mathias)

Celebrant and People

Celebrant: *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.*

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."

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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: *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 St. Philip 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.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: *And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,*

Celebrant and People:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

"The Fraction"

Silence

Celebrant: *Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: *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.*

----Communion Songs----

**Hymn #81 - Lo, How a Rose e'er blooming
(es ist ein Ros) Michael Praetorius**

**Hymn #78 – O Little town of Bethlehem
(Forest Green)**

Hand candles will be distributed and lit

Post-Communion:

**Hymn #111-Silent Night
(Stille Nacht)**

Prayer for an Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen. *Prayer attributed to St. Alphonsus*

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: *Let us pray.*

Celebrant and People:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Benediction

Celebrant: *May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. Amen.*

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. Amen.

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Final Hymn – Angels We Have Heard on High (Gloria) - Hymn #96

The Last Gospel

Celebrant: *Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Postlude

*“In dulci Jublio” from Six Carol Settings
(Wilbur Held (1914-2014)[Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis,
MO. 1970])*

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Christmas Day Service is at 10 am.

Notice of Annual Meeting – January 21, 2024.

TWO new Vestry Members are needed. If you are interested please call Fr. Ted or the parish office.

Merry Christmas

...from

*Fr. Ted, Kim, Julie, Caleb,
Rebecca and Naomi*

*May you find joy and peace and an abundance of
God's blessings today and
all your tomorrows.*