

# **St. Philip's Episcopal Church**

## **The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**November 19, 2023**  
**8:00 and 10:30 am**



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## WELCOME!

We are so glad you are here, and I hope you find worship at St. Philip's Episcopal Church to be inspiring, spirit-filled, and nurturing for your faith journey. Here are two ways to take a next step:

- 1) Simply fill out the visitor card in the pew. Completed cards may be placed in the offering plate or given to an usher. Your responses are confidential, and we will contact you only if you make that request.
- 2) A calendar of events can be found on our website at [stphilipsrva.org](http://stphilipsrva.org) or in our e-News (subscribe on the website) as an invitation to you! All of our classes, services, and programs are open to all. If you are interested in learning more about St. Philip's or the Episcopal Church, please let me know!

As you prepare your heart, soul, mind, and body for worship, may the love of God and the mercy of Christ fill your heart with peace.

The Rev. Marlene E. Forrest Rector of St. Philip's

### **About Today's Worship: About Today's Worship:**

We welcome all people to meet Christ in the sharing of our sacred meal.

#### ◆ Options at Communion

(1) **Intinction** is the practice of dipping the bread into the wine in the chalice rather than eating the bread first and then drinking the wine. It is entirely acceptable to receive the Sacrament by intinction. **Intinction** will be done by verbally indicating to the priest of your desire. The priest will **intinct for you** and place the wafer in your hand for you to consume.

(2) You may **ONLY Sip** from the common cup that will be held by the Lay Eucharistic Minister. Drinking for the common cup is also an acceptable way to receive the Blood of Christ (wine).

(3) You may **choose to not receive wine** with the knowledge that the Body of Christ (wafer) is full and sufficient. Should you wish to not receive wine you may return to your seat after receiving the wafer.

(4) Should you desire a **blessing**, cross your arms over your chest to indicate your desire to the priest. If you seek a deeper relationship with Christ through baptism, please speak with a priest after the service.

(5) Should you need a **Gluten-Free wafer** please indicate your need to the priest.

Holy Baptism is our rite of initiation into the Christian faith and primary to membership in our parish. If you would like to learn more about this sacred rite and membership in our church, please speak with Rev. Marlene or contact our office at 804-321-1266.

## HOLY EUCHARIST - Rite II

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN\*** *Come, ye thankful people come*

82 Hymn 290

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest-home:  
all is safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come,  
raise the song of harvest-home.

2. All the world is God's own field,  
fruit unto his praise to yield;  
wheat and tares together sown,  
unto joy or sorrow grown:  
first the blade, and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear;  
grant, O harvest Lord, that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come,  
and shall take his harvest home;  
from his field shall in that day  
all offenses purge away;  
give his angels charge at last  
in the fire the tares to cast,  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in the garner evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,  
to thy final harvest-home;  
gather thou thy people in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin;  
there, for ever purified,  
in thy presence to abide;  
come, with all thine angels come,  
raise the glorious harvest-home.

**Celebrant:** Come to Jesus, you who are thirsty.

**People: Alleluia!**

**Celebrant:** Drink deeply of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Alleluia!**

**Celebrant:** Let your heart overflow with the living water that renews the face of the earth.

**People: Hallelujah; thanks be to God.**

### **THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

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** (*sung*)

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord, God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father. Receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One; you alone are the Lord; you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **THE FIRST LESSON**

Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### **PSALM 123**

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, \*  
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, \*  
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, \*  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
and of the derision of the proud.

### **THE SECOND LESSON**

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**1 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;  
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing:  
sing praises to his Name; he forgets not his own.**

**2 Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glory be thine!**

**3 We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation:  
thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

**THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 25:14-30

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.'

So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON**

The Rev. Marlene E. Forrest

**NICENE CREED**

**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

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*(A brief silence.)*

Gracious God, you give talents and gifts to all your people, and you equip the church to serve. Turn us from fear and self-serving ways, that we use our talents to glorify you and encourage our neighbor. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons, changing landscapes, and the rise and fall of ocean tides. Turn us from selfish consumptions and open us to gentle healing of the earth so all creation thrives. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Guide leaders of all nations, almighty God. Heal divisions, build trust, and remove barriers that prevent collaboration and cooperation. Bring neighborhoods, cities, and countries together to work for the common good. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You teach us to count our days so that we may gain a wise heart. Where there is sickness or sorrow, bring healing, and where there is loneliness, reveal your love in community. We remember before you, especially Cynthia Bentley, Shirley Brown, Raymond Boone, Jr., Regina Boone, Mary Carter, Yvonne Carter, Alex Corbett, Rosa Chance, Simone DeJean, Lorraine Fasset, Rueben Greene, Yolanda Haynes, Eva Hicks, Ester Hyatt, Bill James, Ollie Jordan, Robinette Miller, Lela Morris, Robert Myers, Hortense Powell, Nancy Shadt, Clementine Washington and Wendall White. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the faith formation ministries of our church. Give to all children, youth, and adults who study your word the breastplate of faith and love. Shape us by your love and show us how to encourage one another. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Holy one, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Jacquelyne Bradley and Mia Francis Mimms as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**



We pray, O God, for the blessing of the Altar Flowers given in the glory of God by Clara Hoggard in loving memory of David Hoggard. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Silence*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

God has promised that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; therefore let us call upon the Lord, confessing our sins.

**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.**

Sisters and brothers, God offers forgiveness of our sins and the grace of repentance. Accept God's grace, repent of your sin, and be restored to abundant life. **Amen**

## **THE PEACE**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people:*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**The Peace of God be always with you,  
And may God's grace be always with your  
heart. And may His love keep you in perfect  
peace,**

**The love of God, the love of God, the love of  
God Keep you in perfect peace.**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, AND TRAVEL BLESSINGS**

**LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

**OFFERTORY**      *Music Offering*

**DOXOLOGY\***

LEVAS 56

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures, here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**BLESSING OF THE PLEDGE CARDS**

God of More than Enough, God of the kind-Hearted, loving God of us all, however we come, we bring before you the pledges of our people. We thank you for the blessings of this life, of your gifts to us we give back to you. In faith, may we give with thankful hearts. In hope, bless them to your honor and glory in the coming year and beyond. In love, guide us to share your More than Enough love. Inspire us to do the More than Enough work you have given us to do. Encourage us in our weakness to know that we are More than Enough. Break open those things which we hold back out of fear that there is not More than Enough, so that in the fullness of you we can live, and thrive, and grow. We thank you, Lord, and we commit ourselves, our full selves, our More than Enough selves. We openly give our time, talents, and treasure, to you. Make these pledges a tangible commitment of our time, talent, and treasure to our calling. Send forth your Grace and help us always to be a part of the kingdom where there is More than Enough. In the More than Enough Jesus we pray. **Amen**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his truth promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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:

**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.**

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,

**We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory.**

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, 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 forever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

**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.**

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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

## **FRACTION ANTHEM**

**WLP875**

*Be Known to us*

*by Gary James (b. 1957)*

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

***Refrain (sung by all):***

**Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

The bread which we break, alleluia,

Is the communion of the body of Christ. One body are we, alleluia, For though many we share one bread.

***Refrain (sung by all):***

**Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **Fraction**

Also called the Breaking of the Bread, both recalls Jesus breaking bread at the Last Supper, and it also reminds us that Jesus' body was broken on the cross for us. Therefore we keep a moment of silence for prayers of awe and gratitude.

**COMMUNION HYMN\*** *Nothing But the Blood* AA Hymn

**1 What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**Refrain:**

**Oh! precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**2 For my pardon this I see -  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my cleansing this my plea -  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Refrain]**

**3 Nothing can for sin atone -  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Naught of good that I have done -  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Refrain]**

**4 This is all my hope and peace -  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness -  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Refrain]**

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**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.**

#### **BLESSING**

May the grace of God our Father and Mother bless you with peace, may the love of Christ, God's son and our brother, sustain you in joy, and may the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with courage, this day and forevermore. Bless the Lord! **Amen!**

#### **CLOSING HYMN\***

*O God, our help in ages past*

#### **Receiving Communion**

All are welcome at God's table. Those who are Baptized in any tradition are invited to receive the bread and wine. Hold out your hands. Indicate verbally to the priest if you would like to intinct or sip. should you desire intinction you will be given the dipped bread from the priest to intinct. If you choose to drink from the common cup, consume your wafer. Help the cupbearer by guiding the chalice to your lips by the base. Gluten-free wafers are available by request.

*82 Hymn 680*

1 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:

2 under the shadow of thy throne  
thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting thou art God,  
to endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in thy sight  
are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
they fly, forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

#### **DISMISSAL**

Brothers and Sisters, siblings in Christ, our worship has ended, but our service to the world begins. Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord and our neighbor. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

*\*Music referenced is for the 10:30 am service.*



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**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:**

Joy Lee (8:00 am)

Brad Mackey, Thomas Beatty and Monte Carroll (10:30 am)

**Lectors:**

Marilyn West (8:00 am)

Sherrard Gardner (10:30 am)

**Organist/Minister of Music:** Dr. Willis L. Barnett

**Verger:** Nathaniel Lewis

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Don't forget to pledge!** Thank you to everyone who has sent in their pledge cards or pledged online! As of today, we have received pledges from **28 families and individuals** who have pledged \$91,464.00 and we are **40% half way of our pledging goal!** Remember, every bit helps. We are hopeful you will join your church family as we embrace our stewardship theme **More Than Enough** and celebrate God's overflowing grace and provision in our lives.

Pledge cards are available on the table in the Atrium, or you can pledge electronically by clicking [here](#) or by contacting the church office. You can place your pledge card in the offering plate, leave it in the office, or mail it.

**We will bless** all pledges during the service today. Your pledge allow us to make smart, informed decisions in regards to our 2024 budget. Thank you for your financial support of our church, and its ministries and programs.

**Today is UTO Sunday**, The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Prayerfully consider making an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute the 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion. You can fill the UTO Box, write a check to St. Philip's Episcopal Church and add UTO Ingathering in the memo line or donate online at <https://unitedthankoffering.com/give/#>.

**Advent Festival - Celebrating the first week of Advent! Sunday, December 3rd after the 8:00 and 10:30 am services.** There will be festive music, special treats, and fun for ALL ages! This will take the place of our regular coffee fellowship time and also replace Formation that day. We're looking for set-up help and volunteers to bring treats (hot chocolate, apple cider, cookies, etc.) to this event. You can sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45AFAD2DA7FCC61-46026600-stphilips#/>

**Advent Wreath Making** Make your own fresh Advent wreath after each service on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will provide a wreath-base, greenery, candles, decorations, guidance, and lots of smiles and encouragement. Please bring hand-held pruning shears if you have them.

**Green Donations Needed!** We would love donations of fresh cut of any kind of evergreens that you have available – fir, cedar, yew, rosemary, holly – in your yard. Please bring clippings from November 26-December 1st. Thanks in advance.



**Christmas Poinsettias** With the help of our parishioners each year, beautiful red poinsettias fill our parish church throughout the Christmas season. Please consider purchasing a live poinsettia plant for \$25 to donate in memory of a loved one this Christmas. Donation forms will be available in the atrium of church that can be placed in the plate on Sundays. Or contact Diem, 804-321-1266 with your dedication. Last day to donate is Sunday, December 17. Checks should be written to St. Philip's church, earmarked

"Poinsettias for Christmas. Thank you in advance, The Altar Guild.

**Christmas Pageant!** St. Philip's is planning on having a Christmas pageant this year at the 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service. All youth are invited to come and participate. Just a couple of rehearsals with a schedule to be sent in the next few weeks. Plenty of costumes and roles for all! Including drop in, no speaking parts by sheep and angels who might be in town at the last minute. We've very excited and hope all youth will consider participation. If interested in more information, please contact the Parish office at [office@stphilipsrva.org](mailto:office@stphilipsrva.org).



**Thank you for donating to St. Philip's!**

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