

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday of Easter

Honoring St. Augustine University

April 14, 2024

8:00 am and 10:30 am



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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 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

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 **instinct for you** and place the wafer in your hand for you to consume.

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

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.

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.

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*

The strife is o'er, the battle done

1982 Hymn 208

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done,
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

2. The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shout of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

3. The three sad days are quickly sped,
he rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

4. He closed the yawning gates of hell,
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumphs tell! Alleluia!

5. Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia Christ is Risen!

People: The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

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 FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 3:12-9

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 4

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**1 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**2 The Lord of life is risen today.
Sing songs of praise along his way.
Let all the world rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**3 Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**5 To God the Father, God the Son,
to God the Spirit, three-in-one,
we sing for life in us begun:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them,

“Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news

(A brief silence.)

O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundance and life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate that this plant would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry to St. Augustine University. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God you gather your people. Grant us health and safety as we assemble. Keep us mindful of any who are homebound, hospitalized, convalescing, or traveling, especially Paul Adams, Ralph and Judy Anderson, Adrian Arnold, Cynthia Bentley, Vivienne Brown, Mary Carter, Yvonne Carter, Alex Corbett, Francis Dye, Francis Forrest Sr., Ophelia Gabson, Blair Grant, William Harris, Yolanda Haynes, Ester Hyatt, Bill James, Ayana Malon, Robinette Miller, Lela Morris, Robert Myers, Christian Miller, Cynthia Robinson, Nancy Shadt, Mary Saunders, Harry Savage, Barbara Forrest-Thompson, Clementine Washington and Shirley Williams. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your Beblon Parks as she begins another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living God. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE PEACE OF GOD

by Eudora L. Forrest

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

*An offering is received to support St. Philip's ministry of sharing God's love.
All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed or
scan the QR code for ways to make a payment.*

OFFERTORY



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.**

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM*

Lamb of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

COMMUNION HYMN *I Know It Was the Blood*

AA Hymn 257

**1 I know it was the blood,
I know it was the blood,
I know it was the blood for me.**

Refrain:

**One day when I was lost
He died upon the cross.
I know it was the blood for me.**

**2 They whipped Him all night long,
They whipped Him all night long,
They whipped Him all night long for me. [Refrain]**

**3 They pierced Him in His side,
They pierced Him in His side,
They pierced Him in His side for me. [Refrain]**

**4 He never said a mumblin' word,
He never said a mumblin' word,
He never said a mumblin' word for me. [Refrain]**

**5 He hung His head and died,
He hung His head and died,
He hung His head and died for me. [Refrain]**

**6 He's coming back again,
He's coming back again,
He's coming back again for me. [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.

A PRAYER FOR HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

EASTER BLESSINGS

**May the Risen Christ who meets us at the tomb turn our tears into joy. Amen.
May Christ who comes through our locked doors turn our fear into courage. Amen.
May Christ who visits us in our daily routines turn our failures into new vision. Amen.
May Christ who provides us with bread and wine turn our despair into hope. Amen.
And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.**

**2. Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now
and conquer every place and time.**

**3. Not throned above, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior with the Father reigns.**

**4. In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.**

**5. Christ is alive! His Spirit burns
through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns
his joy, his justice, love, and praise.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and your neighbor. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.



Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers are given in the glory of God by Viola Haywood in Loving Memory of her friend, Ruth E. Little, who went about doing good. Her price is far above rubies.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Lectors:

Mark Jones (8 am)

Paulette Yates (10:30 am)

LEMS:

Pauletta James (8 am)

Gwen Jallah and John Williams (10:30 am)

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

Musical Guests: Mr. Ford and the St. Augustine University Chamber Singers

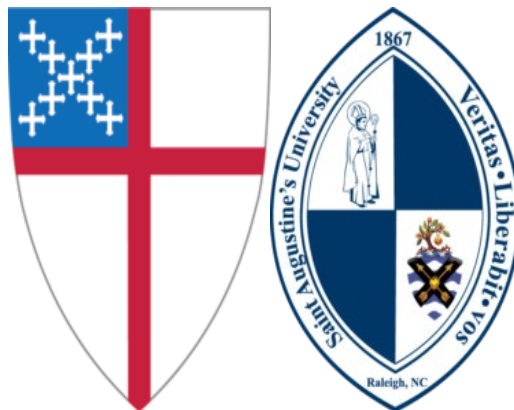
Verger: Nathaniel Lewis

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SAINT AUGUSTINE'S UNIVERSITY & THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH INTERTWINED LEGACIES

In 1867, the Founding Fathers of Saint Augustine's University — members of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina — set out to make education accessible to newly freed slaves.

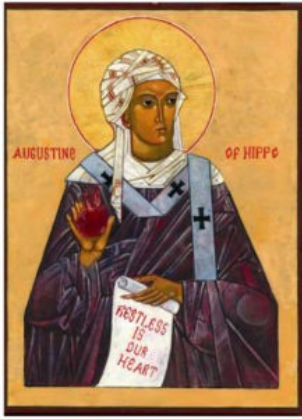
A century and half later, the legacy of providing opportunity and transforming lives through access to a quality education continues at Saint Augustine's University.



Episcopal Shield

Saint Augustine's University Seal

More than one-third of all black priests in the Episcopal Church, including three African-American Bishops, are graduates of Saint Augustine's University, which is one of only two historically Black colleges affiliated with the Church.



St. Augustine's University – History

Saint Augustine's University was chartered as a "Normal School and Collegiate Institute" on July 19, 1867, by the Reverend J. Brinton Smith, D.D., secretary of the Freedman's Commission of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and the Right Reverend Thomas Atkinson, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina. Bishop Atkinson became the first president of the Board of Trustees and Dr. Smith was the first principal. The new school opened its doors for instruction on January 13, 1868.

In 1893, the School's name changed from Saint Augustine's Normal School to Saint Augustine's School. In 1919, the name changed to Saint Augustine's Junior College, the first year in which postsecondary instruction was offered. The School became a four-year institution in 1927. In 1928, the institution was renamed Saint Augustine's College. Baccalaureate degrees were first awarded in 1931.

Under the direction of Rev. Henry B. Delany, the students quarried the stones for the construction of the Saint Augustine's Historic Chapel, and laid the cornerstone in 1895. The construction was completed in December 1895. Finally on October 11, 1897, the chapel was consecrated "Saint Augustine's Chapel" by the Rt. Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina. The Chapel is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

In 1896, the College further extended its mission by establishing St. Agnes Hospital and Training School for Nurses to provide medical care for and by African Americans. It was the "first" school of nursing in the state of North Carolina for African-American students and served as the only hospital that served African Americans until 1960. One of St. Agnes most famous patients was boxer Jack Johnson. Following an accident that ultimately led to his death in 1946, boxer Jack Johnson was taken to St. Agnes Hospital. Johnson was the first African-American world heavyweight boxing champion.

Another "first" Saint Augustine's University is especially proud of is that the University was the nation's first historically black university to own an on-campus commercial radio station (WAUG-AM 750) and television station (WAUG-LD). WAUG 750 currently rebroadcasts hip hop and R&B from Hot 97.9 FM. WAUG-LD currently is found locally on TV 8, Spectrum 1231 and now has streaming apps on Roku, Apple TV and Amazon FireTV.

Since the beginning of its existence, Saint Augustine's University has blazed the trails in academics. **Alumna Anna Julia Cooper**, who was a prominent writer, educator and scholar, became the fourth African-American woman in United States to earn a doctoral degree. Today, Saint Augustine's University is proud of preserving its legacy by continuing to ensure scholars are academically equipped to be the global change agents of tomorrow.



SAINT AUGUSTINE'S
UNIVERSITY
Transform. Excel. Lead.

Falcons not only soar in academics but also in athletics. The men's track and field team has experienced the victory of being Number #1 on numerous occasions. Saint Augustine's University's track and field programs have won an astounding 39 national championships and have produced over 40 Olympians including three gold medalists.

On August 1, 2012, Saint Augustine's College transitioned in name and status to Saint Augustine's University.

In 2020, the University became the first historically black university to start a cycling team, and in 2022 the first to also launch a women's rowing team.

Saint Augustine's University has a strong tradition of excellence and a rich legacy that bonds thousands of Saint Augustine's University sons and daughters from across the globe.



Dr. Burgess most recently served as Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Claflin University after holding the position of Associate Vice President for Major and Planned Gifts. Before his return to Claflin in 2019, Burgess served several institutions in a leadership capacity, including York Technical College in Rockhill, SC, as the Executive Director for Campaigns and Strategic Initiatives; Florida Memorial University, Miami Gardens, FL, as the Vice President for University Advancement; and Voorhees College as the Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

During his first stint at Claflin, Dr. Burgess was the former director of alumni affairs and annual fund at Claflin University, where he achieved an alumnus giving percentage of over 45 percent, pushing them towards a goal of 50 percent, and a former K-12 public school administrator.

Burgess is a native of Cades, South Carolina. He is a 1996 graduate of Claflin University, where he earned a BS in Elementary Education, a 2000 Graduate of The Citadel, earning an MS in Education Administration and Supervision, and a 2020 graduate of Vanderbilt University's Peabody School of Education, earning a Doctor of Education in Learning and Leadership in Organizations.

He is married to Leandra Hayes-Burgess, Vice President for Institutional Advancement for Benedict College. They have three children: Marcus (Deuce), Mariana, and Tyler.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Welcome St. Augustine's Interim President, Dr. Burgess, Faculty, Students, Raleigh and Richmond Alumni Chapters and the SAU Chamber Singers to St. Philip's Episcopal Church! The loose plate offering today will go to St. Augustine's University. Please donate generously to our sisters and brothers!

ECW of the Diocese of Virginia Spring Meeting – Last Chance to register! Forms are in the atrium and in the newsletter.

On Sunday, April 28th is St. Philip's Day. We will have only ONE service at **9:30 am.** Following the service, we will host an **international potluck** for St. Philip's Day. Bring your favorite dish from your culture or heritage. Or get creative and bring your favorite dish from around the world. **WEAR** your favorite traditional outfit and join us with a dish to experience a taste of diversity.

The Church as Movement: *Shifting Our Paradigms about What it Means to be the Church*
The Dioceses of Virginia and Southern Virginia have come together to cosponsor a free two-day conference for anyone interested in church planting, church revitalization, or shifting the paradigms of existing churches from one of attraction to one centered on mission and discipleship. Author, Speaker, and National Director of the V3 Church Planting Movement, JR Woodward, will invite us to consider why our current paradigms of Church need to change and offer guidance on ways to bring about such change. This conference will provide space to pray, dream, and discern how God may be calling you to think of and be the Church differently within your own Episcopal context. Individuals (both lay and ordained) and church groups are invited to attend. Please select the number of tickets per age bracket and check out when complete. Register here ...<https://doers.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/32/responses/new>

When: 7-9pm Friday, May 10 and 9am-4:30pm Saturday, May 11

Optional pre-conference conversation with JR from 1-4pm on Friday, May 10

Where: St. James's Episcopal Church (1205 W Franklin St. Richmond, VA 23220)

Contact the Rev. Blake Singer (bsinger@doers.org) with any questions.

Save the date: St. Philip's Spring Clean-Up will take place on **Saturday, May 18th** (rain date June 1st). We will be working both inside and out, so dress appropriately. More details to come.

KNIGHTS FISH FRY is Saturday, May 11th starting at 11am till they're sold out. \$20 per person and it includes pieces of fish, green beans, potato salad, dinner roll, cake and choice of water or soda. Come out and support the Knights of St. Philip's!