

# St. Philip's Episcopal/Anglican Church

(The Diocese of Long Island)

The Reverend Carver W. Israel, Rector

The Right Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano, Bishop



“The mission of Saint Philip’s Church is to be a loving, caring and faithful congregation that is diverse, embracing others and committed to community service.”

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Third Sunday of Advent  
YEAR B- RITE II  
Sunday, December 17, 2017

*“Rejoice always,” begins the reading from First Thessalonians. Isaiah and the psalmist make clear that God is turning our mourning into laughter and shouts of joy. “All God’s children got a robe,” go the words of the spiritual. It is not so much a stately, formal, pressed outfit as it is a set of party clothes, clothes that make us feel happy just to put on. We receive that robe in baptism, and in worship we gather for a foretaste of God’s party.*

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**PRELUDE**                    **“Prelude: Partita On Blest Be The King”**                    **Piet Post**

**PROCESSIONAL**        **“Blest Be The King Whose Coming”**                    **HYMNAL #74**

**THE LIGHTING OF THE THIRD CANDLE OF ADVENT**

*Leader:* Our God comes to live among us! Let us prepare to welcome Jesus, who came to show us the way to a new heaven and a new earth

*All:*        **Help us, O God, to welcome Jesus, who makes all things new!**

*Leader:* We light this third candle as a sign of our desire to welcome Jesus into a community constituted by love, integrity, and a commitment to embodying the joy of being beloved children of our God. Help us to cooperate with You, our God, to create it.

*(Three candles are lit this week. Pause for a moment of silence.)*

*Leader:* Let us pray.

Loving God, we are in awe of the Gift You wish to send us, Jesus, the Son you love so much. Open our hearts and minds that we may welcome the inspiration of Your Spirit, and the changes we will be moved to make in the ways we relate to one another.

*All:*        ***Amen!***

*All:*        ***Let us go in joy and peace to love and serve our God. Let us strive for peace with each and every other. Let us be at peace within ourselves. Amen.***

**ACCLAMATION**

**BCP p. 355**

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

*People:*     **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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.**

“KYRIE ELEISON” (*Sung*)

HYMNAL #S-91

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

*Though the people had returned to Jerusalem from exile in Babylon, they continued to face hardship and oppression. In the language of the jubilee year described in Leviticus 25, the prophet, moved by the spirit of the Lord, announces deliverance for those who are oppressed and comfort for those who mourn.*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah [61:1-4, 8-11]

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations with them.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 126 In convertendo

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations,  
"The Lord has done great things for them."
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

## SECOND READING

1 Thess. 5:16–24

*Paul concludes his letter to the Thessalonians by encouraging them to live lives of continual joy, prayer, and thanksgiving. The closing blessing is grounded in the hope of Christ's coming.*

*Reader:* A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians [5:16-24]

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”

HYMNAL#59

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:6-8, 19-28

*The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a story of Jesus' birth but with the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord.*

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John[1:6-8, 19-28]

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord"', as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

*Reader:* This is the Gospel of our Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

## THE NICENE CREED

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

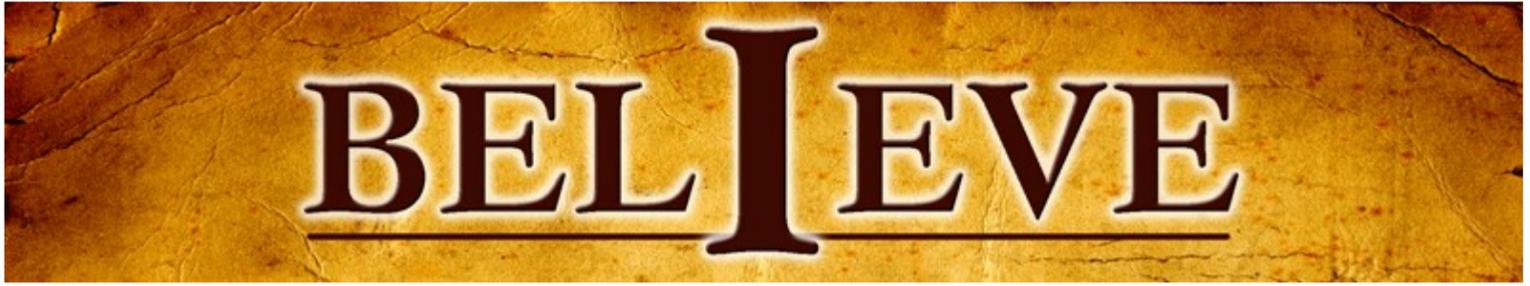
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son  
of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God  
from God, Light from Light, true God from  
true God, begotten, not made, of one Being  
with the Father. Through him all things were  
made. For us and for our salvation he came  
down from heaven: by 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 worshipped  
and glorified. He has spoken through the  
Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic  
Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*



## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader:* As we keep awake for the coming of the Lord, let us offer prayers to God who prepares a light for our path.

For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ.

*People:* Come, O Lord, and save us.

*Leader:* We pray for Michael, our presiding bishop, for Lawrence, our bishop, Carver, our priest, and all bishops, priests and deacons.

*People:* Come, O Lord, and save us.

*Leader:* For the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place.

*People:* Come, O Lord, and save us.

*Leader:* For the leaders of the nations and all in authority.

*People:* Come, O Lord, and save us.

*Leader:* For justice, peace and freedom among peoples of the earth.

*People:* Come, O Lord, and save us.

*Leader:* For travelers, for the sick and suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, and for those in prison.

*People:* Come, O Lord, and save us.

*Leader:* For the dying and the dead

*People:* Come, O Lord, and save us.

*Leader:* For our deliverance from all afflictions, strife, and need.

*People:* Come, O Lord, and save us.

*Leader:* Joining our voices with the Blessed Virgin Mary and with all the saints and angels, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord.**

*Celebrant:* God of the ages, who reconciles all things to yourself in Christ, hear the prayers we of this day and remember us in your kingdom: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## THE CONFESSION

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*The Celebrant then says:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and 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.

*Celebrant:* 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 GREETING OF PEACE

*All stand.*

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

*People* And also with you.

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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*Celebrant:* O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

## THE DOXOLOGY

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (II) Eucharistic Prayer B

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In this prayer, the lines in **BOLD** are spoken by the People.

*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.**

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

*Celebrant:*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

*Celebrant & People:*

HYMNAL #S-130

**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.**

*The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant 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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant 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.”

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 & People:*

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

*Celebrant:*

And we offer this 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 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**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Sung*)

LEVAS #264

Our Father, which 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 debts  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.

**THE FRACTION**

HYMNAL #S-152

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast.

**AGNUS DEI**

HYMNAL # S-164

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.



TODAY'S LAY LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

		<u>Old</u> <u>Testament</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>New</u> <u>Testament</u>	<u>Prayers</u>
<b>LECTORS:</b>	9:30am	Norma Holder	Choir	Lind Phillips	Jacqueline Charity
<b>L.E.M:</b>	9:30am	Adrienne Jackson	Jacqueline Charity	Darnley Jones	
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	9:30am	M.C.: Peter Holmes Crucifer: Corey Adams Torch Bearers: Marlon Brown and Anthony Harden Gospel Book: Peter Holmes			

TODAY'S USHERS

9:30am Carolyn Lemon, Vivian Brereton, Jonathan Galindo, Derrick Pryce, Madeline Harriss, Annette Meritt, Graham Yarde

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSONS: Dec. 24th (Fourth Sunday of Advent); YEAR B

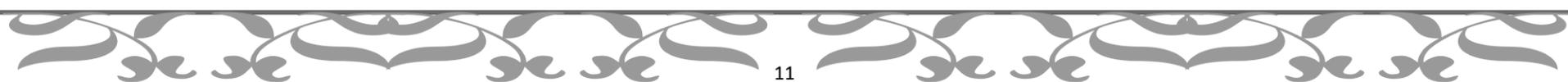
2 Samuel 7:1-11,16; Psalm 89:1-4,19-26; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

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St. John the Baptist, Center Moriches	December 17
Primates of the Anglican Communion	December 18
Church of the Messiah, Central Islip	December 19
St. Patrick's, Deer Park	December 20
St. Lawrence of Canterbury, Dix Hills	December 21
St. Luke's, East Hampton	December 22
Emmanuel Church, Great River	December 23





## "A PRAYER OF FAITH"

[www.adailyprayer.wordpress.com](http://www.adailyprayer.wordpress.com)

Here's a common prayer that expresses faith in God's plan of salvation through Jesus Christ. If you have not done so already, I urge you to pray this prayer from your heart today.

Prayer of Faith: "Lord Jesus, I confess that I am a sinner. I believe that You came to this earth and died on the cross as a substitute for me and my sin. I place my faith in You and what You have done for me. I receive You into my life and choose this day to follow You and serve You all the days of my life. Thank You for hearing my prayer. I will look to the Bible and find out what Your purpose is for my life. Amen."

### BREAD AND WINE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

- ♥ Given by the Glover family in loving memory of the birthdays of Kirk Glover (12/4), Gloria Walkes-Ashby (12/4), Harry Walkes (12/27), Michael Walkes (12/27), Evelyn Price (12/28), and Elise Miller (12/31).
- ♥ Given by the Glover family in Thanksgiving for the birthdays of Isola Phillips (12/5), Kyra Bailey (12/8), Julia Brathwaite (12/10), Yvette Bailey (12/12), Adrienne Jackson (12/13), Imani Bailey (12/14), Tracey Glover (12/15), Marina Green (12/21), Jerome Perkins (12/24), Evelyn Batten Bryant (12/26), and Tanya Hatcher (12/26).
- ♥ Given Lenton A. Clemons in loving memory of my Mother Mary House.
- ♥ Given by Rosemary Layne in thanksgiving for my birthday.
- ♥ Given by Paulette, thanking God for my life 12/2, for my Granddaughter Jewyl (12/25), my sister Carol 12/25. Merry Christmas Mom & Dad & Brother RIP.

### SANCTUARY LIGHTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

- ♥ .Given by the Glover family in loving memory of the birthdays of Kirk Glover (12/4), Gloria Walkes-Ashby (12/4), Harry Walkes (12/27), Michael Walkes (12/27), Evelyn Price (12/28), and Elise Miller (12/31).
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### BIRTHDAYS

- ♥ Given by Paulette Smart and Carlos Layne

ALTAR MEMORIALS SUBMISSION FORM

Please use only this form and space provided for all Altar Memorials and submit to the Altar Guild Director. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

MONTH IN WHICH MEMORIAL SHOULD APPEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE ITEM: \_\_\_\_\_

Altar Flowers Weekly:      \$100.00 (50.00/vase) Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Sanctuary Lights for the month:      \$20.00 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Bread and Wine for the month:      \$20.00 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_

GIVEN BY: \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

IN THANKSGIVING FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

REQUEST RECEIVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

Given in loving memory of:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

DONATION: \$10.00

PLEASE SUBMIT BY DECEMBER 17, 2017

## REGULAR MEETING CALENDAR

VESTRY	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	6:30PM
ACOLYTYES	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	11:30AM
<i>(Except July &amp; Aug.)</i>		
ST. PHILIP'S CHOIR REHEARSAL	Sundays	12:00PM
ARCHIVES COMMITTEE	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	10:45AM
B.O.S.A.	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	9:00AM
BIBLE STUDY	Sundays	8:15AM
BOY SCOUTS	Tuesdays	6:30PM
BUDGET & FINANCE	Last Tuesday	6:00PM
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	4:00PM
E.C.W.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	12:15PM
GIRL SCOUTS	Saturdays	1:00PM
HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL (HBC)	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays	6:00PM
PASTORAL CARE	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday*	11:30AM
EVANGELISM COMMITTEE	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday++	
PROPERTY	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	7:00PM
PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	TBA
S.T.A.N.D. Youth & Young Adult Ministry	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	12:00PM
ST. PHILIP'S BOOK CLUB	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	4:30PM
VACATION COMMITTEE	2 <sup>ND</sup> Sunday	11:30AM
WALKING CLUB	Saturdays**	9:00AM
		** <i>(May-Nov)</i>
STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE	2 <sup>ND</sup> Sunday	9:00AM
WOMEN'S GUILD	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	11:30AM
WORSHIP COMMITTEE	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	TBD
UNION OF BLACK EPISCOPALIANS	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday***	12:00PM

\*\*\**(Except Dec., Apr., July & Aug.)*

USHER COMMITTEE	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday****	11:30AM
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\*\*\*\**(Mar., Jun., Sept. & Dec.)*

\**(Except July & Aug.)*

++ *Every other month*

## MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY

Senior Warden	Ms. Wendy P. Malliet	2017
Junior Warden:	Ms. Patricia Moorehead	2018
Clerk:	Ms. Adrian Simmons	2018
Treasurer:	Ms. Sharon Atherley	2018
Assistant Treasurer:	Ms. Jemma King	2017
Ms. Shaneka Gulston	2018	Mr. Glyne Bowen 2017
Mrs. Susan Ransom	2018	Mr. Lawrence Trotman 2017

## PARISH STAFF

Parish Secretary, Carol Glasgow

Mr. Keith Gauntlett, Sexton

Mr. Paris Stokes, Sexton

The Ministers of Jesus Christ

The Priest and People of St. Philip's, Including:

Organist	Vacant
Altar Guild Director	Ms. Adrienne Jackson
BOSA/Crusaders Guild	Mr. Peter Holmes
Acolyte Master	Mr. Corey Adams
S.T.A.N.D. Chairperson	Mr. Anthony Harden
Youth Coordinator	Mr. Corey Adams
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Women's Guild President	Mrs. Susan Ransom
Sunday School Director	Vacant