

Saint Philip's in the Hills Calendar and Announcements: *The Week of Advent I*



WORSHIP AND ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

We welcome children in our worship, and we recognize and value the fact that children are wonderfully spontaneous. If you wish, you may make use of the soft space in the West Transept, with an open carpeted area and baskets of soft toys and books (the West Transept is near the front, to the left if you are facing the altar). There is also a more private room, known as the Bride's Room, off of the East Transept, where you may go if you need that type of facility. There is also nursery care available at no charge from 8:30AM until 12:30PM in the Children's Center.

On second Sundays at 9:15AM, we have a special "Comfy Space" service for those who tend to wiggle during worship and those who worship with them, held in the Children's Chapel. During the school year, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atriums are open for Children's Formation (Rooms 6,7 and 8 in the Children's Center) and Youth Groups meet in La Parroquia at 10:15AM.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to come forward at the time of Communion. The standard practice in the Episcopal Church is that those who are Baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are visiting today and are not Baptized but are feeling drawn to receive Communion, we hope that you will come forward and receive, and that afterwards you will talk to one of the clergy about Baptism and what it means both to take Bread and to become part of the Body.

If you don't want to receive communion or are unsure, you are more than welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

If you have a food sensitivity that requires a **gluten-free Communion Wafer**, simply mention that to the clergy person administering Communion. The receptacle containing the gluten-free Hosts will be brought to you, and you may help yourself to a Host (to avoid cross-contamination). To receive the Wine, you may either drink from the common Chalice or hold it for the Chalice Minister to intinct for you and place on your tongue. For those who have difficulty approaching the Communion rail, you have the option of **receiving Communion in your seat**. Simply notify an usher, or ask a parishioner seated near you to notify an usher for you.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located in the hallway north of the Murphey Gallery, across the Fishpond Garden and up the walkway from the Church. There is a diaper changing table in the gender-neutral ADA-compliant restroom there. Changing tables are also found in both the men's and women's restrooms in the Music Center.

ACCESSIBILITY

This facility is **fully accessible**. Please speak to an usher if you need assistance. The main area of the Church, forward of the choir stalls, is **looped** to assist those who have difficulty hearing. If you have a T-coil in your hearing aid, you may sit anywhere in this section and hear via the amplification system. **Hearing assist devices** are also available from the ushers. These are operational anywhere in the Church. The ushers will ask for your car keys as a reminder to return the device. **Large print copies** of the Book of Common Prayer are available from the ushers for your use during the service.

DAILY OFFICE READINGS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Nicholas Ferrar</i>	<i>Channing Moore Williams</i>	<i>John of Damascus</i>	<i>Clement</i>	<i>Nicholas of Myra</i>	<i>Ambrose</i>
Psalm 1, 2, 3; AM Psalm 4, 7; PM Amos 2:6-16; 2 Peter 1:1-11; Matthew 21:1-11	Psalm 5, 6; AM Psalm 10, 11; PM Amos 3:1-11; 2 Peter 1:12-21; Matthew 21:12-22	Psalm 119:1-24; AM Psalm 12, 13, 14; AM Amos 3:12-4:5; 2 Peter 3:1-10; Matthew 21:23-32	Psalm 18:1-20; AM Psalm 18:21-50; PM Amos 4:6-13; 2 Peter 3:11-18; Matthew 21:33-46	Psalm 16, 17; AM Psalm 22; PM Amos 5:1-17; Jude 1-16; Matthew 22:1-14	Psalm 20, 21; AM Ps. 110, 116, 116; PM Amos 5:18-27; Jude 17-25; Matthew 22:15-22

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Events

First Sunday Food Drive

Today is our First Sunday Food Drive to help our neighbors in need in the Tucson Community. The items most in demand are canned chicken and tuna and other canned meat, canned veges, beans and fruit, dry pasta and canned sauce, dry rice and beans, canned pasta with meat, soup, cereal and peanut butter. Monetary donations are also always welcome! This is a wonderful way to welcome the Advent of Our Lord! The poor and hungry of Tucson thank you!

Children's Christmas Project

The annual Children's Christmas Project provides a Christmas Gift of money to the three schools with which Saint Philip's has a special relationship: Imago Dei Middle School, and Holaway and Rio Vista Elementary Schools. For all three schools, our gifts go, in many cases, to fulfilling the most basic human needs, and in others, making life and the future just a bit better for the children and their families. In some years evictions were stopped by the Principal's ability to support her students' families, other years school supplies or clothing were purchased. This year the project will be tabling in the Fish Pond and Perry Gardens on Sundays from November 24th to December 22nd. You may donate by cash, a check made out to Saint Philip's with Children's Christmas Project in the memo line, or by credit card on the Saint Philip's website.

Upcoming Events

Mosaic Community Nights Every Wednesday

Each Wednesday our Mosaic Community Nights will offer a range of formation opportunities for you and yours, beginning with Evening Prayer at 5:30PM, followed by free Dinner at 6:00PM and formation from 6:30 to 7:30PM. During Advent the Beloved in the Desert Corps Members will lead the Advent Mosaic Dinner Formation on the Theme of Rest for three Wednesdays in December. Members will lead us in conversation on Sabbath and holy rest on December 4th, December 11th, and December 18th. Women's and Men's Bible Study, Intergenerational Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atriums, and the Nursery are available during that time as well.

Advent: Confessions, Stations of the Cross

On Wednesdays throughout the seasons of Advent and Lent, members of the clergy will be available for Confession* in the Chapel of Saint Benedict at 5:00PM. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please contact the parish office (520-299-6421), or simply arrive at the appointed hour on December 4th, December 11th, or December 18th. On those same Wednesdays, Stations of the Cross is scheduled in the Church at 5:30PM, followed by the Mosaic dinner at 6:00PM in the Murphey Galleries.

**(Confession is offered year-round by appointment, but Saint Philip's takes extra steps to make this available during these two seasons.)*

Appreciation Sunday December 8th

Gather with friends and enjoy Christmas goodies in the Perry Garden as we celebrate a successful Stewardship Campaign on Appreciation Sunday, December 8th at 10:15AM and again following the 11:15AM service. Receive and wear your "I pledged" sticker proudly! Names of pledgers will be published that day in the Sunday bulletin. If you haven't already pledged, the deadline for including names is December 2nd.

Full Moon Labyrinth Walk

Gently walk the Saint Philip's Octagonal Labyrinth under the Full Moon on December 11th at 7:00PM, and while you walk, remove your seasonal anxieties and contemplate the joy and spirit of Christmas. After the walk, enjoy refreshments and meet new friends.

Advent Retreat December 14th

Delve deeper into the season of Advent by taking a fresh look at the birth of Jesus through the eyes of the shepherds and wise men. Using guided storytelling, reflection questions, art and music, we will seek to gain new perspectives on the familiar events which surrounded Jesus's arrival into the world. A simple lunch will be provided.

Retreat Leader: Shirin McArthur is a lay minister who holds a Master of Divinity Degree from Boston University School of Theology and a Certificate in Spiritual Direction from the Shalem Institute in Washington, DC. Shirin has been leading retreats for over 25 years and also works as a spiritual director, editor, and writer. Learn more about her at www.shirinmcarthur.com.

Speaking of Shirin's Advent Silent Retreat last year, one of Saint Philip's parishioners wrote, "Your retreat at Saint Philip's was the most meaningful of my life. Your 'fleshing out' of the birth story made me hear it in a different way and I have been thinking of it ever since—as a new story, not the one I have heard over and over and is now background noise. Thank you so much."

Retreatants are asked to contribute \$25, if possible, to help offset the cost of this retreat. Payment may be made on the day of the retreat. For information or to register, please contact Fr. Peter Helman (520-299-6421 ext. 33; peter.helman@stphilipstucson.org).

Items of Note

Call to Artists!

Saint Philip's invites artists to create and submit works of art visually representing "The Way of Love," each of which will be considered for inclusion in a juried exhibit to be displayed in the Murphey Gallery from April 5th-30th. Prizes will be given for first place, first runner-up, and "Bishop's choice." The deadline for initial digital submission is January 31st, 2020, at 4:00PM. Details about how and where artwork may be submitted can be found at www.stphilipstucson.org/call-to-artists.

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Christmas Pageant Sign-Ups

Christmas is just around the corner! If you and/or a young person you know is interested in participating in the Christmas Pageant that happens at the 3:00PM service on Christmas Eve, you can learn more and sign up online at <https://forms.gle/mqLZNj8K2guWvocy5>.

The Inn Project

A few times per month a team of Saint Philipians go to the Inn Project, an overnight shelter for families seeking asylum. There they help to prepare meals, run laundry, welcome families, and generally care for our newest neighbors. If you would like an orientation to this project with Mtr. Taylor and other experienced volunteers this fall, please register here: <http://bit.ly/InnProject2019> or be in touch with Mtr. Taylor: taylor.devine@stphilipstucson.org.

Laundry Love Ministry

Laundry Love occurs the second Wednesday of every month at Northgate Laundry. The Laundry Love team provides quarters, laundry soap, and dryer sheets to help wash the clothes and bedding of individuals and families living in poverty. Each time 25-40 families are served. This opportunity is appropriate for adults and high schoolers who are able to stand for more than an hour. Join the energetic community at Laundry Love on Second Wednesdays at 6:30PM at Northgate Laundromat. Next month's date is December 11th. If you would like more information please visit: <http://bit.ly/LaundryLove2019> or be in touch with taylor.devine@stphilipstucson.org.

Music Notes for Advent I

Today marks beginning of a new year, and the beginning of the Western Church's season of preparation for Christmas, Advent. To mark this new season, the combined choirs present one of Johann Sebastian Bach's early Advent cantatas, Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 61. This particular cantata dates from 1714, the year Bach began to write monthly cantatas for the court in Weimar, and it was intended to accompany the readings for the first Sunday of Advent that year.

The beauty of Bach's cantatas lie in his imaginative and devotional settings of texts — whether biblical or devotional — that relate to the lectionary readings. This particular collection of texts was compiled by Erdmann Neumeister, a theologian and pastor in Leipzig who often collaborated with Bach. Through the music, Bach invites individual listeners to contemplate the meaning of Christ's coming and to engage with his arrival at a very personal level.

Neumeister chose the first verse of Luther's 1524 hymn, Nun komm der Heiden Heiland (Savior of the Nations Come), itself a German translation of the plainchant Veni redemptor gentium ('Come, Savior of the Gentiles'), for the opening movement. Bach set this choral as an overture in the 'French manner', employing grand, dotted rhythms that put us in the mind of royalty. This is a style of overture we associate with the glory of King Louis XIV's court, so it helps us to imagine a similarly splendid and royal arrival of the Christ (Advent means 'coming'), whether as a child in Bethlehem or else his coming in glory in the future.

In the second movement, the tenor soloist announces the

incarnation of Christ and revels in the glory of God's light which now 'shines with full blessing'. Following this brief recitation (the musical term is recitative), the tenor sings a beautiful aria, a prayer asking for God to come and bless his Church, maintain 'sound doctrine' and bless 'pulpit and altar'. Notice how Bach accompanies this prayer with a single line in the upper strings, a line of pure loveliness.

For the fourth movement, Neumeister chose Revelation 3:20, in which Christ (the vox Christi is always a bass) stands 'at the door and knocks'. That knocking is literally depicted by sharp, pizzicato chords in the strings and in the bass soloist's melody. This is a wonderfully personal and intimate movement that signals the crux of the cantata. Christ promises that if anyone opens the door and invites him in, he will come in and share 'the evening meal' with them.

In response, the soprano soloist sings a ravishing aria that balances graceful ornaments with the cello's 'hyperactive and happy' bass line. The soul now responds to Jesus' coming in a very intimate way, declaring 'O how happy I will be!' over a truly ecstatic cello part. We can feel Bach's and Neumeister's desire to emphasize this mystical, personal dimension to Christ's coming, as he stands at the door our our hearts now, in this moment, asking for entry.

Finally, Neumeister chose a brief segment of the final verse of Philip Nicolai's chorale Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern ('How Lovely Shines the Morning Star') for the last movement, which Bach turns into a fervent appeal to Christ, the 'fair Crown of Joy' to come quickly. A jubilant obligato violin parts and exciting imitations in the voices accompany the hymn melody and form a brilliant and jubilant conclusion to this cantata.

— Dr. Justin Appel
Director of Music

Daily Bread Christmas Project

We are pleased to announce the Daily Bread Christmas Project, starting Thursday, December 26th, and running through Monday, January 6th. Twelve members of the Saint Philip's community have agreed to write daily reflections based on scripture for the day. If you don't already receive the Daily Bread, this would be a great opportunity to sign up for this valuable resource and support your friends in the congregation.

The Daily Bread is a year-round offering that arrives in your inbox each day. Most of the time, members of the staff generate these reflections to inspire or enlighten. Occasionally, we are graced with the contributions of others, as is the case with the Christmas Project. A sign-up form is available at <https://stphilipstucson.org/daily-bread-devotional/>

DECEMBER 1 - 8

Sunday, December 1

7:45AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:00AM Parish Breakfast
8:30AM Parish Nurse in Office
9:00AM Adult Formation: How Do We Live a Christian Life?
9:00AM Children's Worship
9:00AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:15AM Advent Wreath Making
10:15AM Children's Formation
10:15AM Coffee Hour
10:15AM Parents' Formation and Support
10:15AM The Haven
10:15AM Youth Formation
11:15AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:45PM The Way of Love – Small Groups
4:00PM Come and See
5:30PM Holy Eucharist Rite II
7:00PM SLAA

6:25PM Nursery Care, Bible Study
6:30PM Men's Bible Study
6:30PM Women's Bible Study
6:45PM Evensong Rehearsal
7:00PM Alanon
7:00PM Tucson Flute Club Rehearsal

Thursday, December 5

8:30AM Morning Prayer
8:30AM Music Librarians Library
9:00AM Tai Chi
9:30AM Altar Guild Meetings
10:00AM Writers' Workshop
11:00AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
5:30PM AA 11th Step Meeting
6:00PM Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance
7:00PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

Monday, December 2

8:30AM Morning Prayer
8:30AM Phixers
9:00AM Tai Chi
9:15AM Staff Bible Study
9:45AM Staff Meeting
12:00PM Men's Al-Anon
12:15PM Holy Eucharist Rite I
3:00PM Food Addicts
5:30PM Chalice Players Rehearsal
6:00PM ACA – Adult Children of Alcoholics
7:00PM Centering Prayer
7:00PM Debtors Anonymous

Friday, December 6

Church Campus and Office Closed

7:00PM Women's 164
7:15PM Steps R Us

Saturday, December 7

8:30AM Altar Guild Work Day
9:00AM AEMS Rehearsal
10:00AM Saturday Morning CMA
10:30AM DA Solvency & Sanity Meeting
10:30AM Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, December 3

8:30AM Morning Prayer
9:00AM Meet with the Rector
9:00AM Parish Nurse in Office
10:00AM Foothills Forum Officers Meeting
10:00AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with Healing
10:45AM Tuesday with Richard/Bible Study
1:45PM Setup, Trust Board Meeting
2:00PM Trust Board Meeting
5:00PM Children of Divorce & Changing Families
5:00PM OA Relapse Prevention/Recovery
6:30PM AA – Come to Believe
6:30PM EfM Seminar Group
7:15PM Pathway Program Parent Group – Tucson

Sunday, December 8

7:45AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:00AM Parish Breakfast
9:00AM Adult Formation: How Do We Live a Christian Life?
9:00AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
9:15AM Comfy Space
10:15AM Children's Formation
10:15AM Coffee Hour
10:15AM Parents' Formation and Support
10:15AM Sunday Forum: Theology of Rest
10:15AM The Haven
10:15AM Youth Formation
11:15AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:30PM Art Reception: Sacred Art of Saint Philip's
12:30PM Schola Rehearsal
12:45PM AEMS Concert
12:45PM The Way of Love – Small Groups
4:00PM Come and See
5:30PM Holy Eucharist Rite II
7:00PM SLAA

Wednesday, December 4

8:30AM Morning Prayer
11:30AM Faith Community Healing
12:15PM Holy Eucharist Rite I
3:00PM Finance Committee
3:30PM Under the Broom Tree (Mental Health Ministries)
4:30PM Youth Choir Rehearsals
5:00PM Individual Confession
5:30PM Stations of the Cross
6:00PM Mosaic Dinner & Forum
6:00PM SLAA Tucson