

Saint Philip's
IN THE HILLS



MOSAIC

A weekly gathering on Wednesdays for fellowship, formation, and prayer



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WEDNESDAY FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

What do we mean by formation?

Saint Philip's uses the word to describe our efforts to cultivate a community that forms Christians aka Disciples—those who are called and equipped to follow Jesus.

Formation is about more than one or two hours on Sunday morning.

Formation is a commitment to allow our whole lives to be formed by the desire to follow God in Christ. We are all disciples in the making.

This year's theme is *Growing together in the liturgy.*

The liturgy of our services is the church's public workshop of God; it's where we belong as Christians together. For many people it's their primary expression of church, and it is our main space for spiritual growth. We worship together.

This year in Mosaic we will *grow together* as we share understandings, difficulties, and deepened experiences in our worship. We will strive to deepen our relationship with one another as we explore the spiritual wealth of the way we worship together.

Some evenings will feature a presentation, while others will be more discussion-based. This is not a series of lectures, but a series of experiences.

Join us for all or part of the evening—whatever your schedule permits.

5:15pm—Evening Prayer in the Chapel of the Nativity

6:00pm—Dinner in the Murphy Gallery

6:45pm-7:30pm—Discussion in Saint Anne's Family Center

The discussions are geared toward adults, but children are always welcome. A nearby room is available for older children to do homework or play games.

Volunteers are always invited to help with dinner.

Opportunities to help include shopping for ingredients, cooking at home or in Saint Philip's kitchen, and cleaning up after the meal. If you'd like to help, contact Ana Nygren at nygrenam@msn.com.

Mosaic Schedule, Fall 2024

September 11

Growing Together in the Liturgy: *Introduction to the Mosaic Series*

Saint Philip's Adult Formation Commission will look ahead at what will be discussed and experienced as we grow together in our relationship to the liturgy.

September 18

Inwardly Digest: *Collects and the Liturgy as Prayer*

The liturgy is full of collects—brief prayers that gather the intentions of the people together in a recognizable pattern. What is this pattern and what is its particular importance?

September 25

The Shape of Liturgy: *How Structure Encodes Meaning*

What are the elements of the liturgical life that flow from the Book of Common Prayer?

October 2

That I May Go Unto the Altar of God: *Lay People at the Altar*

How does serving at the altar figure in the spiritual life of those who serve? Hear from parishioner and Master of Ceremonies, Ken Hinkle, about the structure of the service and how rubrics are turned into communal action. We'll visit the Sacristy and move through the motions of the Acolytes, Crucifers, and more.

October 9

That I May Go Unto the Altar of God: *Lay People at the Altar and Eucharistic Visitors*

We'll hear from lay people who serve in our parish as Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, and Eucharistic Visitors.

October 16

Informal gathering *in advance of the Diocesan Convention on October 19*

BYO dinner for an informal evening of fellowship.

October 23

O Sing Unto the Lord: *The Music of our Daily Liturgy*

What is the role of music in the liturgy? Why do we sing where we do? What is it that we're singing? Fr Matthew will talk about the musical structure of the liturgy and how it has changed across time.

October 30

Master Tallis's Testament: *What makes music "Anglican"?*

From coronations to royal weddings to "Carols from Kings," Anglican church music gets a lot of airtime—but the Anglican canon is so much broader and more diverse than just these iconic expressions. Fr Matthew will talk about what we hear at Saint Philip's and what makes music "Anglican."

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November 6

O Sing Unto the Lord: *Making Music Happen*

This evening's discussion of music in the liturgy will include a masterclass with Dr Justin Appel as the choristers prepare for Sunday.

November 13 and 20

Take, Eat: *The Eucharist*

What should we know about the words said in the Eucharist when the consecrated elements are distributed? These words provide an excellent resource for learning about the range of Anglican understanding regarding what we receive in communion.

December 4

The Postures of Prayer: *Manual Acts*

Kneeling, standing, crossing ourselves. Why do we do these things? How can they help us to move deeper into our experience of the liturgy? Fr Robert will lead this discussion.

December 11

Let Us Go Forth: *Final Thoughts on the Liturgy*

We will take a broader look at what we've learned together this fall. Fr Robert will share some closing thoughts on the Liturgy and how it enriches our spiritual lives.

December 18

Christmas Wreath-making and Las Posadas

Join in the merriment as we craft wreaths for Christmas and act out Las Posadas, a fun Mexican tradition commemorating the journey Joseph and Mary made from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a safe refuge where Mary could give birth to Jesus. Parishioner Rosalva Parada will lead us.

Mosaic will not meet on December 25 or January 1. It will resume on January 8, 2026.