

MOSAIC

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 as 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 worship of God; it's where we belong as Christians together. For many people, it's their primary experience 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 our understanding, 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 the 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, Spring 2025

January 8

These Thy Gifts: *Instructed Eucharist*

Fr Matthew will lead an Instructed Eucharist, offering a chance to learn the core elements of our liturgy and why they matter.

January 15

Training in Righteousness: *The Sermon*

Hear from St. Philip's clergy about their varied approaches to preparing for giving sermons. We will read the Scripture passages for the upcoming Sunday and consider together what themes might be illuminated in a sermon.

January 22 and 29

One God: How Can Jesus be God?: *The Creeds*

We say, "We believe..." when we recite the Creeds. Do we? If we find the Creeds baffling, pointless, or alienating, how can we believe them? Julia Annas will help us open a different perspective on the Creeds, one which shows, perhaps surprisingly, how understanding them can enrich our spiritual practices.

February 5

Glimpses of Beauty: *The Senses and the Liturgy*

Curious about the art in our church? Julia Annas, a member of the Sacred Arts Commission, will lead a tour of the Saint Philip's collection, showing how these pieces are aids to devotion.

February 12 and 19

Ministry of Word and Sacrament: *Encountering the Bible in Liturgy*

In corporate worship, the Bible, God's written word, is mediated through our lectionary and the voices of lectors, deacons, and preachers. How do we prepare for this encounter so that we truly sense God's word as "living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword"? (Heb 4:12). Dcn Susan will lead this exploration of where we encounter the Bible in the liturgy.

February 26

Penitent Hearts and Steadfast Faith: *The Road into Lent*

Together, we will prepare our hearts for the Lenten season.

March 12-April 9

Christian Commitment: *Confirmation Preparation*

All are welcome to join the confirmands on these five Wednesday evenings, as they prepare for Confirmation on Sunday, May 4.

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April 30

The Prayers of the People: *Intercessory Prayer*

We will talk about the power of prayer, and how the different forms of prayer in the Book of Common Prayer have different emphases.

May 7

New and Contrite Hearts: *Confession and Absolution*

Fr Matthew will give a brief overview of these two spiritual practices, as we share our own experiences. We'll also discuss what individual confession looks like in our tradition.

May 14 and 21

Transformed by Grace: *The Liturgy and our Lives*

Through a series of discussion questions, we will reflect on how the liturgy impacts our spiritual lives, especially in light of the close of our program year series on "Growing Together in the Liturgy."

May 28

Rule Our Hearts: *Instructed Eucharist*

Fr Matthew will lead us in an Instructed Eucharist, but with a twist: please come prepared to share a few sentences about one part of the liturgy that is most meaningful to you!

Wednesday Mosaic will resume in September 2025.