

Welcome to St. Philip's on-the-hill!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

THE 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & FEAST OF THE CREATOR

"By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, by the breath of God's mouth all the heavenly hosts." Psalm 33:6



10:00 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST: Musical Setting for the Holy Eucharist is the St. Philip's Service by R. Edward Gilchrist

PRELUDE *Christ, Our Lord, to Jordan Came by J. S. Bach*

WELCOME & OUTSIDE PROCESSION

The Altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Claudette Rawlins' birthday.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *All Creatures of our God and King v.1,2,3,7 CP 355*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY –

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.

THE GLORIA

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,

All: 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, Amen, Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR THE FEAST OF THE CREATOR

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Creator, you have wonderfully fashioned the heavens and the earth and us in your own image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your breath in all creatures that we may be of service in the healing of the earth, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, through whom you breathe all creation into being. Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S TIME

The Rev. Martha Gordon

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A READING FROM ST. PAUL’S LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS

Colossians 1: 15-20

Sofeene Chan

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33: 1-9

Cantor: Joe Zhou

Refrain: Happy the people chosen by God.

As you are able, please stand.

THE GOSPEL

In ancient tradition, we are invited to make the sign of the cross upon our forehead, lips and heart, that the Good News of Jesus may be in our thinking, our speaking and in our centre.

Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Cantor: “By the word of the Lord were the heavens made,
by the breath of God’s mouth all the heavenly hosts.”

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospeler: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Gospeler: The †Holy Gospel of our †Lord Jesus Christ †according to John.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPELER

John 1:1-15

The Rev. Lorraine Runza

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Martha Gordon

As you are able, please stand.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Celebrant: Let us declare our faith in God:

All: We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us sit or kneel to pray.

PRAYER SONG: *As I Went Down to the River to Pray v. 1-4* SNC 28

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hortense Anglin

Petition: Creator God, ***Response:*** we bring our prayer to you.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins as we say,

All: Creator, out of your abundant love all things live and move and have their being. We confess that we have turned away from you and from your image in our neighbours. We have neglected the creatures that surround us, the water that renews us, and the earth that nourishes us. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us that we might hear the song of your creation once again and see your love in all living things. Amen.

Celebrant: May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit and raise you to new life in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

As you are able, please stand.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: Hear God's promise of a redeemed creation: the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and a little child shall lead them. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

You are invited to greet your neighbour saying: "Peace" or "Peace be with you."

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN: *All Things Bright and Beautiful v. 1-4* CP 415

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: Giver of our daily bread, all creation bears the mark of your hand. Bless these gifts of sun and water, seed and shoot, labour and land, that we who break and take and make them part of our bodies remember that we too are your creatures. In the name of Jesus, whose body also was broken. **Amen.**

Please take a posture of prayer, sitting, standing or kneeling.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Creator.

Celebrant: Let us thank the Giver of Life.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here in this place, where the river meets the sea, in the midst of hills and lakes, where ravines and streams wind under city streets, where village and farm meet, wilderness and town are side by side, where the rising sea meets the rocky shore, where snow meets sea ice, where snow grants rest to all creatures. We praise you in this time of sorrow, when the body of the earth is broken and bruised.

We give you thanks for our place on this land, and in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in desert and in wilderness, displaced and displacing, frightened and welcoming, all the while searching for home. They knew you on mountains and by wells, in tents and in cities, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who saw you in a burning bush, followed you in cloud and fire, and were fed by ravens on the mountains. Together with angels and ancestors, lake and river, deer and coyote, birch tree and cedar, we join our voices with all of creation as we sing:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you for Jesus, born among the animals. He was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, nourished and tested in the wilderness, travelled on the lakes, and knew the mysteries of seeds and growth.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth. He gave thanks, broke it, and gave

it to his friends, saying, 'Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.'

After supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land and work of human hands, gave thanks and gave it to his friends, saying, 'This is my blood, which is shed for you. Whenever you drink it, do it in memory of me.'

Remembering Jesus' life, death, and resurrection and awaiting his coming to renew all things, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts, that we who eat and drink at this table may be one with all who hunger and thirst for justice, and be joined with all of creation, our kin.

Pour out your Spirit on the whole earth, that it may become your new creation, and that we, along with your people, of every language, race and nation, may share the banquet you have promised with patronal saint of your community or saint celebrated today, and all the saints who rest in the wisdom of sparrow and lily, raven and mustard seed, now and on the new earth.

All honour and glory are yours, Creator, Saviour, and Spirit, now and in the world to come.

All: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Saviour Christ has taught us, let us pray,

All: **Our CREATOR in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

All: **Give us this bread for ever.**

Celebrant: "I am the vine, you are the branches."

All: **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

AGNUS DEI

All: **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.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

All are welcome at the table of Our Lord for Communion or a blessing.

As the sides-people direct, move forward to receive Holy Communion around the platform.

Signal the communion minister if you would like a gluten-free wafer.

If you prefer, we can serve Communion in your pew, just let the sides people know.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those worshipping at home

Celebrant: Church, we have friends worshipping online or others who may not be able to receive Communion today. Let us pray together in solidarity to receive Christ anew in spiritual communion.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Sacrament of the altar and in your people, come and abide in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; transform my life and actions that they may reflect the image of your holiness. In your name I pray. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Deep the Snows v.1-4* SNC 26
 God of the Sparrow v. 1-6 CP 414

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Creator of all, in the death and resurrection of Jesus you have reconciled all things in heaven and on earth. May this bread and wine open our eyes to your love and justice woven through all of creation. We ask this through Jesus, your creating Word. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As you are able, please stand.

THE DOXOLOGY

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All : whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: May the God who sprung water from a rock, quenching the thirst of those who wandered in fear, spare us from the drought of a senseless life. May the God who flows from the wells of salvation, and who is Living Water to the foreigner, the stranger, and the unknown, keep us in peace. May the God who rolls on like a river, changing the course of the world with streams of righteousness that guide the Church's vessel in this world, empower us to work for transformation.

And may the blessing of our merciful God, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, keep us and preserve us in eternal life.
Amen.

(Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil)

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *It's a Song of Praise to the Maker v.1-4 MV 30*

THE COMMISSIONING:

Leader: Filled with the Spirit's power, go in the light and peace of
Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE *Overture, Water Music Suite No 2 by G. F. Handel*

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MINISTERING IN THE SERVICES TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Martha Gordon; **Deacon:** The Rev. Lorraine Runza; **Organist:** Kevin Parks; **Cantor:** Joe Zhou; **Reader:** Sofeene Chan; **Bread:** The Rev. Martha Gordon, The Rev. Lorraine Runza; **Chalice:** Carol Dykeman, Judith Brunton; **Prayers:** Hortense Anglin; **Video/Sound:** Andrew Estabrooks; **Greeters:** Godwin & Mabel Ifejika; **Sunday School:** Gloria Varghese; **Warden on Duty:** Andrew Estabrooks; **Chancel Guild:** Judy Prentice, Judith Brunton, Connalyn Willoughby, Christine Herbert; **Counters:** Gerry Heath, Ian Cowling

TODAY

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the Week

Household Prayer: Morning

Dear God, thank you for this day. Help me hear others as I know that you always hear me. Open my heart and help me give myself with grateful praise to things you have set for me today. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Dear God, thank you for always being with me. Rest now in me, God, so that I will wake in the morning with praise and thanksgiving on my lips. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

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THIS WEEK @ ST. PHILIP'S

Sep 22 4:30 pm Fall Youth Drama program

Sep 24 6:45 am Men's Bible Study

10:00 am Women's Bible Study

Sep 26 5:00 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Sep 27 10:00 am 18th after Pentecost – Truth & Reconciliation Sunday with Rev. Martha Celebrating and preaching.

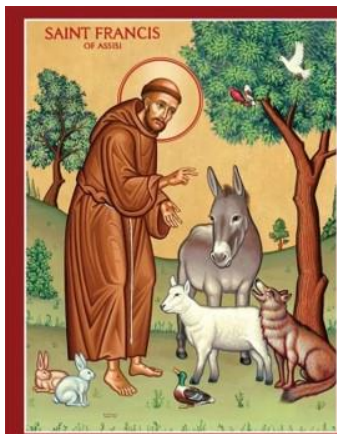
Sep 30 Orange Shirt Day – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

And beyond...

Oct 4 Feast of St. Francis – Blessing of Animals (*bring your well mannered pets for a blessing*)

Oct 4 St. Philip's Cemetery Service, after 10am service

Oct 24 Get ready to kick up your heels at the SPOTH Hoedown!



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS**

St. Francis loved all creatures and so do we! We invite you to bring your pets to church on October 4 as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with the Blessing of Animals.

Please ensure your pets are on a leash or safely in a carrier.

THANKSGIVING DONATION

The Chancel Guild is once again asking for your generosity to help the staff of Yellow Brick House prepare Thanksgiving dinner for their residents.

Donations can be made by E-transfer or by clicking "GIVE" on SPOTH website – make sure you include "Yellow Brick House" in the notes. If you prefer, cash or cheque donations can be made in the offertory plate, by mail or hand delivered to the office no later than **Sunday, October 4, 2026***, so that they will receive our donation in time for Thanksgiving. Kindly mark 'YELLOW BRICK HOUSE' on the envelope. They will also accept gift cards to Walmart, Shoppers Drug Mart or Longo's. Your generosity will be blessing to all.

~ Carol Dykeman, on behalf of the Chancel Guild



**Note: Donations received after October 4 will be directed to FaithWorks.*