

Celebrating Christmas



At its heart, Christmas is a celebration of the wondrous power of God's love breaking into the world through the birth of a savior. Christmas is a celebration of hope, of joy! It's a celebration we await with hopeful expectation every year, but perhaps with even more longing this year. We worship the God who is incarnate in Jesus! The Word made flesh, who is grace upon grace.

Worship Opportunities this Season

Longest Night Worship ONLINE - Saturday, December 21, 7:00pm

This collaborative worship experience will premier via Facebook **ONLINE ONLY** on the longest night of the year, December 21. The worship experience will engage worshippers from different places in the Roanoke Valley and is intended to be a space for holding holiday grief during this merry season. St. Philip will worship the God who not only accompanies us when we celebrate but also when we are hurting.

4th Sunday in Advent: Holly Jolly Breakfast - Sunday, December 22 at 9:30am

There is no better combination than great breakfast food and singing Christmas songs of hope. Come to St. Philip for this fantastic pairing of food and song in the fellowship hall. Please bring a breakfast casserole to share.

4th Sunday in Advent - Digital Worship - Sunday, December 22 at 9:30am

This worship opportunity will be shared on the St. Philip Facebook Page. The Christmas celebration is all about the stories. Our streamed worship opportunity will include some reflection on how our stories intersect with God's story of incarnation in Jesus.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship - Tuesday, December 24, 9pm

This service will be both in the sanctuary and live-streamed via Facebook. This Christmas worship includes many traditional favorites as we sing Christmas carols, celebrate holy communion, enjoy special music from the St. Philip choir, and depart singing Silent Night with candles lit.

Lessons and Carols - Sunday, December 29, 9:30am

This service will be both in the sanctuary and live-streamed via Facebook. The congregation will celebrate the First Sunday of Christmas with a service of Lessons and Carols. There is no better way to make the story of Christmas an ongoing part of your story. God promises grace upon grace; made most evident by the presence of Jesus in a manger but also through the Holy Spirit here among us. Come let us worship!