

# First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 1, 2024  
9:30 a.m.

"I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land."  
— Jeremiah 33:15b

## Welcome!

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about St. Philip the Deacon and its ministries, please stop by one of the Hospitality Desks, located near Fellowship Hall (upper level) and the east church entrance (lower level), visit our website: [spdlc.org](http://spdlc.org), or call the church at 763-475-7100.

## Professional Childcare

Childcare is available at this service. The Childcare Center is located on the lower level near the East entrance. Families may use the Childcare Center for the needs of young children (such as diapering or nursing).

## New Member Class

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**Thursday, Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m.**

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## The following resources are available in the Narthex:

- Large print worship bulletins
- Williams Sound System hearing devices
- Reading glasses
- Children's worship bulletins & Rainbow Activity Bags
- Coloring pages/crayons

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## Prelude

*Nun Komm, BWV 659 (Savior of the Nations Come)*

J.S. Bach

## Welcome

Please stand

## Opening Hymn

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

Red Hymnal #263



- 1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
- 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,
- 3 Won - drous birth—oh, won - drous child—from his throne, a vir - gin mild!
- 4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path - way leads;



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.  
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.  
Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,  
hallows night with newborn light.  
Night cannot this light subdue;  
let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,  
virgin's son, incarnate Word!  
To the holy Trinity  
praise we sing eternally!

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## Kyrie

Red Hymnal page 147

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen**

## A Prayer for Advent

## The Lighting of the Advent Candle

*As the Advent candle is lit, the people sing:*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain:*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

## Today's Worship

### Participants

#### Musicians

Celina Kobetitsch, organ  
Dynamic Deacons (9:30)  
Chancel Choir (9:30)

#### SPD Octet

Debi Kilde  
Marie Spar Dymit  
Susan Ramlet  
Wendi Alexander  
Laurent Kuehnl  
Brock Metzger  
Woody Woodward  
Shane Wilson

#### Acolyte

Irene Galla

#### Reader

Ivanka Galla  
Bryan O'Neil

#### Communion Servers

Jeff & Patrice Erickson

#### Altar Guild

Carla Helming  
Anne Oswald  
Beth Shoen  
Jean Stoermer

#### Altar Flowers Given by

Sudha Valett & Devanand  
Galla, in memory of my Dad,  
Valett Churchill, Aunt ADS  
Dhanam and Uncle  
Spurgeon Galla

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray. . . Amen

*Please be seated*

### Anthem

*Share God's Love*

Mark Patterson

### Lesson

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Bible page 724

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

*Walk in the Light*

arr. André Thomas

### The Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

Bible page 960

*After the announcement, the people stand and say, "Glory to you, O Lord."*

*At the conclusion, the people say, "Praise to you, O Christ!"*

*Please be seated*

### Children's Message

Kathy Hagedorn, Early Childhood Ministry

*Please stand*

### Hymn of the Day

*Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him  
3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion  
4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;  
robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;  
still his daz - zling bod - y bears,  
high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
those who set at nought and sold him,  
cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:  
pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.  
claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.  
with what rap - ture, gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

## Homily

Pastor Tim Westermeyer

### Prayers of the People . . . Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

*The names mentioned in the prayers represent a much longer list. If you have made a prayer request and do not hear the name mentioned here please know that the Healing Prayer Group prays daily for each and every person brought to our attention.*

### Offering

*Your offerings can be left in the offering plates at the entrance to the sanctuary, mailed to the church, given electronically at [spdlc.org/give](http://spdlc.org/give), or by scanning the QR code located on the back of the bulletin. Thank you for your generous support of God's mission and ministry at St. Philip the Deacon. Remember: Your gifts make a difference.*

*Please stand*

### Offertory

Red Hymnal #186

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

### Offertory Prayer

**Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*Please know that all are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Jesus said that the body and blood are given "for you and for all people." We will bless the bread and wine in the Sanctuary. After the Lord's Prayer, the pastor will say, "the body and blood of Christ are given and shed for you." At that time, we invite you to serve yourself or share bread and wine (or juice) at home with one another.*

### The Great Thanksgiving

Red Hymnal page 152

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

### Reception of Communion

Red Hymnal page 154

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

### Communion Music

*E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*

Paul Manz

### We Remember in Prayer . . .

Mike Windsor  
Finn Wagner  
Lorna Anderson  
Janet Clarke  
Gloria Luedtke  
Kathy Kulich  
John Nelson  
Leah Leeper  
Corvin Anderson

### A Rose on the Font

As an expression of our life together, a red rose on the baptismal font indicates that we have received news of a birth and a white rose that we have received news of a stillbirth or a miscarriage. As Paul writes, we "rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn." (Romans 12:15)

*To make a prayer request, send an email to [prayers@spdlc.org](mailto:prayers@spdlc.org).*

### Next Week's Scriptures

To prepare for worship next week, please read the following scripture passages:

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

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### Post Communion Blessing

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **Amen**

### Post Communion Hymn

Red Hymnal #207

**Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done. Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ. Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Post Communion Prayer

### Benediction

### Closing Hymn

*Fling Wide the Door*

Red Hymnal #259



1 Fling wide the door, un - bar the gate; the King of glo - ry  
2 He is the rock of our be - lief, the heart of mer - cy's  
3 Oh, hap - py towns and bless - ed lands that live by their true  
4 Come, Lord, our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ; our hearts are o - pen



comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the  
gen - tle self. His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness; his  
king's com-mands. And bless - ed be the hearts he rules, the  
wide in trust. Oh, show us now your love - ly grace, up -



Sav - ior of the world who brings his great sal - va - tion  
scep - ter is his love - li - ness; he brings our sor - rows  
hum - ble plac - es where he dwells. He is the right - ful  
on our sor - rows shine your face, and let your Ho - ly



to the earth. So raise a shout of ho - ly mirth and  
to an end. Now glad - ly praise our king and friend, and  
Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, cre -  
Spir - it guide our jour - ney in your grace so wide. We



praise our God and Lord, Cre - a - tor, Spir - it, Word.  
wor - ship him with song, for sav - ing us from wrong.  
a - tor of the world, our on - ly strength for good.  
praise your ho - ly name, from age to age the same!

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel. **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

*Macht hoch die Tür (Fling Wide the Door)*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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*"The extraordinary thing that is about to happen is matched only by the extraordinary moment just before it happens. Advent is the name of that moment."*  
—Frederick Buechner

## Your Gifts Make a Difference

Through our 2025-2027 appeal, St. Philip the Deacon will focus on making what is already a vital and vibrant church even more effective at spreading God's love. Our Salt & Light appeal will allow us to: invest in ways to build community; teach and engage our young people; expand our educational and spiritual growth opportunities; help people connect through service and engagement; and engage more people through our digital outreach. We invite everyone connected to St. Philip the Deacon to help us meet our goal for this appeal by responding to this important invitation. Thank you for helping us more fully become the salt that flavors our community, and the light that can shine God's love and hope into a hurting world. Remember: Your Gifts Make a Difference!

## Did You Know

### Christmas Connections

#### Saturday, Dec. 7 at 9–11 a.m.

All (young and older, singles and families) are invited to gather with us as we connect with each other and with the true meaning of Christmas. We will begin our time around the table with coffee and breakfast treats. Throughout the morning, we will prepare our hearts for Christmas with meaningful activities, conversation, a craft, learning, and traditions. Come, listen, relax, enjoy, and calm your heart as we near the blessed Christmas holiday. Questions contact Trish Arndt at [tarndt@spdlc.org](mailto:tarndt@spdlc.org).

### Worship Schedule

Saturday	5 p.m.
Sunday	8:15, 9:30 <sup>+</sup> & 10:45 <sup>+</sup> a.m.

<sup>+</sup>Sunday School meets.

Childcare is available at all Sunday services.

**Join us in Fellowship Hall  
for refreshments following  
8:15 & 9:30 a.m. services.**

## Pastors

**Tim Westermeyer**

Senior Pastor

**Mark Schmid**

Executive Pastor

**Valerie Strand**

**Patterson**

Adult Ministry Pastor

**Makayla Dahleen**

Pastor of Family Life

## Program Staff

**Cindy Carlson**

Congregational Life

**Joan Harper**

Hospitality

**Jen Galley**

Adult Education

**Renee Putnam**

Engagement & Service

**Beth Dudycha**

Digital Hospitality

**Susan Path**

Parish Nurse

**Kathy Hagedorn**

Early Childhood

**Norah Long**

Children's & Music Ministry

**Trish Arndt**

Children's Ministry

**Amanda Berger**

Spiritual Growth

**Olsen Pancoast**

High School & Young Adult

**Charlie Olson**

Middle School

## Musicians

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**Celina Kobetitsch**

Organist

**Steve Griffiths**

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**JoBeth Ranfranz**

Bell Choir Director

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## This Week at St. Philip the Deacon

### SUNDAY, December 1

**8:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion**

**9:30a.m. Worship with Holy Communion**  
Sunday School/Sunday Friends

**10:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion**  
Sunday School

### MONDAY, December 2

9:45 a.m. Holy Grounds

11:30 a.m. Chair Yoga

6:30 p.m. YogaFaith (Zoom)

### TUESDAY, December 3

8 a.m. Men's Discussion Group

1 p.m. Thrive Cancer Support Group

3 p.m. Spirit Beads Open Studio

5 p.m. Dynamic Deacons

5 p.m. Tuesday Story Time

5:35 p.m. Chancel Choir

5:35 p.m. Tuesday Story Time

6:30 p.m. AA Group

7 p.m. SPD Ringers

7 p.m. House United

### WEDNESDAY, December 4

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study and Fellowship

9:30 a.m. Bible Study Fellowship

9:30 a.m. SPD Bible Study

1 p.m. Caregiver's Support Group

5:15 p.m. SPD Singers

5:30 p.m. Pizza and Play

6 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

Verse 5

Confirmation

9th Grade Confirmation

Sanctuary Choir

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### THURSDAY, December 5

9 a.m. YogaFaith

9:30 a.m. Moms in Prayer

11:30 a.m. Chair Yoga

12:30 p.m. Encounter: Christmas Tea

7 p.m. Sanctuary of Survivors

7 p.m. Young Adults Together

### FRIDAY, December 6

9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle

6 p.m. Kids Movie Night

### SATURDAY, December 7

9 a.m. Christmas Connections

**5 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion**

### SUNDAY, December 8

**8:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion**

**9:30a.m. Worship with Holy Communion**

Sunday School/Sunday Friends

**10:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion**  
Sunday School

<sup>†</sup> *Livestreamed*