

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 30, 2025
9:30 a.m.

"O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!"

— Isaiah 2:5

Welcome!

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about St. Philip the Deacon and its ministries, please visit our website: spdcl.org.

Please visit spdcl.org/livestream for worship resources, including bulletins, materials for children, links to our Family Faith Creek (Sunday School) online programming, and Confirmation worship notes.

Video archives of past services and sermons can be found at spdcl.org/videoarchive. Audio archives of past sermons can be found at spdcl.org/sermons.

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There are also many video resources from the church on our YouTube channels. Search "St. Philip the Deacon" on YouTube to find past events, sermons and podcasts.

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Prelude

Advent Majesty

arr. Karen L Buckwalter

Welcome

Please stand

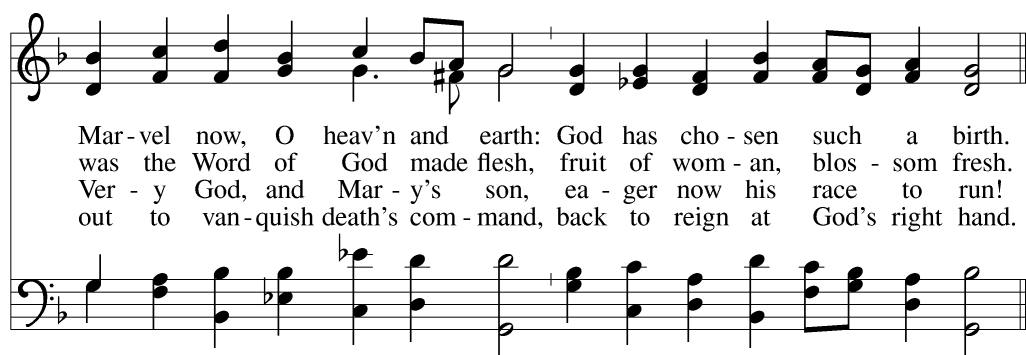
Opening Hymn

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.**

Today's Worship

Participants

Musicians

Celina Kobetitsch, organ
Samuel Grace, cantor
SPD Ringers
JoBeth Ranfranz,
conductor
Dynamic Deacons
Chancel Choir

Readers

Ivanka Galla
Lynda Berglund

Altar Guild

Diane & Roger Beyer
Vicki Gruber
Carla Helming
Anne Oswald
Beth Shoen
Jean Stoermer

Kyrie

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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

Red Hymnal #257, Verse 1

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.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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

Special Music

Give Me Oil in My Lamp

arr. Max Exner

Please be seated

Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5

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

Anthem

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

arr. Linda Scholes

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

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The Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

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

Pastor Makayla Dahleen

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 - 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

Offering

Meditations on Of the Father's Love Begotten

Brenda E. Austin

Your offerings can be left in the offering plates at the entrance to the sanctuary, mailed to the church, given electronically at spdcl.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.

We Remember in Prayer ...

Mike Windsor
Tony Kauch
Kathy Adam
Jack Osberg
Karen Kleinstuber
Tess Sohlt
Jane Johnson
Elaine Peterson
Suzanne Nelson
Carol Grabow
Frank Bunch

Those Grieving

Ben Leistikow & family,
mourning the death of his
father, Alan Leistikow

The family & friends of Paul
Fleming, mourning his death

Those Rejoicing

Lauren & Bryan Oates, as they
celebrate the baptism of
their daughter, Jordyn Maeve
Oates

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@spdcl.org.*

Next Week's Scriptures

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

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

New Member Class

If you are interested in joining St. Philip the Deacon, please attend our next New Member Class:

Monday, Jan. 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Register at spdlc.org/register or contact Cindy Carlson at 763-475-7115. Childcare is available. New Members will be received on Sunday, Feb. 1.

Prayers of the People . . . God of grace, hear 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.

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

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. Keep awake. **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

Christmas Care 2025

Thank you for:

- reaching out with your gifts and prayers to more than 500 people who live in Twin Cities shelters. We have about 100 wish lists remaining, which you can find in Fellowship Hall or online;
- purchasing books for children ages 3-18, which are given out with food baskets;
- your financial contributions for holiday food baskets and for Cub and Target cards. We provide groceries for hundreds of people served by Community Bridge/Messiah, and also receive many requests for help from individuals during this time of year. Thanks to you, we are able to say, "Yes, the church can help." Remember: Your gifts make a difference! Thank you.

Did You Know

Christmas Dinner & Show

Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025

5:45–8 p.m.

Save the date for this special event for the whole congregation. The evening will include dinner and a live performance of the play *A Misfit Christmas*, brought to us by Theater for the Thirsty. Smile, laugh, and hum along to your favorite Christmas carols as a tone-deaf angel, an absent minded census taker, a cow, a little drummer girl, and several other misfits share their offbeat and charming stories of the first Christmas. After the show, we'll enjoy singing some of our favorite Christmas tunes. Register at spdcl.org/register, or email Trish Arndt at tarndt@spdcl.org with questions.

Worship Schedule

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

⁺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.**

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Senior Pastor

Mark Schmid

Executive Pastor

Valerie Strand

Patterson

Adult Ministry Pastor

Makayla Dahleen

Pastor of Family Life

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Jen Galley

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Susan Path

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Kathy Hagedorn

Early Childhood

Norah Long

Children's & Music Ministry

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This Week at St. Philip the Deacon

SUNDAY, November 30

8:15 a.m.

Worship

9:30[†] a.m.

Worship

Sunday School/Sunday Friends

10:45 a.m.

Worship with

Holy Communion

Sunday School

MONDAY, December 1

9:30 a.m.

Bible Art Journaling

11:30 a.m.

Chair Yoga

6:30 p.m.

Holy Grounds

TUESDAY, December 2

8 a.m.

Men's Discussion Group

1 p.m.

Thrive Cancer Support Group

1 p.m.

Miriam Circle Garden Project

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

6:30 p.m.

Joy Circle

7 p.m.

SPD Ringers

WEDNESDAY, December 3

6:30 a.m.

Men's Fellowship Group

9:30 a.m.

SPD Bible Study

9:30 a.m.

Bible Study Fellowship

1 p.m.

Caregivers Support Group

5:15 p.m.

SPD Singers

5:30 p.m.

Pizza and Play

6 p.m.

Grade 5 Gathering

6:30 p.m.

Confirmation

6:30 p.m.

9th Grade Confirmation

7 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir

7:30 p.m.

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THURSDAY, December 4

9 a.m.

Yoga

9:30 a.m.

Moms in Prayer

11:30 a.m.

Chair Yoga

12:30 p.m.

Christmas Tea

7 p.m.

Sanctuary of Survivors

7 p.m.

Pathfinders

FRIDAY, December 5

9:30 a.m.

Ruth Circle

SATURDAY, December 6

5 p.m.

Worship with

Holy Communion

5:45 p.m.

Christmas Dinner and a Show

SUNDAY, December 7

8:15 a.m.

Worship

9:30[†] a.m.

Worship

Sunday School/Sunday Friends

10:45 a.m.

Worship with

Holy Communion

Sunday School

[†] *Livestreamed*