

## **Celebrating Christmas**

At its heart, Christmas is a celebration of the wondrous power of God's love breaking into the weary 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 - Wednesday, December 20, 6:30pm**

This service will be both in the sanctuary and live-streamed via Facebook. 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. If you would like a daytime, in-person for this service, Pastor Laura and Pastor Luke Swanson will lead this service at noon on December 20 at Trinity Lutheran, Roanoke.

#### **Holly Jolly Breakfast - Sunday, December 24 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. For those at St. Philip in person on Christmas Eve morning we will worship together in this unique and creative way.

#### **Christmas Eve Morning - Digital Worship - Sunday, December 24 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 - Sunday, December 24, 7pm (New Time)**

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 31, 9:30am**

This service will be both in the sanctuary and live-streamed via Facebook. The congregation will celebrate the Second 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!