

July 12th, 2026

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



*St. Philip's
Episcopal Church*

BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Prayer List

Alan Clifford Brown

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Mary Ann Prentis

Emily

Dalea Moncrieffe

Linda Brown

Father John Paul Boyer

Herndon Family

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Miles Family

Montgomery Family

Johnson Family

Requests to be added to the bulletin prayer list are welcomed. Please contact
the church office at 716-833-0442 or email - specbuffalo@gmail.com

Order of Service

Opening (Collect and Hymn)
Word of God (Readings and Sermon)
Prayer
Announcements
Holy Communion
Dismissal

The Collect

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Testament

Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Psalm

Psalm 65: (1-8), 9-14

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your
marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.]
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

The Epistle

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Optional parts of the readings are set off in square brackets.

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Announcements

Check out the Bulletin Board in the lower parish hall for events around the Diocese.
Where did the news clippings go? Scans will be on the website soon!

Healing Hearts - Grief and Loss Support Group



Facilitator - Deacon Lillian Davis-Willson

Are you grieving some form of loss? Come and join us **2nd Tuesday** of each month at 6pm

St. Philip's Agape Room NEXT MEETING: **July 14th**

Garden Bed Build & Plant

Join St. Philip's Community Garden on Saturday **July 25th** 11 am – 3 pm

Bring work gloves, water bottle, a cordless drill (if you have one) and a sun hat

Men's Club

Meeting next week Sunday July 19th

Church Cookout – Ellicott Creek Park ****Shelter 7****

Sunday **July 26th** - New shelter this year!

Union of Black Episcopalians – Annual Conference

July 29- August 1 – Raleigh, North Carolina

Visit www.ube.org to register

Weekly NA and AA Meetings at St. Philip's

NA – Morning After – Weekdays from 9-11am

NA – The End of the Road – Fridays 8-10pm

NA – Back to Basics – Saturdays 5-6:30pm

AA – Fresh Start – Sundays 8pm

BOSS - Buffalo Own Smooth Steppers

Detroit-style Urban Ballroom Dance Class

Thursdays – 6-7:30pm

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July 13th – 19th

Monday 13th	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer Meeting ID: 116-359-399 PW: spec
Tuesday 14th	5:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Evening Prayer Healing Hearts Community Garden Meeting
Wednesday 15th	10:00 am - 2:00 pm 5:00 pm	Food Pantry Evening Prayer
Thursday 16th	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
Friday 17th	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday 18th	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Addie's Bible Study Meeting ID: 825-4215-3167 Passcode: bible
Sunday 19th	9:30 am - 11:00 am 11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Sunday Worship Service Men's Club
Upcoming Events	Tuesday July 21 st Sunday July 26th	Vestry Meeting Church Cookout

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