

November 30 – December 7, 2025

Advent Worship Schedule

Wednesdays at 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm

December 3 and 10

Fellowship Hall

December 17 (Blue Christmas)

The Bible Simplified Bible Study

7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

December 3, 10, 17

January 7 – February 11

Gingerbread Bash

6:45 – 7:30 pm in the Youth Room

December 3 and 10

Christmas Pageant

December 7 at 9:00 am Worship

Annual Youth Holiday Market

December 7

In the Mission Corner

Baptism – Theo Michael Lee-Jones

Congratulations to Theo, who will be baptized at the 10:30 am worship service this Sunday. We would also like to congratulate Theo's family, sponsors, and friends on this joyous occasion.

Thanksgiving Dinner – Thank You!

Thank you to all who donated food and turkey breasts for our Thanksgiving dinner. The need for food has risen and we anticipate serving around 225 dinners. We couldn't do it without you!

Walking Alone Together Potluck – December 10

Walking Alone Together will meet for a potluck on Wednesday, December 10 after the 12:00 pm worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring something to share for lunch. We will have our monthly gathering at 1:00 pm, also in the Fellowship Hall.

Advent Worship

We welcome you to join us for Wednesday worship during the Advent season. We began with our Thanksgiving Eve service last Wednesday and will continue to meet through December 17 in the Fellowship Hall. Beginning December 3, we will also have a 12:00 pm service. We invite you to bring a brown-bag lunch and join others in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

Evening Bible Study

Join us as we embark on a nine-week deep dive of the book, The Bible, Simplified by Zach Windahl. Beginning Wednesday, December 3, join us each Wednesday (except for Christmas Eve and New Years Eve) at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall as we learn the entire storyline of the Bible, gain clarity and confidence in our faith, and incorporate the Bible's teachings in our daily lives. The Bible, Simplified can be purchased in the office for the suggested donation of \$25.

Gingerbread Bash

Join us for our Gingerbread Bash on December 3 & 10, 6:45–7:30 pm! Kids will build a gingerbread nativity, hear the Christmas story, sing, play, and celebrate the joy of Jesus' birth. Wear your best ugly Christmas sweater!

Register <https://forms.gle/Gc7KhXQncpezWZS17> or email our Director of Faith Formation, Connie at [ConnieY@splcmn.org].

2025 Contribution Deadline

As the end of the year approaches, please keep in mind the deadline to drop off 2025 contributions is Wednesday, December 31, by 4:00 pm in the church office. If you prefer to mail in your offering, it must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, December 31. Per IRS guidelines, envelopes postmarked after this date will apply to 2026. Stock gifts should be in the works by December 5. Please also remember the church when considering your mandatory annual IRA distributions. Thank you for your generous and faithful donations to St. Philip's Church.

Christmas Concert – Irondale High School

The Irondale High School Music Department invites the community to our annual Seniors to Seniors Holiday Concert on Friday, December 12 at 12:30 pm. The Concert Choir, Symphonic Winds, and Symphony Orchestra will perform a free holiday concert for parents, grandparents, and community members. Caroling (with free coffee and cookies) starts at 12:00 pm in the lobby.

Food & Clothing Shelf Update

On average, St. Philip's Food Shelf has been purchasing a little more than \$1,000.00 of food per week from 2nd Harvest Heartland. Our goal is to maintain a healthy and helpful array of food for our visitors. We save \$40.00 per week by picking up approximately 1,200 pounds of food weekly. A faithful group of volunteers come each Tuesday to help fill shelves to ensure we are well stocked for the week. Our numbers keep increasing, and with SNAP benefits on a teeter totter, we expect numbers to continue to climb. If you are looking for a worthy place to give a year-end tax deferred contribution, on top of your much needed St. Philip's general budget contributions, we would greatly appreciate a donation to help us strengthen our finances. Your support for this ministry is greatly appreciated both by neighbors in need and the volunteer Food Shelf staff. Peace and Gratitude to you!

Annual Christmas Pageant

Join us on Sunday, December 7 at the 9:00 am worship service as our Children, Youth & Family Program proudly presents its 2025 Christmas Pageant, "Back to the Manger"!

Youth Holiday Market

Youth will be making items to sell, and welcome donations too! Baked goods and any other handmade holiday gift ideas you may wish to donate are appreciated. Items should be dropped off by Wednesday, December 3. Please contact Connie with questions [ConnieY@splcmn.org].

Christmas Concert

Join us for a Christmas musical extravaganza on Sunday, December 14 at 4:00 pm. Come and listen to the sounds of the Sanctuary Choir, Bells of Praise, Worship Band, and more! Afterward, enjoy cookies and beverages provided by the Parish Fellowship Committee. It's sure to be an evening filled with joy and frivolity of the season!

Items needed for Christmas Shoppe

So many of our families have asked for clothes for their children this year. I know it isn't as fun as buying a toy, but if the need is there, we would like to help this year. We still want fun things, but these are the sizes being requested:

- Boys – Sizes 7/8, 10
- Girls – Sizes 7/8, 10, and 14/16
- Men – Sizes Small & Medium

As you do your shopping, there are great sales on clothing now, and a long sleeve shirt, joggers, hoodies, and athletic pants will be appreciated. Ask your grandchildren what they would wear and go from there! Thank you!

Prayers of the People:

For healing, guidance, & wholeness of life

Samantha Deneka-Kruger, James, Mike Brockway

For safety and guidance while serving in the military

Tyler, Rhianon, Derek, and Michael

For the family and friends of

Jean Reveling, Bob Crawford