



St. Philip's Episcopal Church

Richmond, Virginia | Founded 1861

165th Anniversary Celebration The Sapphire Jubilee

Dear Friend and Potential Sponsor,

It is with hearts full of gratitude and great joy that we invite you to stand alongside St. Philip's Episcopal Church as we mark an extraordinary milestone: 165 years of faithful witness, courageous service, and enduring community in the heart of Richmond, Virginia. Founded in November of 1861 — during one of the most turbulent chapters in American history — St. Philip's was born from the faith and resilience of enslaved and free people of color who dared to gather, worship, and build something lasting.

Today, as the oldest Episcopal church founded by African Americans in the American South, we invite you to celebrate our Sapphire Jubilee — a once-in-a-generation occasion for reflection, celebration, and renewal. The Jubilee year culminates in two extraordinary events this November: A Special Evening of Celebration at the Sapphire Gala on Saturday, November 14, followed by a solemn and joyful Sapphire Anniversary Worship Service on Sunday, November 15 — at which we are honored to welcome The Rt. Rev'd Michael B. Curry as our Sapphire Anniversary preacher. Together, these occasions honor 165 years of God's faithfulness and cast a bold vision for the generation of ministry yet to come.

We are inviting you to become a valued Sponsor of the Sapphire Jubilee. Your partnership will place you alongside 165 years of faithful witness. We look forward to welcoming you as a partner in this historic celebration.

With deep gratitude in Christ,

Rev. Marlene E. Forrest

The Rev'd Marlene E. Forrest, Rector
Vestry, and Jubilee Committee

*"To him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." — **Ephesians 3:20–21***

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"Honoring Our Past. Inspiring Our Future."

Partnership Opportunities

Sponsorship Tiers

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SAPPHIRE LEGACY SPONSOR — \$5,000+

- Full-page ad in Jubilee Commemorative Program Book

DIAMOND JUBILEE SPONSOR — \$2,500

- Half-page ad in Jubilee Commemorative Program Book

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- Business card ad in Jubilee Commemorative Program Book

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- Name listed in Jubilee Commemorative Program Book

FRIEND OF JUBILEE: IN-KIND SPONSORSHIP - Goods & Services

- Name listed in Jubilee Commemorative Program Book

Eligible Contributions:

Catering | Printing | Florals | Photography / Audio/Visual | Transportation | Venue Support
Recognition is awarded at the corresponding contribution tier. Contact the Jubilee Committee to discuss proposed in-kind contributions.

PROGRAM ADS

FULL PAGE COLOR \$200

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Submission deadline for ads is October 15, 2026.

**Official St. Philip's Episcopal Church 165th Jubilee Sapphire Jubilee Sponsorship
Commitment Form**

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