



St. Francis
in the Fields
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SECOND READING

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

9:00 AND 11:15 AM

*PLEASE NOTE: Lector – Please make sure you have the correct week's reading. Please check the date above.
Readings for the each week are posted on the website on Tuesdays, but please check the above date to be sure.
Please begin walking to the lectern as the Psalm is finishing and be ready to read as soon as the Psalm is finished.*

Philippians 1:21-30

Reader says: **A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians**

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: Thanks be to God.

*Turn Lectern Microphone **OFF** when you are finished.*