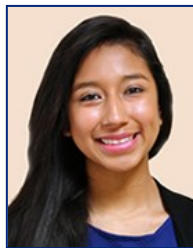


# PHILIP-EYE

## HELLO AND FAREWELL IN THE ST. PHILIP NURSERY



After nearly ten years of serving the St. Philip community as a caregiver in the nursery, **Janet Sanchez** left for an exciting new opportunity. Janet is now working for engineering consultant firm Freese and Nichols in Point Comfort, Texas (near Victoria). She graduated in June 2021 from the University of Houston-Downtown with a bachelor's degree in engineering and technology, with a focus in structural analysis and design. We wish Janet well in her new endeavors! Excited to share that Janet will be joining us at Mo-Ranch this year.

We welcome **Gabriela Rodarte** as our new nursery caregiver. Gabriela works in Spring Branch ISD at the Bear Boulevard School an early childhood center, where she has worked for nearly nine years alongside our other caregiver, Denise Sanchez. Please say hello to Gabby!



## WELCOME NEW MEMBER



Cecilia (Celie) Matteson and her husband Mike, moved to Houston from Colorado because their children wanted them to be closer to family their options were Houston, Idaho, or Michigan. Here they have a daughter and two granddaughters and Mike had had enough of shoveling snow, Houston was the logical choice. Celie is not new to Texas, she grew up in San Antonio.

Celie found St. Philip when she saw it was one of the choices of churches on her retirement community's driver's list (The Villages of Southhampton). Since she was raised Presbyterian and is an ordained elder, she decided to visit and immediately fell in love with the music, the ministers and the very warm and welcoming congregation.

Hiking is one of her favorite things to do. While it is definitely not the same as Colorado, Hermann Park and Rice University are nearby so she and her husband enjoy their daily exercise. She also enjoys oil painting, especially painting animals and visiting with the many new friends she has met in Houston.

If you have the opportunity to meet Celie introduce yourself and share with her your favorite activity at St. Philip.

**Rev. Dr. John W. Wurster**  
Pastor, Head of Staff

**Rev. Keatan King**  
Associate Pastor

**Rev. Omar Rouchon**  
Associate Pastor

**Dr. Randall Swanson**  
Director of Music

**Dr. Matthew Dirst**  
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**Susan Estill**  
Editor Emerita

## GUIDED TOUR OF ST. PHILIP ON SUNDAY, APRIL 23

We probably all know where the Sanctuary is, but do you know where the Choir Room is? Or the Children's Chapel Room? Or the Pastors' Offices? The Welcoming and Membership Committee invites anyone interested—and especially those who may be newer to the St. Philip community—to join us in a short walking tour of the St. Philip campus, beginning at 9:30 on **April 23**. We'll visit the key spaces where we worship, serve, learn, and share fellowship. You'll also hear a bit about some of the activities of our congregation, like our community gardening, Arts & Crafts Studio, or where the Presbyterian Women meet? Everyone is welcome, whether you are new to St. Philip or not. You'll get to know your church home better, and there will be yummy treats to enjoy!

*When:* 9:30 am, Sunday, **April 23**

*Where:* Meet in the Gathering Area, the open space with tables near the Sanctuary.

## MY NAME IS...

Everyone has problems sometimes remembering names. It is so nice to see name tags to jog the memory. If you do not have a St. Philip name tag, please email the church at [welcome@saintphilip.net](mailto:welcome@saintphilip.net) or call the office (713-622-4807) to request one. Also, please check the boards in the narthex to see if you have one and didn't know it. They are alphabetical with the last name.

Save a life! Or maybe someone saves yours! Nancy Higgs is coordinating a class or two for any interested members to learn CPR. The cost is \$45 per person. It will be taught by certified instructor(s). Date/time to be determined. Email Nancy at [nkmh54@gmail.com](mailto:nkmh54@gmail.com), if you are interested. Or you may call/text her with questions at 512-422-3317.



**CPR AT ST. PHILIP**

# CHURCH PHOTOS

**GET YOUR PICTURE TAKEN  
FOR THE NEW ST. PHILIP  
CHURCH DIRECTORY!**

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ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING DAYS:**

**SUNDAYS  
APRIL 2, 9 & 16  
9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.**



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CONTACT INFORMATION ON  
"MY STPHILIP"  
VISIT: SAINTPHILIP.NET**

MY ST. PHILIP

## LENT AT ST. PHILIP

For all the Wednesdays in March, we will have midweek services at 12 noon, in-person and livestreamed. Guest preachers from across the area will lead us in worship. This year's theme is "How Can I Keep from Singing?" Our guest preacher for **March 22** is Jeannie Corbitt Cardona, the Director of Church Relations at Austin Seminary. The featured hymn is "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Lunch will be available after the service in the Gathering Area for \$10.

Again this Lent, John Wurster is offering daily e-votions. These brief biblical reflections are sent each morning via e-mail, excluding Sunday. If you have received e-votions in the past, you are already subscribed for this year. If you'd like to join the e-votions list, send an e-mail to [john@saintphilip.net](mailto:john@saintphilip.net).

## LENTEN LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP

The ancient desert mystics believed that scripture was like a love letter written to us by God, and the meditative scriptural reflection known as *Lectio Divina* ("divine reading") assumes that God speaks to us intimately, God is already praying in us, and we'll experience a profound encounter with the heart of God, rather than an intellectual study of scripture. Keatan will guide the group through the four cycles of Lectio (read, reflect, respond, rest) every Monday morning at 9:00-9:20 a.m. for the season of Lent. To receive the Zoom link sent early Monday mornings, email Keatan at: [keatan@saintphilip.net](mailto:keatan@saintphilip.net)

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST. PHILIP

### **Palm Sunday April 2**

Worship at 11:00 a.m. with a palm procession for children and communion for all.

### **Maundy Thursday April 6**

Worship at 7:00 p.m. with the St. Philip Choir. The service concludes with the symbolic stripping of the church.

### **Good Friday April 7**

12 noon – a brief service remembering the death of Jesus in scripture and song

8:00 p.m. – a dramatic Tenebrae service of light and shadows with the St. Philip Choir.

### **Holy Saturday April 8**

5:00 p.m. – a musical meditation for Holy Saturday with Matthew Dirst.

### **Easter Sunday April 9**

Worship at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. -- The Festival Service of Easter with the St. Philip Choir.

10:00 a.m.—Christian Education invites you to breakfast. At 10:15 a.m. they will have an Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn for children. Bring fresh flowers from your yard or the store to decorate the flower cross.



## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY**—Wednesday Bible study with John Wurster **meets weekly**. The class meets at 9:30 a.m., and is a hybrid format with an in-person option in the Office Conference Room and also a Zoom option. To get on the list for the Zoom links, send a note to [john@saintphilip.net](mailto:john@saintphilip.net). Bible novices, Bible experts, and everyone in between is welcome!

**LAMBETH STUDY**—Keatan King leads young adults in study every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. It is a time of study, reflection, and prayer. If you would like more details, email Keatan King at: [keatan@saintphilip.net](mailto:keatan@saintphilip.net).

**WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB**—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **April 13** we will discuss *The Maid* by Nita Prose. Watch your email for details of the next meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at:

[nnl@lambrightlaw.com](mailto:nnl@lambrightlaw.com).

### **PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP**

Men of all ages are welcome to participate in this self-led group. The Men's Weekly Fellowship meets each Friday in person in the office conference room and via Zoom at

11:45 a.m. If you would like to join them, please contact Gary Gardner at: [ggardne148@aol.com](mailto:ggardne148@aol.com).

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY**—All women of the church are invited to join any of the meetings of Presbyterian Women. If you are not a member of a circle, you are welcome to participate; to be directed to a group leader please email [welcome@saintphilip.net](mailto:welcome@saintphilip.net). All circles meet in the Dining Room in the Administration Building.

*Monday Morning Saints*—Second Monday of each month @10:00 a.m.

*Sunday Circle*—Third Sunday of each month @ 12:30 p.m.

*Thursday Evening Circle*—First Thursday of each month @ 7:00 p.m.



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING

### NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT SUNDAY MORNINGS

8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Infants to age 4 are invited to our Nursery which is staffed by professional childcare providers. Please find our Nursery in Room 106 of the Education Building along the Sunday School Classroom hallway on the first floor. An usher or a greeter will be happy to direct you there.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

**GODLY PLAY** (Age 3-Kindergarten) – Room 104—Our preschool class uses a curriculum called “Godly Play,” developed by Jerome Berryman in Houston, and utilized in reformed churches all over the world. Godly Play encourages children to use the language of Christians and multiple senses to express what they innately know about God.

**ELEMENTARY** (Grades 1-5) — Room 105

**YOUTH** (Grades 6-12) — Room 205

Both the Elementary and Youth classes use the PCUSA’s new *Follow Me* curriculum. These lessons are based on 36 practices that Jesus engaged in and taught his followers about. Learners will locate these practices in scripture, while engaging in conversation about the practices in their daily lives. With a wide variety of developmentally-aligned activities, conversation starters, and questions to ponder outside of class, this curriculum calls us all to follow Jesus and live out his example every day.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** (ages 6 and up) - Admin. Bldg.—Room 201 - meets Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and continue through **April 2**. They will sing the Introit at our 11:00 a.m. worship service on Palm Sunday. Come join this fun group and bring your friends! Our new director, Miss Eliza Nicholson, is full of surprises!!

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**—Room 204—We are continuing our study of the Kingdoms of Israel and Judah in 2 Kings with the story of Elisha and the fate of Jezebel in Dr. Robert Alter’s *Ancient Israel, The Former Prophets* (2013). Join us from 9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. to deepen our understanding of God’s faithfulness to God’s people from Dr. Alter’s translation and commentary on the Biblical Hebrew. All are welcome.

**CHURCH & SOCIETY** – Room 201—Church and Society regularly features speakers and presentations on a variety of contemporary and historical matters of faith and practice. This class meets from 9:40 a.m.-10:45 a.m. with presentations in person and some by Zoom, projected in the classroom. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes: [churchsociety\\_stphilip@comcast.net](mailto:churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net).

**March 26** - St. Philip Mission Partner - Restorative Justice - Bridges to Life - Healing crime victims. Rehabilitating offenders. Making our communities safer. The spiritual

mission of Bridges to Life is to minister to victims and offenders in an effort to show them the transforming power of God’s love and forgiveness. Presented by John Sage, founder and CEO of Bridges to Life and John and Gay van Osdall - St. Philip volunteers at Bridges to Life. **April 2** - Palm Sunday - Dr. Matthew Dirst, St. Philip organist, leads us in a study of the music for Holy Week, with particular focus on the song cycles planned for the Holy Saturday Musical Meditations entitled “Pilgrimage and Sacrifice,” Featuring Cecy Duarte, Thomas O’Neil, under the direction of Matthew Dirst.

**SPa** (St. Philip Adults) – Room 200—This year, SPa returns to its same place and time. We use the adult resources from the new *Follow Me* curriculum to guide our informal weekly discussion about biblical practices such as hospitality, forgiveness and honoring sabbath. All adults of any age are welcomed to participate - grab some coffee and join us. There is no need to prepare or purchase materials for class, so come as you are able!

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL** In the Children's Chapel, our young disciples learn the whos, whats, wheres, whens and whys of worship in the chapel, while also praying, seeing and hearing God's word at an age-appropriate level. Children return to join the congregation in the first few pews on the lectern side of the church for the last hymn. There will be no chapel on **March 26**. Children’s Chapel continues every 2nd and 4th Sunday during the 11 o'clock service.

**SECOND SUNDAYS**—You are invited to join our church family for a time on intergenerational learning and fellowship at Second Sundays. Come join us on **April 9** at 9:45 a.m. in the Gathering Area - all are welcome.

### SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 5 - 2023 SUMMER LECTURE SERIES

Please plan to join us on Saturday, **August 5** for St. Philip’s annual Summer Lecture Series. This year’s speaker will be the Rev. Kyle Meyaard-Schaap, Vice President of the Evangelical Environmental Network and author of the recently-published book, *Following Jesus in a Warming World - a Christian Call to Climate Action*. More details to come. Please contact Omar Rouchon with any questions.

## A Day at Austin Seminary

April 18, 2023

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- 8:00 a.m.** Meet at parking lot of New Hope Presbyterian Church  
1350 N. Mason Rd., Katy, Texas 77449
- 10:30** Arrive on campus
- 11:10** Worship in Shelton Chapel with Dr. David White,  
The C. Ellis and Nancy Gribble Nelson Professor of  
Christian Education, preaching
- Noon** Lunch with students in Stotts Dining Hall
- 1:30 p.m.** Faculty Lecture: Dr. Ángel Gallardo, Assistant Professor  
of Church History, in McCord 204
- 2:15** Campus Tour
- 3:00** Meet with Austin Seminary President José R. Irizarry
- 3:30** Depart for Houston

To sign up or receive more information about the trip, contact Omar Rouchon at [omar@saintphilip.net](mailto:omar@saintphilip.net). Last day to sign up for the campus visit is April 3, 2023.

## A Day at Austin Seminary

April 18, 2023

**J**oin us for an up-close and personal experience of this beloved community which for more than a century has educated and formed leaders for Christ's church. We will depart from New Hope Presbyterian Church in Katy at 8:00 a.m. and depart for Houston at 3:30 p.m. Highlights of the trip include:

- Worship with the Seminary community, including the debut of a new hymn by Dr. Mary Louise Bringle who will be present in worship
- Lunch with Austin Seminary students
- Faculty lecture with Professor Ángel Gallardo
- Conversation with President Irizarry



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## CHURCH OFFICE

Contrary to what you may think there is no one person behind the curtain like in Oz that maintains the Church Office of St. Philip. There is Micah Meyers—art director; Denise Ferrell—bookkeeper (remotely); myself, Lorrie Castle—office manager and a team of volunteers that help at the front desk and managing many tasks. Thank you! If you would like to join the ranks and help by answering phone calls, receiving visitors, and helping with various office tasks please email or call me. Your commitment is 3.5 hours 9–12:30 or 12:30–4. You can choose to return weekly, or volunteer for one day every other week. Great opportunity to learn more about the workings of St. Philip, fill your days, and serve the church.

[Lorrie@saintphilip.net](mailto:Lorrie@saintphilip.net) or 713-622-4807



We continue our longstanding support of the Brookwood Community by decorating the chancel for Holy Week with Easter lilies.

We invite you to contribute to our flower fund and dedicate a lily to someone this Easter.

Donations may be made for any amount either through our website—[saintphilip.net](http://saintphilip.net), choosing the Flowers/Holiday fund option from the menu; or by sending a check to the Church Office. If donating online where the memo line is limited in the number of characters, please e-mail Lorrie Castle ([lorrie@saintphilip.net](mailto:lorrie@saintphilip.net)) with the details of your dedication, including your name and the person(s) being honored and/or remembered. Similar information should be included with mailed checks. Mailed dedications should arrive by **April 3**. Thanks for your help in continuing this holiday tradition!

The list of donors and memorials/honors will appear in the bulletin and the Philip-Eye following Easter.



Do you need help cleaning your flower beds, washing your windows, or moving boxes? Governor Frazier is very good with odd jobs around your home. He accepts whatever you are willing to pay him. Not sure how much? Consider

that minimum wage is less than \$10 and adding gas money depending on the distance to you home. You can call Governor at 281-455-5013 to make arrangements.



## TEXAS IMPACT: ADVOCACY MEANS PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION!

Your faith has everything to do with public life. Texas Impact, our state's oldest and largest interfaith legislative network, representing more than five million Texans, can help you connect your values to political advocacy in an authentic, effective way. With a mission to provide a presence of religious social concern to the Texas Legislature, the organization works to influence public policy on behalf of the poor, the disadvantaged, and victims of discrimination. In addition, Texas Impact provides information, experiences, and outreach tools so you can make an informed decision about using your voice to advocate for others.

**St. Philip and the Presbytery of New Covenant** contribute to Texas Impact's mission financially, and now the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee invites your involvement for legislation coming before the Texas Legislature. Go to <https://texasimpact.org> and select *Join a Team* to join the Rapid Response Network.

Texas Impact's legislative priorities in 2023 are focusing on the following areas:

- ✚ Climate justice
- ✚ Economic justice
- ✚ Human rights
- ✚ Civic engagement



April	Who
1	Sylvia Lawson
2	Dillon Junkin
3	Harold Dement
4	Russell Bahruth
4	Judy Barrish
4	Jim McKelvey
4	Paul Barrios
4	Sprague Boone
5	Janet Macheledt
6	Arlo Weltge
8	Gary Whitney
9	Steve Carmichael
10	Ryan Maguire
11	Jan Ostendorf
11	Stephen Paine
11	Ben Dees
13	Rhonda Sands
13	Caroline Vestal
13	Lucy Vestal
14	Bob Burns
15	Pam Taylor
17	Bob Skaggs
18	Mary Murphy
18	Ethan Lambright
19	Jack Lippincott
19	Dick Nunn
19	Douglas Duerr
19	Lincoln Vahora
21	Greg Han
22	Penny Larkin
22	Richard Johnson
22	Nidhal Aldarvagi
23	Kay Cash
23	Jane Ikpeme
24	Betsy Boston
24	Patrick Conner
24	Michelle Goodman
25	Mary Sinderson
25	Jim Larkin
26	David Winship
27	Gabriel Han
28	Kris Kelly
29	Lee Ardel
30	Vada Woodall



# Family Service Saturday



Sign up for one of six 1-hour service shifts open to families serving together (kids age range K - 8th Grade)

Each family member planning to participate should sign up

Service Project  
Packing hygiene kits for CCSC clients

Price  
One bag of nonperishable food per family

Sign up today at  
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**3434 BRANARD STREET**  
**Saturday, April 15**  
**12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**  
**Shifts Start Each Half Hour**



## IN OUR PRAYERS

*St. Philippians and their families*—Jane Malczewsky; Jan Fox; Beverly Baker; Peg Palisin; CJ Miller; Beverly Hudson; Susan Huffman; Mary Sinderson; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Carolyn Vestal; Lane Fletcher; Austin Lippincott; Richard Johnson; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Willow Polk—niece of Sharon Webb; Truxillo family—Wayne and Sandra Truxillo; John Murphy, Sr.—cousin of Gary Gardner; Carla Burns—cousin of Sharon Webb; Robert Kirtley—father of Amanda Kirtley; Susan Everhart—niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Warren Cash—brother of Kay Cash; Ann Perenyi—mother of Lad Perenyi; Donna Harris—sister of Joyce Fugit; Alma Fonseca—mother of Angelina Fonseca; Darryl Cazes—brother of Pam Taylor; Ann Perkins Cloud—cousin of Stephen Paine; Carol Paine Kendrick—sister of Stephen Paine; John Anderson—brother of Tom Anderson; Mac Wilson—father of Butch Wilson; Alan Rowe—father of William Rowe; and Elizabeth Carlton Lithio—granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers.

*Homebound*—Elizabeth Arp; John Bobbitt; Ellen MacDonald; Jean Nelson; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Sondra Sullivan; and Jody Tomforde.

*Friends of St. Philippians*—Jacqueline Boyd—friend of Kate Burkart; Carol Gilliland—friend of Orlean Anderson; Betsy Shear Lewis—friend of Laney Miller; Shirley Stubblefield—friend of Barbara Runge; Clayton Amacker—friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner.

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share, please email [deacons@saintphilip.net](mailto:deacons@saintphilip.net).

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Continuing through the season of Lent, there will be a single Sunday worship service at 11:00 a.m. During these weeks, as the Session considers the longer term viability of the 9:00 a.m. service, your comments are welcome and appreciated.

### CONTRIBUTIONS

Pledge payments, communion gifts and other gifts to support the Church can be made anytime through our website (<http://saintphilip.net/>), text “SPPC” to 73256 and follow the prompts, or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056.

Next edition: April 4; Deadline March 30—3:00 p.m.

Stay connected with regular emails from the pastors until then.

If you have any comments or suggestions for the Philip-Eye, please send them to: [philipeye@saintphilip.net](mailto:philipeye@saintphilip.net) or call 713-622-4807 and ask for Lorrie.



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