

# PHILIP-EYE

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In order to continue our longstanding support of the Brookwood Community, we have kept in place our customary order for Easter lilies. They will be delivered to St. Philip to adorn our Sanctuary for our Easter service.

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.



## 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 **Mar. 9** we will discuss *South to America: A Journey Below the Mason-Dixon to Understand the Soul of A Nation* by Imani Perry. 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.



**CPR AT ST. PHILIP**

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.



**SPRING GARDEN PLANTING** - Enjoy fun and fellowship in the St. Philip vegetable garden as we plant the spring veggies. We will gather at the garden on **Saturday, March 11, at 9:30 a.m.** No gardening experience necessary! Contact Cathy Patterson with any questions at [cpatters@swbell.net](mailto:cpatters@swbell.net).

**REGISTER ASAP—  
SCHEDULED TO—  
MORROW**



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*Ending Homelessness:  
From the Streets into  
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Hear a panel of  
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Wednesday, March 8, 2023  
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  
Virtual via Zoom

For more information, please contact  
Kim Lanman at  
[kimlanman@SEARCHhomeless.org](mailto:kimlanman@SEARCHhomeless.org)  
or 713-504-6141

[Register Here](#)

## 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.

## 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

**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 12** - St. Philip Mission Partner - Mo-Ranch - Come learn what’s going on at Mo-Ranch, the conferences, and retreats, holiday celebrations, summer camp,

arts and crafts, music and worship - all opportunities for growth in God through Jesus Christ. Also, Mo-Ranch Camp in the Valley - a camp experience for families in the Rio Grande Valley. **March 19** - St. Philip Mission Partner SEARCH and House of Tiny Treasures - In pursuing a mission of providing hope, creating opportunity, and transforming lives for the thousands of men, women, and children experiencing homelessness in our community, SEARCH helps people obtain permanent housing, increase their income, improve their health, build community, and regain their stability and self-sufficiency. Hope Wilmarth will bring quilts by the St. Philip Stitches made for children at the SEARCH House of Tiny Treasures - an award-winning preschool program that provides developmentally focused early childhood education and therapeutic services to children 2 - 5 years old, who have experienced the trauma of homelessness.

**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. This will resume on **March 12** and 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 **March 12** at 9:45 a.m. in the Gathering Area - all are welcome.



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 your home. You can call Governor at 281-455-5013 to make arrangements.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### Sara Miller and Quincy Victorian



Meet our new members, Sara Miller and Quincy Victorian. Sara and Quincy joined St. Philip in January after visiting for several months. Although Sara was born and raised in Houston, Sara is new to this area of Houston. She and her fiancée, Quincy Victorian recently bought a house in Meyerland. They were attracted to St Philip after doing research on area churches and especially by the warm and friendly greeting when they visited. Their family is completed by their very special dog, Pepper.

Sara works as an accountant for RSM. She works helping her clients manage their varied assets more productively. She recently graduated from UH Victoria and is the first in her family to graduate from college. Her hobbies include reading and crocheting. She crochets to relax and enjoys making small projects such as coasters and scrunchies for her nieces.

Sara has already been recruited by the Fellowship Committee and enjoyed her first meeting. She is interested in Presbyterian Women, helping out with children's programs and putting those crochet skills to work with Seafarers beanies

Quincy grew up in Alief where he attended Hastings High School and graduated from St. Thomas University with a degree in accounting. He is a CPA. Quincy is now with the tax compliance division of the Financial Advisory Group. He and Sarah met through work when they worked on her first tax return preparation together. In his spare time Quincy likes to go driving with his dog, and watching sports. He is a Philadelphia Eagles fan and he is also a big fan of Pro wrestling. Quincy is looking forward to the end of tax season so he can become better acquainted with St. Philip's activities and figure out how he would like to be involved.

*The Well-Tempered Clavier*  
300th ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION  
with a live Zoom panel 3/12 at 6 pm CT

Matthew Dirst      David Yearsley      John Phillips

Join three leading Baroque experts for a virtual discussion and celebration of the release of Matthew Dirst's complete recordings of *The Well-Tempered Clavier Book 1* (available free on YouTube). This live Zoom panel is free with registration, and participants will have the opportunity to ask questions about the project, instrument used, and legacy of the WTC.

Ars Lyrica Houston Artistic Director Matthew Dirst will be joined by harpsichord builder John Phillips (Berkeley, California) and scholar David Yearsley (Cornell University). The event will also feature the premiere of the complete *The Well-Tempered Clavier Book 1* playlist, publicly available online on YouTube, along with a myriad of other public educational resources.

Register for the Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7wudOytpisiEtP4JnP5ZTZgBIKyFQqZ80fr>

## 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?" On **March 8**, our preacher is Ted Foote, pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Bryan. 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.



## GRACE SONG, INC.

Keith Weber, Artistic Director

presents

### *EVIDENCE OF THINGS NOT SEEN*

a concert-length song-cycle of Ned Rorem

Julia Fox, soprano | Dominique McCormick, soprano  
Natalie Arduino, Mezzo-soprano | Cody Ryan Arthur, Tenor  
David Grogan, Baritone | Keith Weber, Piano

**March 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary at St. Philip**

GRACE SONG, INC., the non-profit run by St. Philipian and former staff member Keith Weber, will mark the recent passing of celebrated American composer, Ned Rorem, with a rare LIVE performance of Rorem's valedictory composition, *EVIDENCE OF THINGS NOT SEEN*.

Rorem, a Quaker and pacifist from birth was an outspoken social critic as well as extraordinarily-skilled classical composer of startling clarity.

Written for four solo singers and piano, Keith is using FIVE of the very finest singers you'll hear anywhere – thanks to the soprano role being split between Julia Fox and Dominique McCormick, in grateful thanksgiving for the birth of the latest Mr. Brewer...!

It's an hour-and-a-half of stirring, soul-touching translucence. Please plan to join us! FREE admission!

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT MARCH 24-26

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME! Bring a friend!

RETREAT LEADER: REV. KALLIE PITCOCK

Kallie Pitcock is a native of Graham, Texas, an Ole Miss Rebel, Mississippi State Bulldog, (yes, she knows they are rivals) and graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary Class of 2020. Kallie is a lifelong Presbyterian, having grown up in First Presbyterian Church of Graham, Texas. Kallie is married to her friend since childhood, Justin. Together they have three children: Karper, Sophia, and Fletcher. Kallie and Justin's hearts have always been toward small-town life and service. Central to her call is to love and serve the Church as Christ loves. She is overjoyed for the opportunity serve alongside the loving congregation of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Nacogdoches. Prior to serving at Westminster, Kallie served as pastoral resident at St. Philip from 2020-2021.

Where: Fairfield Inn & Suites (Memorial City)

11080 Katy Frwy., Houston, TX 77043

Registration deadline is **March 10**—[Register Here](#)

### Cost

- One of two sharing a room with 2 queen beds for 2 nights - \$225
- Single room with 1 king bed for 2 nights - \$345
- Single room for 1 night - \$225 - Friday Night Only
- Single room for 1 night - \$225 - Saturday Night Only
- Saturday Daytime Only - \$105
  - ♦ All meals are included if you are staying at the hotel - 2 dinners\*, 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch
  - \*Fri. dinner - bring a salad ingredient to go with take-out pizza.
  - ♦ Fri. night only includes Fri. dinner, Sat. breakfast & lunch.
  - ♦ Sat. night only includes Sat. lunch & dinner and Sun. breakfast.
  - ♦ Sat. Daytime Only includes lunch and dinner.

If you are paying by check, please put "PW Retreat" in the memo and send check to St. Philip PC, 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056.

"What to bring" and further information will be sent via email two weeks prior to the retreat.

**IMPORTANT** - No refunds can be made after **March 10** and rooms not paid by that date will be cancelled. If you do not cancel your reservation, you must pay for your room whether you go or not.

If you have questions, contact Anne Wilson at [anne.aiko.wilson@gmail.com](mailto:anne.aiko.wilson@gmail.com) or 713-416-8836.

If you have trouble with registration, call the church office at 713-622-4807 and ask for Lorrie Castle or email her at: [lorrie@saintphilip.net](mailto:lorrie@saintphilip.net).

If you would like to make a donation to the PW scholarship fund, you can do that after registering for the retreat.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP

On our next regular meeting date, **March 7** (the first Tuesday) we conclude our discussion of Kerry Connelly's book *Good White Racist?* From 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., we will consider chapters 9, 10, and 11. We meet by Zoom. (To join us, just email [welcome@saintphilip.net](mailto:welcome@saintphilip.net) with *PSJ* in the subject line.) Outlines and action items follow below.

Chapter 9, "The consumption of bodies (Or "Step away from the hair")

- Because everything is ours
- The doctrine of dominion
- You're cool because of your Black friend
- On friends and comrades

**Learn:** Research some of the historically Black neighborhoods in your area. Can you identify times in their history that they were consumed by whiteness?

**Think:** Have you ever used products, enjoyed entertainment, or embraced fashion choices that appropriate the cultures of BIPoC communities? Have you ever used a relationship with a member of the BIPoC community to justify yourself or to absolve yourself of racism?

**Act:** When interacting with a person of color, don't assume relationality. This could mean assuming that someone feels safe with you before knowing you, wants relationship with you just because that's what you want, or knows you're an ally before you've acted like one. Wait to be invited into relationship and understand that trust needs to be earned.

Chapter 10, "Shiny happy people (Or 'When good white racists go to church')"

- The most evil tithe
- Charity + justice, mercy + missions
- Here is where the hope is
- Repentance Road

**Learn:** What does your faith community do to combat racism, if anything?

**Think:** How are modern-day faith communities complicit in racism? In your understanding of God, how does God want faith communities to respond, collectively, to systemic racism?

**Act:** If necessary, be the one bold enough to speak out about racism—or the lack of antiracist activity—in your faith community.

Chapter 11, "In full color (Or, 'Where we go from here')"

White awakening and the stages of grief

- Denial
- Anger
- Bargaining
- Depression
- Acceptance
- Finding meaning

- What we have to do: Three levels of true antiracism work
  - Personal
  - Interpersonal
  - Collective
  - Action steps
- New imaginations



# 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



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 to attend campus visit is April 3, 2023.



## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Walker Fair and family upon the death of his grandmother, Fufa Fullerton, died March 1. Fufa was the mother of Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair.*

*Cheryl Spidell and family upon the death of her husband Steven Spidell. A memorial service is scheduled for March 10 at 1:00 p.m.*

*Antonia Day Helland – and family upon the death of her husband George on February 24. A memorial service is scheduled for March 11 at 11 a.m.*

*Chris Newport and family upon the death of his father Jim Newport on February 21.*

*Anne Wilson and family upon the death of her mother Marion Takehara on February 4. A memorial service is scheduled for March 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.*

*St. Philippians and their families – Bill Taylor; Beverly Baker; Gary Whitney; Peg Palisin; Dan Cleveland; 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; Jim Tinney – brother of Jeanette Wennenweser; Truxillo family – Wayne and Sandra Truxillo; John Palisin – brother of Peg Palisin; 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; Shirley Boggus – grandmother of Omi Ford; 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).

## 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: March 21; Deadline March 16—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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