



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 18, 2024

Preparation for Worship

*Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in the mouth of friend and stranger.*

—St. Patrick, fifth century

Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in D Minor
BWV 875

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Greeting

Please sign and pass the friendship folder.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Introit

O Taste and See

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
Blest is the man that trusteth in him.
-Psalm 34: 8

✠ Opening Sentences

Our help is the name of the LORD,
Maker of heaven and earth.

This is the day the LORD has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

✠ Hymn 12 [\(see page 9\)](#)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

✦ Prayer of Confession

God of perfect love,
 you continually bring forth life,
 transforming sadness to joy
 and despair to hope.
 We are weak, but you are strong.
 Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true.
 We are seldom right, but you are never wrong.
 Forgive us, redeem us, and transform us.
 Take away the sin that burdens us
 and restore us to the people you would have us be,
 for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

silent prayer

Holy One, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

Believe the Good News. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

✦ Response

Baião

Simeí Monterio

A-le-lu-ia, A-le-lu-ia, A-le-lu - ia! ia!

✦ The Peace

Peace be with you. **Peace be with all.**

Conversation with Children

Infants - Age 4 may go to the Nursery in Room 106.

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

John 6:51-58

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Holy wisdom, holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Lloyd Pfautsch

Come, thou fount of every blessing,
 Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
 Call for songs of loudest praise.

I am bound for the kingdom,
 Will you go to glory with me?
 Hallelujah, praise the Lord

O, to grace how great a debtor
 Daily I'm constrained to be!
 Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter,
 Bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
 Prone to leave the God I love;
 Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it
 Seal it from thy courts above.

Sermon

God on the Ground

John W. Wurster

silence and stillness✦ Hymn 760 ([see page 10](#))*Bring Many Names*

WESTCHASE

✦ Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ,
 fully human, fully God.
 Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
 preaching good news to the poor
 and release to the captives,
 teaching by word and deed
 and blessing the children,
 healing the sick
 and binding up the brokenhearted,
 eating with outcasts,
 forgiving sinners,
 and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
 Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
 Jesus was crucified,
 suffering the depths of human pain
 and giving his life for the sins of the world.
 God raised this Jesus from the dead,
 vindicating his sinless life,
 breaking the power of sin and evil,
 delivering us from death to life eternal.
 We rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us
 from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People

God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name.
 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth,
 as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread,
 and forgive us our debts,
 as we forgive our debtors.
 And lead us not into temptation;
 but deliver us from evil:
 for thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

Bright and Beautiful (A Children's Suite)

Mark Hayes
(b. 1953)

Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children,
God is love.

Love Him, love Him, all ye little children,
God is love.

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, our dear God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings:
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.
The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one.

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Oh, yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

God loves us, one and all!

✦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Generous God,
you are rich in mercy and boundless in love.
We offer our thanks for all of your gifts.
Help us to use well all that we have received,
as we seek to follow in the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

✦ Hymn 702 [\(see page 11\)](#)

Christ Be Beside Me

BUNESSAN

✦ Charge and Blessing

Please be seated in silence for the closing voluntary, or kindly depart quietly.

Voluntary

Fugue in D Minor

Wilhelm Friedemann Bach
(1710-1784)

SERVING TODAY

Pastor

John Wurster

Omar Rouchon is on a sabbatical leave until mid-November.

Liturgist

Ashton Fair

Musicians

Matthew Dirst, keyboardist | St. Philip Summer Chamber Choir | Thomas O'Neill, soloist
Justin Langham, director of music

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Sarah and Quincy Victorian to the glory of God and in celebration of all the pets of St. Philippians and the wonderful companionship they bring their families.

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's readings and prayers are borrowed from various sources such as:

- 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 – *Solomon becomes king and asks God for the gift of wisdom.*
- Psalm 111 – *Praise the Lord; the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.*
- Proverbs 9:1-6 – *Wisdom calls: Come, eat of my bread and drink of my wine.*
- Psalm 34:9-14 – *Those who seek the Lord will enjoy goodness and lack nothing.*
- Ephesians 5:15-20 – *Be filled with the Spirit, singing to God and always giving thanks.*
- John 6:51-58 – *Jesus says: My flesh and blood are food and drink for eternal life.*

MUSIC NOTES

The **Prelude and Fugue in D Minor** (BWV 875) comes from the second book of the Well-Tempered Clavier, J. S. Bach's twin collections of preludes and fugues in all the major and minor keys. Situated stylistically somewhere between a two-part invention and a concerto-style movement, the Prelude sounds brilliant but is actually fairly straightforward to play. The Fugue is premised on a subject in two halves, with the slower-moving and serpentine second half combining eventually with the first in some elegant contrapuntal play, which also includes multiple overlapped subject entries (stretto) and melodic inversion.

Ralph Vaughan Williams had a nuanced relationship with religion throughout his life, but it was never without reverence, as evidenced by the quantity and quality of sacred music he produced. **O taste and see**, one of Vaughan Williams' most well-known motets, was composed for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953, and was also performed at her funeral in 2022.

For today's **anthem**, we present a revitalized setting of the popular hymn written by then 22-year-old pastor Robert Robinson in 1758. Unlike the standard version found in most United States sung to the "Nettleton" hymn tune, this version features the tune "Warrenton,"

which first appeared in the *Southern Harmony* collection in 1838. To accommodate this livelier tune, the second half of each verse is traditionally omitted and replaced with a short refrain between each verse.

In observance of the beginning of the school year, our **offertory** includes a playful medley of familiar hymns by Mark Hayes. Hayes, a classically trained pianist in addition to his long list of compositional achievements, is well-regarded for his pianistic and engaging accompaniments that support but do not distract from the vocalist. This work also exemplifies Hayes' uniquely American style, which is heavily influenced by other genres including gospel, jazz, pop, folk, and classical.

Wilhelm Friedemann Bach, the eldest son of Johann Sebastian and one of the great organists of his generation, composed church and chamber works plus the occasional keyboard piece. His **Fugue in D Minor**, likely intended for the organ, compares well to those of his father. More concise than virtually all of "papa" Bach's organ fugues, it resembles those of the WTC in its playful yet serious counterpoint.

— Notes by Matthew Dirst & Justin Langham

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IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families – Pat Lindsay; David Winship; Velma Guy Tolbert; Bob Ardell; Richard Johnson; Philip McDaniel; Charlotte Kibler; Carolyn Vestal; Bill Morris; Diane Clarke; CJ Miller; Russell Bahruth; Ralph Cherillo; Susan Mitchell; Karen Morris; Susan Huffman; Emily Estill; Barbara Cavanaugh; Peg Palisin; Mary Herlitz; Jan Ostendorf; Dick Nunn; Mark Takayama; Ben Dees; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Nancy Johnson; Beverly Baker; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Carolyn Vestal; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Tyler Keever-son of Pam & Frank Keever; Raquel Calhoun -sister-in-law of Pam Keever; Jerry Isbell – son-in-law of Bill & Karen Morris; Terese Murphy- cousin of Gary Gardner and Peg Palisin; Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and partner John Bonica; Sheila Kinsky and her children – sister of Bill Connolly; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Susan Everhart – niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; and Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine.

Homebound – Elizabeth Arp; Beverly Baker; John Bobbitt; Joan Boelens; Edith Patterson; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Mary Sinderson; and Sondra Sullivan.

Friends of St. Philippians - Marianne Hash – friend of Jane Cooper; Annette Covey – friend of Guy & Melissa Aldrich; Stephen Wedemeyer and Mary Watters - friends of Bill and Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor; Claude Bowden – friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; Kenneth and Donna Benton – friends of William Rowe; Tom Barnett - friend of Robin and Gary Willis; Joyce Freudenberg and Annie & Sidney Roach– friends of Stephen Paine; Jacqueline Hazrum, Erin McDougal, and Eric Alberto Marquez – friends of Kate Burkart; Betsy Shear Lewis – friend of Laney Miller; and Shirley Stubblefield – friend of Barbara Runge.

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share, please mail: deacons@saintphilip.net

CHILI COOK-OFF

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
12 PM | FOLLOWING WORSHIP
[IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL]

Categories include:
Best Vegetarian Chili * Hottest Chili
Most Unique Chili * Best Overall Chili
Best Corn Bread

If you are not entering a chili or cornbread, please bring a pot-luck dish to share. Last names that begin with -
A-I: Side Dish * J-R: Dessert * S-Z: Salad/Veggies

**Multi-generational
ALL AGES WELCOME!**

ST. PHILIP
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE ON SUMMER RECESS AND RETURN SEPTEMBER 8

ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

St. Philip offers a variety of weekday activities for young and seasoned which are on summer recess. Please visit our website (saintphilip.net) to see what you have to look forward to in the fall.

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. For more information, email Keatan King at: keatan@saintphilip.net.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **August 8** at 7:00 p.m. We will discuss *Beartown* by Fredrik Blackman. Watch your email for details. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP—Agreeing that a focus on Disinformation is timely and important as the presidential election draws near, the next study book will be Barbara McQuade's *Attack from Within; how disinformation is sabotaging America*. This group will meet by zoom on Monday, **September 9**, 7-8 p.m. Interested persons can contact Sara Jean Jackson at sjj10223@gmail.com.

LITURGISTS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER 2024 AND BEYOND

If you would like to be liturgist for any of the Sundays in 2024, listed below, or any Sunday in 2025 please contact Roderick James by text or email (713-503-0785 or jamesrv@me.com).

If you have a special Sunday, a birthday or anniversary or anything important to you we will do our best to accommodate your request.

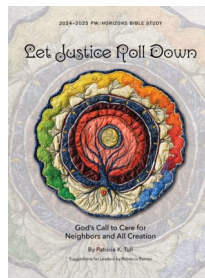
The available Sundays in 2024 are **November 10 and December 29**.

MISSION ACTIVITIES

KIDS' MEALS VOLUNTEER DAY RESCHEDULED—

Due to Hurricane Beryl's arrival on July 8, we were not able to volunteer with Kids' Meals. Our volunteer day has been rescheduled for **Monday, September 30** from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. at 330 Garden Oaks Blvd., 77018 Please sign up in the Gathering Area on Sundays or email mission@saintphilip.net. Every individual, including children, attending must register via the link provided below for the event date of **September 30**.

Registration link: <https://vhub.at/StPhilipPresbyterian>
Kids' Meals goal is to make things as smooth as possible for you. It is recommended volunteers wear comfortable clothing, closed toed-shoes, and a hat. In case someone prefers not to wear a hat, hairnets will be distributed as an option. Limited parking, carpool if possible. Please arrive at the Kids' Meals office by **12:30 p.m.** Upon arrival, you will enter the Welcome Center, sign-in at the computers, and attend a brief orientation. Once everyone is ready to get to work, you will be supplied with the needed items for your task.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

Bible study books for the coming year have arrived! Bible study in our circles is a vital part of our mission and we look forward to the lessons from "Let Justice Roll Down" by Patricia K. Tull. We'll be studying and praying about

God's call to care for neighbors and all creation.

We'll have the books available in the Gathering Area before and after worship this Sunday and all Sundays in August or you can pick yours up from Lorrie in the Church Office. The cost is \$10 for the regular version and \$15 for the large print, payable through St Philip's on-line payment portal, cash (please have exact amount), or by check.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN JOINT CIRCLE

September 15 will be the first circle meeting of the year when all Presbyterian Women will gather together for lunch in the Fellowship Hall following worship service. Registration will be open in late August. Please contact Judith Hiott - Judith.hiott@outlook.com or 832-277-8676
Volunteers are needed to:

- ◇ Decoration set up 9:30 a.m. Sunday
- ◇ Food - setting out the lunch boxes
- ◇ Hostesses for greeting, selling books, any payments needed
- ◇ Clean up



Welcome to Worship at St. Philip

Please register your attendance by scanning the QR code or by visiting the Guest Book tab at saintphilip.net.

AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST,
we seek to be an inclusive,
grace-filled community,
engaging the world with open minds,
willing hands and generous hearts.

WE LONG
for deeper faith,
vibrant hope
and boundless love
for everyone, every day, everywhere.

Thank you for joining us today! We hope that you find our worship together to be joyous, meaningful, and thought-provoking. **Children of all ages** are welcome to worship with their families. Activity bags containing worship aids for children are available in the narthex on the way into the sanctuary.

Nursery care is available throughout the morning from 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.

A Hearing Loop is installed within the sanctuary. If you have a hearing aid equipped with a telecoil, please activate your “T switch” to hear the worship service most clearly. If you need assistance with hearing the service clearly and do not have a t-coil equipped hearing aid, please ask an usher for wireless headphones. **LARGE PRINT COPIES OF TODAY’S HYMNS ARE IN THE NARTHEX.**

Connect with St. Philip through saintphilip.net and our social media. To join our e-mail list for regular news updates, send a note to lorrie@saintphilip.net.

If you are interested in joining St. Philip Presbyterian Church by profession of faith, by reaffirming your faith, or by transferring your membership, please speak with one of the ministers today or call the church office during the week. **The Session meets the third Sunday of each month after the 11:00 worship service in Room 100 for the purpose of receiving new members.**

Worship with us, whenever, wherever. Our 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is live-streamed at saintphilip.net. Services can be viewed live or later in our video archives.

Contributions, pledge payments, communion gifts and other donations to support the Church can be made anytime through our website, text “SPPC” to 73256 and follow the prompts, or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056.

I Give Electronically—in response to parents’ hopes that their children might be able to see their ongoing commitment to St. Philip and with the intent to better represent the totality of our giving as a congregation, we have available in the pews giving cards that can be placed in the offering plate by our electronic givers.



Lost & Found—did you leave a pair of glasses, umbrella, or other item during worship? There is a canvas basket in the library where these items may be found. Jewelry, phones and more valuable items are turned into Lorrie Castle in the Church Office, lorrie@saintphilip.net or 713-622-4807.

Hymn 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

TEXT: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867, alt.
 MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; arr. *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

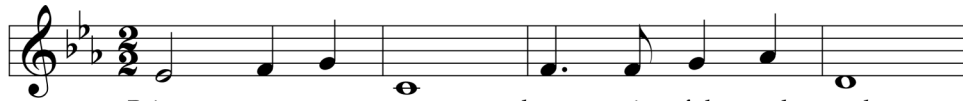
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Hymn 760

Bring Many Names

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1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child,
 4 Old, ach - ing God, gray with end - less care,
 5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move,
 6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,



cel - e - brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry,
 plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion,
 feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing,
 calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es,
 say - ing no to false - hood and un - kind - ness,
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing,



ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.
 set - ting each e - qua - tion ge - ni - us at play:
 car - ing and for - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled:
 glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:
 cry - ing out for jus - tice, giv - ing all you have:
 clos - er yet than breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home:



Hail and Ho - san - na! Bring man - y names!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, young, grow - ing God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, great, liv - ing God!

This text affirms that the images we use for God can be inspired by either gender because both males and females reflect the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). Similarly, since God is with us at all stages of life, all ages hold the potential to reveal something about God.

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1986, rev.
 MUSIC: Carlton R. Young, 1987
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Hymn 702

Christ Be Beside Me

BUNESSAN



1. Christ be be - side me, Christ be be - fore me,
 2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
 3. Christ be in all hearts Think - ing a - bout me;



Christ be be - hind me, King of my heart.
 Christ all a - round me, Shield in the strife.
 Christ be on all tongues Tell - ing of me.



Christ be with - in me, Christ be be - low me,
 Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my sit - ting,
 Christ be the vis - ion In eyes that see me;



Christ be a - bove me, Nev - er to part.
 Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.
 In ears that hear me, Christ ev - er be.

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 Tune: BUNESSAN, 5 5 5 4 D; Gaelic melody.

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