

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Preparation for Worship

His religion – not the Christian religion, but the religion of Christ – the poor man's gospel; the message of forgiveness, of reconciliation, of love; and, oh, how gladly would I spend my life, in season and out of season, in preaching this!

- James Anthony Froude

Voluntary

All Glory be to God on High BWV 663

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Greeting

Please sign and pass the friendship folder.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Introit

All That Hath Life and Breath Praise Ye the Lord! (excerpt)

René Clausen (b. 1953)

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord,
Shout to the Lord, Alleluia!
Praise the Lord with joyful song,
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving, Alleluia, praise Him!

- Adap. Psalm 96 & 22

Opening Sentences

† Hymn 32 (see page 10)

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God,

in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

silent prayer

Holy One, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

† Declaration of Forgiveness

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

Response (choir first, congregation sings v. 1 and 2)



† 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

Scripture Reading

James 1:17-27

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Holy wisdom, holy Word. Thanks be to God.

Anthem

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Shout to the Lord, Alleluia!
Praise the Lord with joyful song,
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving, Alleluia, praise Him!

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord,
Sing to the Lord a new-made song, praise His name, alleluia!
Unto Thee, O Lord, have I made supplication,
And cried unto the rock of my salvation;
But Thou hast heard my voice, and renewed my weary spirit.

All that hath life and breath praise Him, Praise Him, alleluia.

Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation. O my soul praise Him for He is thy health and salvation.

-Adap. Psalm 96 & 22

Sermon

Best Little Hospital in Texas

Keatan King

silence and stillness

† Hymn 511 (see page 11)

Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven

LLANFAIR

Offering

Offertory Anthem

Father of Heaven from Judas Maccabaeus, HWV 63

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Father of Heaven, from Thy eternal throne, Look with an eye of blessing down, While we prepare with holy rites To solemnize the feast of light

- Adap. from libretto by Thomas Morell

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on 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.

The Breaking of Bread and the Sharing of God's Gifts

Communion Music Variations on The Lord's Prayer

Johann Ulrich Steigleder (1593-1635)

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, strengthen us by this meal to do the word we hear and live the faith we confess. Lord Jesus, be our religion, that we may be worthy to fulfill your call to care for orphans and widows in their distress. Amen. We All Are One in Mission

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Communion offering gifts may be brought to the basket in the front.

Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary

Toccata on The Lord's Prayer

J.U. Steigleder

SERVING TODAY

Pastor

Keatan King

Liturgist

Cindy Judson

Musicians

Martin Jones, guest organist | St. Philip Chancel Choir | Tessa Larson, soloist | Cecilia Duarte, soloist Justin Langham, director of music

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Kurt Grether lovingly dedicated in celebration of his dear husband Bill's birthday. With gratitude for Bill's life and the joy he brings, Kurt offers this tribute to God's blessings upon Bill and our church community.

WORSHIP NOTES

To receive communion today, please come forward via the center aisle, for a piece of bread. The bread may be dipped in the chalice of grape juice and consumed, or you may take a small cup of grape juice from the tray. You may return to your pew via the side aisles. Gluten-free bread is available, just ask the servers as you come forward. Those with mobility challenges may receive communion in their seats, just signal the servers. Because the table of Jesus Christ is open to all, everyone is welcome to receive communion today.

An additional offering is received when communion is celebrated. This month's Communion Offering supports St. Philip's Mission Partner **Bridges to Life**. The **mission** of Bridges To Life is to connect communities to prisons to reduce the recidivism rate (particularly that of violent crimes), reduce the number of crime victims, and enhance public safety. 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. For more information visit: www.bridgestolife.org.

Gifts may be brought to the front basket during the final hymn. You may also make a secure contribution through MyStPhilip and choosing the communion fund or by sending a check to the church office, with "Communion" in the memo line.

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

- Song of Solomon 2:8–13 *One lover calls to another: Arise, my love, and come away.*
- Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 A royal love song: God has blessed the king with beauty and grace.
- Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9 *Observe God's law diligently; do not add to it or subtract from it.*
- Psalm 15—Who may abide in God's presence? Those who do what is right.
- James 1:17–27 Every good gift comes from God; pure religion is to care for others.
- Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 A debate about authority and tradition; evil things come from within.

The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 2 in recognition of Labor Day.

MUSIC NOTES

Today's **opening voluntary** on the Gloria tune is written like a string trio. The chorale enters on a different keyboard in the tenor and Bach adds many ornaments in between the notes of the melody.

American composer and choir director René Clausen has many accolades to his name, including three GRAMMY awards for an album consisting entirely of his own choral works, and has created a reputation among choirs of all levels for his engaging compositional style. All That Hath Life and Breath Praise Ye the Lord! is an animated and dramatic work for unaccompanied choir that embodies the excitement of praise in the outer sections, which are contrasted by a lyrical and mysterious soprano solo in the middle. Clausen also creatively quotes the hymn *Praise to the Lord the Almighty* by supporting it with multiple ostinati (repeated patterns) in the underlying choral texture before transitioning back to the praise-filled opening material.

One of Handel's most well-known English oratorios, *Judas Maccabeus* was originally conceived as a compli-

ment to the victorious Prince William Augustus, who recently returned from war. Today's **offertory**, sung by the "Israelitish Man" as a warm and tender prayer for blessing in the larger work, comes at the opening of part three and begins a sequence of victory for the Jewish people who rejoice that peace has come to their country at last. May this peaceful work carry hope of peace in today's war-torn world.

In the early centuries of Protestantism, congregations sang hymns, psalms, and liturgy entirely unaccompanied by organ or other instruments. To teach these tunes, organists would have played variations like these in churches as people would gather throughout the day to meet or conduct business. Steigleder's variations are very creative, featuring the tune in different voices and with varied rhythms. The final variation is a brilliant toccata with the tune alternating with virtuosic passagework.

-Notes by Martin Jones & Justin Langham

IN OUR PRAYERS

Family and friends of Velma Guy Tolbert who died on August 23. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

St. Philippians and their families — David Winship; 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 E. Johnson; Beverly Baker; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; 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; Terese Murphycousin 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; Paige Everhart – niece of Nancy E. 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 Randolf; George and Larraine 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: <u>deacons@saintphilip.net</u>

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES RETURN ON RALLY DAY— SEPTEMBER 8

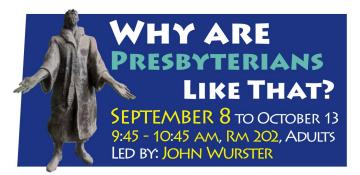
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES START AT 9:45 A.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

GODLY PLAY – Ages 3 – Kindergarten – Room 103

ELEMENTARY – Grades 1-4 – Room 105

YOUTH—Grades 5-12—Dining Room

NEW CLASSES



THE LORD'S PRAYER

SEPTEMBER 8 TO OCTOBER 13 9:45 - 10:45 AM, RM 105, GRADES 1-4 LED BY: KEATAN KING & JACQUIE COLTON

YOUTH FAMILIES LEAD

Kids Against Hunger.

SEPTEMBER 8 TO NOVEMBER 17 9:45 - 10:45 AM, DINING ROOM GRADES 5-12

THE GOSPEL According to BLUEY

OCTOBER 20 TO NOVEMBER 24

9:45 - 10:45 AM

ADULTS: RM 202, LED BY: JOHN WURSTER

GRADES 1-4: RM 204-205

LED BY: KEATAN KING & LIZ MIGUEZ

CHURCH & SOCIETY—Room 201—Join us from **9:30 a.m.**—**10:40 a.m.** with presentations in person and by Zoom. You are cordially invited to attend Rally Day - the first day of church school at St. Philip Presbyterian Church. We watched the two summer conventions, we endured Beryl, we cheered for the Olympians, we bade fond bon voyage to Omar as he departed for his Sabbatical. Now it's time for the C & S class reunion and preview of the fall 2024 term, plus the Rally Day Chili Cookoff right after morning worship. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes:

churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY—Room 204—We are resuming on September 8 our study of Job at Ch. 32 in Dr. Robert Alter's *The Wisdom Books: Job, Prophets and Ecclesiastes* (2010). Join us from 9:30 – 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.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL—We will have Children's Chapel the second and fourth Sundays after *Conversation with Children*. In the Children's Chapel, our young disciples learn the whos, whats, wheres, whens and whys of worship, while praying, singing, 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.

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 **September 12** at 7:00 p.m. We will discuss *The Comfort of Crows* by Margaret Renkl. 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 sij10223@gmail.com.



MISSION ACTIVITIES

KIDS' MEALS VOLUNTEER DAY RESCHEDULED -

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 if you have questions:

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.

LORD OF THE STREETS VOLUNTEER SUNDAY MORNING—Congregation members are invited to volunteer serving breakfast or help with the worship before breakfast is served on Sunday morning, **October 13**. We will be serving with another volunteer group from a different organization or church. St. Philip members can carpool from the St. Philip parking lot or arrive directly to Lord of the Streets Episcopal Church at 3401 Fannin Street, Houston, TX 77004. Start time and additional details will be provided soon. Save the date and sign up in the Gathering Area or email mission@saintphilip.net if you can join us in serving our homeless neighbors in downtown Houston.

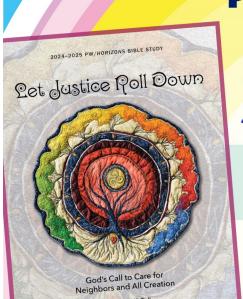
SEARCH SCATTERED SITE LUNCH AND ACTIVI-

TY—Join the mission committee on Friday, **November 15** to host a meal and activity for the homeless clients of SEARCH. Five volunteers will be needed from 10:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. to serve food and lead a bingo game or singalong activity. The lunch will be held at SEARCH Homeless Services office, 2015 Congress St., Houston, TX 77002. Sign up to help will begin in October. Save the date and if you are interested email:

mission@saintphilip.net.

LITURGISTS FOR 2025

A Texas sized "Thank You" to all who have volunteered to be Liturgist in 2024. If you would like to be liturgist for any of the Sundays in 2025, please contact Roderick James by email—jamesrv@me.com or text—713-503-0785. The following TWO Sundays are already booked January 12 and February 23. If you have a special Sunday, a birthday or anniversary or anything important to you we will do our best to accommodate your request.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

AFTER WORSHIP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS TIME OF FELLOWSHIP.

KEATAN KING WILL TEACH 1ST LESSON: **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**



BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE ON SUNDAYS IN GATHERING AREA

Please pick up your copy of the Bible study guide soon so we know if we need to order more before the PW Luncheon. 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. Register for the Luncheon by scanning the QR code above or visiting MyStPhilip at saintphilip.net.

Volunteers Needed for PW Luncheon

Please contact Judith Hiott - Judith.hiott@outlook.com or 832-277-8676 if you can volunteer to help with:

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



CHILDREN'S MUSIC

SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 7 TO DECEMBER 8

9 TO 9:40 AM, SANCTUARY

FOR AGES 5 THROUGH 5TH GRADE

Singing, Movement, Percussion, & More!

Register your child through SAINTPHILIP.NET





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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.



Welcome to Worship at St. Philip

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

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 Tave ELECTRONICALLY 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.



With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

Hymn 511

Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven





Though rightly viewed as a meal of remembrance, the Lord's Supper is also an occasion of anticipation. This text draws on abundant biblical imagery to evoke the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to share the feast anew "in the kingdom of God" (Matthew 26:29/Mark 14:25/Luke 22:16).

Hymn 733



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A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.

TEXT: Rusty Edwards, 1985, alt.

MUSIC: Memmingen ms., 17th cent.; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1904 Text © 1986 Hope Publishing Company

MUSIC AT ST. PHILIP

2024 SUMMER ORGAN SERIES



Sunday September 15 | 5 pm

Deux Voix Justin Langham, trumpet & Stephen Distad, organ

Free Admission











DAVID LAMOTTE CONCERT

Sunday, September 29 at 5:00pm Fellowship Hall-no cost!



David LaMotte is a songwriter, speaker, and author who is a frequent speaker and retreat leader at Montreat, Mo Ranch, and other Presbyterian gatherings. He has performed over 3,500 concerts and released thirteen full-length CDs of primarily original music, touring in all of the fifty states and on five of the seven continents. The *Boston Globe* writes that his music "pushes the envelope with challenging lyrics and unusual tunings, but he also pays homage to folk tradition," while *BBC Radio Belfast* lauds his "charm, stories, humour, insightful songs, sweet voice and dazzling guitar ability." His most recent album, *Still*, features the number one song on Folk Radio in September 2022 (*September Me*), and the album remained in the top twenty for six months.

In 2008, David pursued his vocation of peacemaking further when he accepted a Rotary World Peace Fellowship to study International Relations, Peace and Conflict Resolution at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia. On St. Philip youth's first Spiritual Pilgrimage for Racial Justice, David met with us in Montreat to teach youth about Rosa Parks and her story as an example of why successful social movements are rooted in a "movement narrative" rather than a "hero narrative."

David is the son, grandson, and brother of Presbyterian ministers, and the fourth of four kids. He has also lived for short times in Raleigh, NC, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Paris, France, rural Andhra Pradesh, India, and Brisbane, Australia, but has made his home for more than thirty years in Black Mountain, North Carolina, where he currently resides with his wife, son, old dog, and five chickens.

SCRAPCE @ APTS WITH DAVID LAMOTTE

This year's annual South Central Region of the Association of Partners in Christian Education (SCRAPCE) conference is based on *You Are Changing the World - Whether you Like It or Not*, the latest book by guest speaker, David LaMotte. Join us as we explore the language of change and the idea that small changes make for a big impact. David will guide us as we explore how, with creativity, change happens in community, and the all-important work of discerning the call to be God's "change agents."

Date: Sept 30 - Oct 2, 2024 at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Guest Lecturer: David LaMotte - activist, singer/song writer, author, and a friend to many of us

Cost: \$145 in person (includes all sessions, most meals, and concert attendance fee)

\$75 online attendance

\$10 Tuesday night concert attendance only

Limited guest housing is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!

Anyone who is currently involved in Christian Faith Formation in the Presbytery of New Covenant can apply. . The application deadline is September 15 and proof of registration must be submitted once scholarship is granted. Amounts of \$145 for in person attendance and \$75 for online attendance will be awarded. Email <u>Anne Wilson</u>:

(anne.aiko.wilson@gmail.com) for the application.

https://www.austinseminary.edu/fs/pages/1242

***David's recent 18-minute TEDx Talk, chosen by TED International as an "Editor's Pick."