



**THE COMMUNITY OF ST. PHILIP
AT WORSHIP**

DECEMBER 23, 2024

A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

IN MEMORY OF

SUSAN KAY YOUNG ESTILL

MAY 30, 1941—NOVEMBER 26, 2024

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES

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

✠ HYMN 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

✠ PRAYER

Eternal God,
our strength and our comfort,
our hope and our help,
your love cares for us in life
and watches over us in death.
We praise you for the great company
of all those who have kept the faith,
finished their race,
and who now rest from their labor.
Especially we thank you for Susan,
whom you have now received into your presence.
We are grateful for all she gave us,
for the memories that will abide with us,
and for the assurance that she lives forever
in the peace and joy of your unending love.
Take from us now our regrets and sorrows,
and grant us your grace, we pray,
that as we face the mystery of death
we may see the light of eternity,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

silent prayer

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

✠ DECLARATION

REMEMBRANCES

HYMN 697 *(seated)*

Take My Life

HENDON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 13
Matthew 1:18-23

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Laudate Dominum

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*Praise the Lord, all nations;
Praise Him, all people.
For He has bestowed
His mercy upon us,
And the truth of the Lord endures forever.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever,
and for generations of generations.
Amen.*

SERMON

✠ **HYMN 110**

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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.**

ANTHEM

God Be in My Head

John Rutter

*God be in my head and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes and in my looking;
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;
God be in my heart and in my thinking;
God be at mine end and at my departing.*

✠ **HYMN 122**

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILL NACHT

✠ **COMMENDATION**

✠ **BLESSING**

✠ **RECESSIONAL**

*Following the service, everyone is invited to a reception
in the Gathering Area adjacent to the Sanctuary.*

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. John W. Wurster
Rev. Keatan King
Rev. Omar Rouchon

The St. Philip Choir
Justin Langham, director of music

Matthew Dirst, organist
Julia Fox, soloist



SUSAN KAY YOUNG ESTILL passed away on November 26, 2024, at the age of 83, after a short battle with cancer. She was born on May 30, 1941, in Massillon, Ohio (Stark County). Her parents were Koehler King Young, DDS, and Carrie Elizabeth Osborne Young.

Susan graduated from Washington High School in Massillon, Ohio in 1959, and from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in Cleveland, Ohio in 1962. She completed the Cardiovascular Nurse Specialist Program at Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas in 1968. Following that, she was employed as a Registered Nurse at several different hospitals in Cleveland, Massillon, and Houston. While in Houston, she met Robert Embry Estill, and they were married on September 4, 1970. An avid cook and baker, she dedicated her life to being a homemaker, pouring her love and many talents into making a home for her husband and their daughters.

Susan was involved in numerous volunteer and community service endeavors in Houston. From 1971 to the present, she was a member of St. Philip Presbyterian Church, where she served as Deacon, Elder, and Trustee. In 2014, after more than 20 years of service, she was honored as Newsletter Editor Emerita of St. Philip's newsletter, the Philip-Eye. She served on the Board of Brazos Presbyterian Homes, including two years as Board Chairman, as well as on the Board of Interface Samaritan Counseling Centers. She was also an active volunteer at Christian Community Service Center (CCSC) and Meals on Wheels. Susan is survived by her husband, Robert Embry Estill, her sister, Sally Ann Young Thomerson, and her daughters, Emily Susan Estill and Julie Louise Estill.

The family requests that donations be made in Susan's memory to St. Philip Presbyterian Church, Christian Community Service Center, Meals on Wheels, or the charity of your choice.