

PHILIP-EYE

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Please welcome Elizabeth Arp who joined St. Philip on February 20. Originally from Kerrville, Liz moved to Houston in 1962. She is retired from real estate after 50 years and stays busy reading, exercising, cooking, and keeping up with friends. She joins St. Philip via reaffirmation of faith. Liz heard about St. Philip's from friends and noticed our church sign outside as she was driving by. She enjoys our worship, friendly congregation, music, and ministerial staff. Liz noted that her husband passed away last November after 53 years of happy marriage.



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

Rev. Keatan King
Associate Pastor

Rev. Omar Rouchon
Associate Pastor

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EASTER LILIES

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 online 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, 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) 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 12**. Thanks for your help in continuing this holiday tradition!

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



APRIL COMMUNION OFFERING

On Sunday, **April 3** our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing connect us with people finding their voice and accessing their God-given power, and is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together to work for a better world by advancing the causes of justice, resilience and sustainability. During Lent, we celebrate that God connects with us through Jesus' resurrection and connects us with those "who have the least" — that's how Matthew 25 puts it — and that's what One Great Hour of Sharing is all about.

Thank you for your generosity! As we always say ... when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Let us pray:

Thank you, God for connecting us. Thank you for neighbors, each with needs and gifts to share, and for our church, the whole Church, together, and for Jesus Christ, Amen.

A thank you from Austin Seminary for your kindness and generosity!

March 2, 2022

Dear Keatan and Mission Committee —

Wow! What a lovely surprise to receive your incredibly generous gift of HEB gift cards. I couldn't believe how many were in the envelope! These are going to help students so much. The time between financial aid disbursements and before a paycheck arrives can be tight financially for them. You have given our students the gift of a little security and warm meals — THANK YOU!

We appreciate all the ways you support our students — sharing Keatan with us, the ways you formed Kallie, and your generous financial gifts!

THANK YOU!

Sarah Gaventa
Dean of Students



Amazing Place is ending the stigma of dementia. One of their goals is to promote healthy aging while preventing or delaying the symptoms of dementia. Through various **Connections**, AP provides an avenue for everyone to receive the education and support they desire. To see current offerings [click here](https://www.amazingplacehouston.org) or visit www.amazingplacehouston.org

JOIN US FOR THE PCHAS LUNCHEON

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS) is providing Christ-centered care for children and families in need.

Please join us for our **Annual Luncheon on Thursday, April 21st at the Junior League of Houston, 1811 Briar Oaks Lane, Houston, TX 77027 from 12 to 1 p.m.**

During this free event, we will be sharing stories from our PCHAS children and families here in Houston and we hope to gather together as a community to provide healing and support to the most vulnerable. To reserve your seat or a table of 10, please contact your St. Philip Table Host, Hope Wilmarth, or PCHAS Development Officer Laura Fleming at laura.fleming@pchas.org.



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

January 2022

Called Session Meeting – January 16, 2022

- ✦ Session received into membership Bill Stubbs by reaffirmation of faith and Kurt Grether by letter of transfer from Living Word Lutheran Church, Katy, TX.

February 2022

Stated Session Meeting via Zoom Videoconferencing – February 15, 2022

- ✦ Session approved curricula and teachers for elementary Sunday School classes.
- ✦ Session elected Judith Hiott, Butch Wilson, Jennifer Wilson, Judy Hartman, and Gary Gardner as ruling elder commissioners to the March 19, 2022 stated meeting of the Presbytery of New Covenant.

Called Session Meeting – February 20, 2022

- ✦ Session received into membership Elizabeth Arp by reaffirmation of faith.



Interested in helping out in the St. Philip garden? We will be planting the spring vegetable garden on **Saturday, March 19, at 10:00 a.m.** Meet at the garden behind Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Cathy Patterson at cpatters@swbell.net.

Save the Date

April 24

following 11:00 a.m. Worship

Fellowship Committee

invites you to the

Spring Potluck on the Lawn

pull out your favorite church
potluck recipe to share

more details to follow

ALL ABOUT ORION

Exploring the constellations is a task for the tough. Being far from home, navigating the vast void of space, and traversing foreign planets takes its toll on even the strongest Sugar Land Space Cowboys...unless you have a companion.

When surveying Mimas, a moon of Saturn, one lonely Astro-naut encountered a curious Cosmic Canine. Looking to escape the meteor-battered Mimas, the creature stowed away on our Sugar Land Space Cowboy's ship, and avoided detection until arriving at the next interstellar destination.

Unable to contain his excitement, the canine was soon discovered by the Sugar Land Space Cowboy. Looking to repay his suited savior, the canine guided the Sugar Land Space Cowboy to an area rich with resources. Thrilled by their finds and new companionship, our Sugar Land Space Cowboy was eager to bring his furry friend Orion on his remaining journey before returning home.

Back on Earth, Orion earned a permanent place in our Space Cowboy's home of Sugar Land, and can be seen roaming Constellation Field between missions, sharing his love of baseball and looking for new friends to join their interstellar squad.



Height: Tall enough to ride a horse

Weight: A lot less in outer space

Species: Canis Cosmicus

Age: How many dog years are there per light year?

Favorite Foods: Milky Way Bones, Biscuits and Gravy, Astronaut Ice Cream

Favorite Movies: Guardians of the Galaxy, Star Wars, Homeward Bound

Favorite Book: How to be a Space Cowboy!

Favorite Color: Vice Blue and Dreamsicle Orange

Favorite Dance Move: The Galactic Two Step

Likes: Hugs, high fives, home runs, and howling at the moon

Dislikes: Stepping in cow patties, space junk

St. Philipians can meet Orion on:

June 12

Fellowship Committee
will have more information soon.



From your Earth Care Team

The devotional below is from the “**New Lenten Devotions based on Sundays’ Revised Common Lectionary texts from Creation**

Care Perspectives”. This resource was produced by the Presbyterians for Earth Care to help preachers, lectionary Bible study groups, families and individuals gain new insights on these beloved texts during this special season. Our hope, as your Earth Care Team, is that these devotions will inspire us all to care for God’s creation in these challenging times.

[CLICK HERE*](#) to download the PEC Lenten Devotional. (*scroll down the web page to find Lent)

Second Sunday in Lent –March 13, 2022

Genesis 15:17-18

Psalm 27

The Creator made a covenant with Abraham and said, “I give this land...” How have we cared for that gift?

While the religious establishment has been late to the environmental justice movement, people of faith since the beginning have recognized a moral obligation to protect fragile ecosystems that sustain life. If we have failed in that obligation, we can join the movement now with a commitment to change what we can where we can.

We are called to understand that climate change is a moral challenge... We are called to honor our duties of justice, to prevent the enormities of climate change, as the price of the lifestyles of the privileged is paid by

millions of poor people, in the loss of their livelihoods and their lives. We are called to honor our duties of compassion, to prevent the suffering of millions of innocent people, especially the hungry children... In matters of climate change, as in all our lives, our obligation is clear: we must do unto others as we would wish them to do unto us.-

- Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, 2010 in Foreword to “Moral Ground: Ethical Action for a Planet in Peril,” Kathleen Dean Moore and Michael P. Nelson, Editors-

“Doing unto others” is similar to “loving thy neighbor.” Is our choice of entertainment systems, cars, fuels, travel, appliances, and recycling habits simply a lifestyle or a spiritual consideration?

And who is my neighbor? Consider the Good Samaritan. We are called to actions that consider the plight of our neighbors, including those who suffer the consequences of our wasteful choices. By shopping local, carpooling, hanging clothes to dry, changing light bulbs, keeping phones a while longer, refusing plastic straws, refusing Styrofoam, taking our coffee cups to church, eating less meat, using cloth napkins, and choosing reusable shopping bags, we impact the lives of people around the world we will never meet –our neighbors.

Prayer: Creator God, as the Psalmist writes “Teach me thy way, O Lord; and lead me on a level path...” We are people on a path toward you. Forgive us for our wasteful neglect along the way. Remind us to care for your precious gift –a home created with perfectly balanced ecosystems. Open our eyes to the wonders around us. Amen.

Scharmell Roussel

MUSIC AT ST. PHILIP SPRING PROGRAMS

Child Piano Prodigies

SUNDAY | **MARCH 27, 2022** | 3:00 p.m.



Celebrating children in the arts, we are excited to present the winners of Houston Tuesday Musical Club’s **2022 Rochelle Liebling Kahan Memorial Fund Competition for Child Piano Prodigies**, open to Houston area children between the ages of six and nine. Featuring St. Philip’s magnificent **Steinway D** concert grand piano. Come prepared to be dazzled! **Free ice cream for all afterward!**

Run time about one hour • no intermission

FREE

St. Philip Presbyterian Church | 4807 San Felipe Street | Houston, Texas



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING

EXPERIENCING GOD CLASS - Sundays during Lent (through—April 3) - 9:45, Room 202—The Education Committee will offer a five-week class during Lent called “Experiencing God,” an opportunity to see how the Holy Spirit connects with people in unique and personal ways in their daily life. Two or three church members will informally share one of their spiritual practices for 10-15 minutes. There will also be time for individuals to try these different ways to encounter God. The goal is to encourage and learn from one another on our journeys of faith. Middle and high school students are invited and encouraged to participate.

WOMEN’S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. At our next meeting on **April 14** at 7:00 p.m., this will be a social so watch your email for details of where we will be meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at nnl@lambrightlaw.com

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY WITH JOHN WURSTER—A look via Zoom at the Bible readings for the coming Sunday continues with Zoom sessions Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. Email John for details and to get on the list - john@saintphilip.net.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN’S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP—Men of all ages are welcome to participate in this self-led group. The Men’s Weekly Fellowship meets in person each Friday in the Dining Room from 11:45 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We are currently studying the book *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr. Also, while there is an in person meeting, that meeting is carried live via Zoom for those who want to join the meeting but are either out of town or prefer to meet from a distance. Please contact Gary Gardner at ggardne148@aol.com if you would like to be a part of this interesting group.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP will meet tonight, Tuesday, **April 5**, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The study book is *Race in America; Christians respond to the crisis*, edited by David Maxwell and Laura Cheifetz. Persons interested in joining the group can send an email to welcome@saintphilip.net and type PSJ Study Group in the subject line.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS—Room 204—9:30 a.m. We have completed the “David Story” in 1 Kings 1-2 and have begun our study of Solomon and the subsequent Kingdoms of Israel and Judah in 1-2 Kings, with Dr. Robert Alter’s *Ancient Israel, The Former Prophets* (2013). Join us for more discoveries in Dr. Alter’s translation and commentary on the Biblical Hebrew. All are welcome.

CHURCH & SOCIETY—9:40 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. by Zoom - **March 20** - “*Civic Leadership*” - How do we keep this American experiment alive? Where can we focus on efforts to impose or rebuild the institutions that will carry us forward? What role does the Church and its membership play? Presented by Justin Pitcock - US Marine Corps veteran and member of Principles First, which emphasizes the need for principled leadership in our nation’s politics. **March 27** - “*Gun Safety Legislation*” - including HB 1927 - permit-less or constitutional carry, HB 2622 - prohibits state and local governments from enforcing new federal gun rules, HB 1500 - prevents government entities from banning the sale or transportation of firearms and ammo during declared disaster or emergency, HB 957 exempts firearm suppressors that are made and remain in Texas from federal laws and regulations. Presented by Aimee Turney - City of Houston Mayor’s Commission Against Gun Violence, Gun Safety Chair for the League of Women Voters and member of Moms Demand Action. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes: churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net.

NURSERY CARE

IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE MORNING

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.

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

All classes begin at 9:45.

Godly Play (Age 3 to K)—Room 104

Grades 1—2 - Room 105

Grades 3—5 - Room 103

PW CIRCLE MEETINGS

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, so please email Lorrie to request the link: welcome@saintphilip.net.

Monday Morning Saints

Second Monday of each month—10:00 a.m.

Sunday Circle

3rd Sunday of each month—12:30 p.m.

Thursday Evening Circle

1st Thursday of each month—7:00 p.m.

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| Sylvia | Lawson | 1 |
| Dillon | Junkin | 2 |
| Harold | Dement | 3 |
| Russell | Bahruth | 4 |
| Paul | Barrios | 4 |
| Judy | Barrish | 4 |
| Sprague | Boone | 4 |
| James | McKelvey | 4 |
| Janet | Macheledt | 5 |
| Arlo | Weltge | 6 |
| Richard | Lee | 7 |
| Gary | Whitney | 8 |
| Steve | Carmichael | 9 |
| Bill | Burns | 10 |
| Ryan | Maguire | 10 |
| Ben | Dees | 11 |
| Janis | Ostendorf | 11 |
| Stephen | Paine | 11 |
| Rhonda | Sands | 13 |
| Caroline | Vestal | 13 |
| Lucy | Vestal | 13 |
| Lytle | Burns | 14 |
| Pam | Taylor | 15 |
| Robert | Skaggs | 17 |
| Ethan | Lambright | 18 |
| Mary | Murphy | 18 |
| Christina | Rubenstein | 18 |
| Douglas | Duerr | 19 |
| Jack | Lippincott | 19 |
| Richard | Nunn | 19 |
| Lincoln | Vahora | 19 |



April

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| Gregory | Han | 21 |
| Penny | Larkin | 22 |
| Mary | Cash | 23 |
| Jane | Ikpeme | 23 |
| Elizabeth | Boston | 24 |
| Patrick | Conner | 24 |
| Nancy | Dring | 24 |
| Michelle | Goodman | 24 |
| James | Larkin | 25 |
| Thomas | Sands | 25 |
| Mary | Sinderson | 25 |
| David | Winship | 26 |
| Gabriel | Han | 27 |
| Kris | Kelly | 28 |
| Lee | Ardell | 29 |
| Edward | Atkinson | 29 |
| Dustin | Rosen | 29 |
| Vada | Woodall | 30 |

Fun Stuff

Amazing facts, dumb jokes, crazy ads, brain stuff, and quizzes regarding the Bible. Stuff you probably know, which you didn't know you knew, and secret stuff. I hope you enjoy my Fun Stuff corner.

—Lorrie Castle

Crazy Ads

Service—*John's Voice Mail*

"Prepare the way for the next tech revolution! Voice mail that shouts at you—even if you're in the wilderness."

Quiz

Q: Which commandment did Jesus say was the greatest?

- Do Not kill.
- Have no other gods before me.
- Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.
- Don't let the sheep use your bathtub.

Q: The Good Samaritan would be found in what book?

- Luke
- Key Map
- Acts
- AAA Travel Guide

CHURCH DIRECTORY

If you aren't using MyStPhilip or Church Life to stay up to date on changes in the directory and would like a paper copy of the address contact information, please call the Church Office at 713-622-4807 or email Lorrie Castle: lorrie@saintphilip.net



For 40 days, the church commits itself to deepened practices of prayer, study, and drawing nearer to the cross of Jesus in Lent. We've all been carrying heavy burdens the last two years. Maybe you sense God's call to let go of something heavy and hold onto something life-giving. Our cups have run dry. Maybe you sense God wanting to fill you back up. Whatever your soul needs and however God is reaching out to you in these days, we hope the following opportunities will offer welcome companionship and bread for your Lenten journey to the cross and the joy of the empty tomb.

Grace and peace, *Keatan*

| SUN | MON | WED | DAILY |
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| Experiencing God Class 9:45am Room 202 | Lectio Divina Prayer Group 9:00am Zoom | Midweek Worship 11:00am Sanctuary and Livestream | Lenten eVotions from John Wurster <i>Emailed daily</i> |

Experiencing God Class-Sundays in Lent at 9:45 a.m. in Room 202

See how the Holy Spirit connects with people in unique and personal ways in daily life. Two or three church members will informally share one of their spiritual practices for 10-15 minutes. There will be time for participants to try these different ways to encounter God. The goal is to encourage and learn from one another on our journeys of faith. **Middle and high school students are invited and encouraged to participate.**

Lectio Divina Prayer Group-Mondays in Lent at 9-9:20 a.m. on Zoom

Guided by Keatan King, we will complete the four cycles of Lectio Divina in 20 minutes of meditative reflection on scripture and prayer. *Zoom link will be sent early Monday mornings*

Midweek Worship-Wednesdays in Lent at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and livestreamed

Worship includes organ music, prayer, scripture, and a homily by one of the pastors. *(lunch available afterwards in the Gathering Area)*

Daily eVotions-Daily throughout Lent via email

You are invited to mark the forty days of Lent with e-votions, daily biblical reflections prepared by John Wurster and distributed via e-mail. Email John at john@saintphilip.net to be added to the list.

March 16, 23, 30, and April 6

Lenten services on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.
(lunch available afterwards)

April 14—Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. service

April 15—Good Friday

services at 12 noon and 8:00 p.m.

April 17—Easter Sunday

services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

April 24

Spring Potluck Picnic



*For the whole law is summed up in one commandment,
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

—Galatians 5:14

On behalf of St. Philip's Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee, we thank you for your continued, generous support of our partnership with [Interfaith Ministries](#) in welcoming refugee families to Houston. In just a few weeks, the St. Philip refugee resettlement team could be welcoming a family. There are many ways to participate, as directed below by the committee:

We have begun the process of working with Interfaith Ministries, and these are the first steps we have for you.

- 🌐 If you plan to work directly with the family in any way, you need to submit the Volunteer Houston application as soon as you can. This link leads to the [IM Volunteer Requirements](#) and instructions.
- 🌐 A required virtual volunteer training session with Interfaith Ministries is scheduled for **Friday, March 18 at 4:00 p.m.** Zoom info is below. If you can't make the training, let us know and we will work with you on an alternative time.

Zoom Meeting for Interfaith Ministries
Topic: Refugee Services Volunteer Orientation
[Join Meeting Here](#)
Meeting ID: 868 575 1417
Passcode: z1cK2D

- 🌐 If you would like to help furnish our refugee apartment, please consult this [Sign-up List](#) for needed items. We will have a drive-thru event on **Saturday, March 19** from **10:00 a.m.—12 p.m.** to bring your items to St. Philip. If your items are large and you need someone to pick them up, contact Tina Bryan or Judith Hiott or email psj@saintphilip.net and we will arrange pick-up.

We are looking forward to working with you on this project.

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IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families—Mary Sinderson; Susan Huffman; Jan Ostendorf; Pat Lindsay; Roderick James; Lee Larkin; Dorothy Murphey; Bill Slick; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Shirley Coffman; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Mezgebe Gebray; Stone Simmons—grandson of Jenilee Simmons; Lynn Boddington – mother of Laura Burgess; Hunter—grandson of Michael Alexander; Ryan Willis—son of Robin and Gary Willis; Trip Merklein—nephew of Elizabeth Duerr; 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 & Beverly Wilson—parents of Butch Wilson; Vera Moore—mother of Chuck Johnson; Sarah—cousin of Sam Fisher; Shirley Boggus—grandmother of Omi Ford; Dona Rowe—mother and his father—William Rowe; and Elizabeth Carlton Lithio—granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers.

Homebound—John Bobbitt; Paulie Carlson; Kitty Curry; George Helland; Jean Nelson; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Marion Takehara; and Jody Tomforde.

Friends of St. Philippians—Matt Scalapino and Laura Chilton—friends of Stephen Paine; Shirley Stubblefield—friend of Barbara Runge; Nancy Bond family upon the death of her husband, Rob—friend of Curt and Sharon Webb; Clayton Amacker—friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner.

We also pray for health care workers, first responders, and caregivers; for those who are sick; and for those watch and wait.

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

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. Pledge cards are being accepted in the Church Office or you can make your pledge in MyStPhilip.

ATTENTION STOCK DONORS!

St. Philip changed broker services to Frost Bank in the beginning of 2021. We ask you to call:

Yvette Webb at Frost Bank – 713-388-1231 for transaction information. Our new account number is #037-293183.

Please let the bookkeeper know you are making a stock donation. You may email bookkeeper@saintphilip.net.

If you have any questions, you may always contact Ada Fuller at 713-306-8267 or amariepoet@gmail.com.

Next edition: April 5; Deadline March 31—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 or call 713-622-4807 and ask for Lorrie.



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