

# PHILIP-EYE

## DAVID LAMOTTE CONCERT

**Sunday, September 29 at 5:00 p.m.**  
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.

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Please wear your nametags not just in the Sanctuary, but as you socialize before and after worship and at other events. To make it easier, if you don't want to bring your nametag home, there are now labeled wicker BASKETS by several exit doors for you to return your nametag at the last possible moment! Those returned tags will be replaced on the boards in the narthex before the following Sunday morning.

If you need a new nametag please email your first and last name to [welcome@saintphilip.net](mailto:welcome@saintphilip.net).

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## MISSION COMMITTEE

**KIDS' MEALS VOLUNTEER DAY**—Volunteer with Kids' Meals on **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](mailto: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](mailto:mission@saintphilip.net) if you can join us in serving our homeless neighbors in downtown Houston.

**SEARCH SCATTERED SITE LUNCH AND ACTIVITY**—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](mailto:mission@saintphilip.net).

### FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

- Magazines (travel, devotional and culture) for the Seafarer's should be left in the Church Office not on the former Clearinghouse door.
- Donations for Mission projects including Seafarer's are stored in Rooms 9 & 10 next to the Arts & Crafts Studio. During collection time, we have boxes in the Gathering Area and the Church Office.
- The recycling service that the church currently uses does not recycle plastic bags, please return to your local grocery store recycle bins.

## 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

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

**GODLY PLAY**—Ages 3—Kindergarten—ROOM 103

We are offering three cycles of 6-week classes from September-December to experiment with increased variety of topics, teachers, and formats in our Sunday School, as well as introducing new opportunities for youth to engage in mission and children to engage in music.

**ELEMENTARY**—Grades 1-4—ROOM 105— Children will learn the **Lord's Prayer with mind and heart. Come October, all ages attend "the Gospel According to Bluey"** to pair a Jesus teaching with 2 episodes of Bluey and explore the themes in breakout groups by ages: adults will chat, kids will play.

**YOUTH**—Grades 5-12—DINING ROOM—Youth families will turn the Sunday School hour into a time to revive the Kids Against Hunger program as leaders in our congregation.

**INTRO TO PRESBYTERIANISM**—ROOM 202— Back by popular demand, John Wurster will lead his **Intro to Presbyterianism**

**CHURCH & SOCIETY**—ROOM 201—Join us from **9:30 a.m.—10:40 a.m.** with presentations in person and by Zoom. **September 22 - St. Philip Day School - The Plan for Affordable Daycare at St. Philip** - Plans are underway for the opening of an affordable daycare facility at St. Philip in the spring of 2025. The St. Philip Day School will be based on the model of Project One Day - a Christ-centered child care cooperative for parents of children ages 6 weeks through 3 years old, which works on a simple premise. Parents volunteer one day a week and receive 40 hours of FREE, faith-based child care to facilitate their work or education. For low-income families this can be a game changer. Parent volunteers complete a 30 classroom hours program developed by Texas A & M University. While participation requirements are significant, the benefits are plentiful— a community of friends plus parent education to make life at home run smoother, too. For children, Project One Day provides top-notch ratios creating a loving, supportive, and faith-based environment to grow, learn, and be cared for. Presented by Jennifer Johnson - Founder and President of the Board of Directors of Project One Day.

**September 29 - The Wonder of Worship** - An initiative to prepare Christian educators to engage children in corporate worship - Columbia Theological Seminary received a \$1.24 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to help establish "Wonder of Worship," an initiative to prepare Christian leaders in the seminary's degree programs and support partnering congregations in engaging children in corporate worship. "This grant positions Columbia to move in bold, creative, and relevant ways to form Christian leaders who are committed to nurturing the faith of children and to resource and support pastors and congregations who long for more inclusive and intergenerational worship," said Dr. Christine Roy Yoder, Columbia Theological Seminary, "and under the leadership of Dr. Kathy Dawson and the remarkable planning team, the Wonder of Worship project will build on current research about children and faith, fuel innovative ideas, connect practitioners and experts, and develop new approaches for worship that welcome and foster the flourishing of all." Our St. Philip Pastor Omar Rouchon is a part of the remarkable Wonder of Worship planning team. Presented by Dr. Kathy L. Dawson - Associate Professor of Christian Education at Columbia Theological Seminary and Project Manager for the Wonder of Worship Grant. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes:

[churchsociety\\_stphilip@comcast.net](mailto:churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net)

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**—ROOM 204—We are continuing with our study of Job 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—THIS SUNDAY**—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. The Children's Chapel is held every 2nd and 4th Sunday when we have Sunday School classes. Children are able to participate in this during the worship service.

## ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

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

**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).

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY**— Wednesday Bible study with John Wurster meets weekly 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. Bible novices, Bible experts, and everyone in between is welcome! To get on the list for the Zoom links, send a note to:

[john@saintphilip.net](mailto:john@saintphilip.net).

**WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB**—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **October 10** at 7:00 p.m. We will discuss *The Measure* by Nikki Erlich. 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. We will continue our learning from *They Walked With God* by Max Lucado. The book talks about 40 people in the Bible and how God used them. It lets us know that He has a place for us too. The chapter for next week is "The Crippled Man at the Gate." If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at [ggardne148@aol.com](mailto:ggardne148@aol.com).

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, **September 22**, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service of worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect seven persons to serve as elders in the Session class of 2027; to elect one person to serve as a trustee in the class of 2027; and to elect two persons to serve two-year terms on the congregational nominating committee. At the meeting, the nominating committee will present the slate of nominees listed below. Additional nominations may be made during the meeting with prior consent of those being nominated.

**Elders:** Tina Bryan, Sherri Dees, Pam Keever, Sarah Victorian, Al Waldrop, Denise Wilborn, and Karen Winship

**Trustee:** Pam Taylor

**Nominating Committee members:** Omi Ford and Sara Jean Jackson

FYI—The membership of the Session consists of ordained and installed Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders (Pastors), all elected by the congregation. Session members are responsible for the spiritual oversight of the congregation and for oversight of all the programs and ministries of St. Philip. The Session carries out its work primarily through its Standing Committees. The session meets the third Tuesday of each month.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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).

### **Thursday Evening Circle—October 3**

meets 1st Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Dining Room. Sarah Victorian [sarah.m.0617@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.m.0617@gmail.com)

### **Monday Morning Saints—October 14**

meets 2nd Monday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Dining Room - Tricia Tolbert [phtolbert@gmail.com](mailto:phtolbert@gmail.com)

### **The Hallmark Circle—October 9**

meets 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm - contact Sue Shirley-Howard [sue@fluencyhouston.com](mailto:sue@fluencyhouston.com) for location

### **Sunday Circle—October 20**

meets 3rd Sunday of each month after worship in the Dining Room. Jan Meyer [jsmeyer9990@gmail.com](mailto:jsmeyer9990@gmail.com)

### **One More Chance Study for Everyone—October 27**

Meets 4th Sunday of each month at 10am in the Library. Lee Ardell [leeardell@gmail.com](mailto:leeardell@gmail.com)

### **Save the Dates!**

**December 15:** Christmas Luncheon and Lesson 5, after worship in the Fellowship Hall

**February 14-16, 2025:** PW Retreat at Camp Allen with Jeannie DuBose

**April 5, 2025:** St Philip hosts Presbytery of New Covenant's PW Spring Gathering



## CAMPUS WASTE UPDATE AND SURVEY REQUEST

Since the approval of St. Philip's Ecological Food Service Policy in March of 2020, a lot of progress has been made toward reducing landfill waste across campus.

A review of garbage service contracts in 2022 resulted in a new contract with Waste Management that included a recycling option for plastic, aluminum, and paper. The new contract reduced costs for the church and relieved staff of off-site recycling duties. New trash receptacles were purchased to provide a consistent message about recycling across campus. We are reviewing how this messaging can be improved to facilitate recycling for staff.

The church has been using compostable cups, plates, and either washable or compostable utensils at food events. The compostable cups, plates, and utensils may break down more easily than other paper products in a landfill, but the goal is to send as much compostable food-service material as possible to a commercial composter and avoid the landfill. With this in mind, the Earth Care Team worked with staff to get a quote for commercial composting services from Zero Waste, a service being used by Woodland Community Presbyterian Church. The quote came in at \$140 per month for weekly pickups. The Earth Care Team decided the amount of compostable material produced per month at St. Philip did not warrant this expense.

Since this decision, progress toward composting has been made by composting picnic waste (food, plates, and cups) and many weekly compostable coffee cups in willing congregants' home Zero Waste buckets. We estimate 50% of our compostable material created at St. Philip is composted with this method.

Recently, a member expressed interest in bringing their home food waste to St. Philip to be composted. If 15 members regularly brought their food waste to Saint Philip, we think it would justify a contract with Zero Waste. If you would be interested in collecting and bringing your compost to Saint Philip on a weekly basis, please fill out this survey at <https://bit.ly/StPComposting>.

## HISD TAKEOVER AND BOND VOTE INFORMATION SESSION

- 👉 **WHO:** Community Voices for Public Education (CVPE) Houston  
([https://www.houstoncvpe.org/state\\_takeover](https://www.houstoncvpe.org/state_takeover))
  - 👉 **WHEN:** Sunday, **September 29.**  
Immediately Following Worship
  - 👉 **WHERE:** Room 202, Upstairs in Education Wing
  - 👉 **WHY:** CVPE members will share current information and answer your questions regarding the TEA Takeover of HISD and HISD Bond Issues on the November ballot.
- Light Bites and Refreshments will be served
  - Hosted by the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee
  - For information or to sign up contact Denise Wilborn at [dwilborn55@gmail.com](mailto:dwilborn55@gmail.com).

## OCTOBER PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be received in worship on Sunday, **October 6** (World Communion Sunday), and throughout October 25 on St. Philip's *Giving* webpage or by mailing a check to the church office. Confronting hopelessness and thwarting division, this denominational offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety, fear, discord, and division so that we can embrace God's mission of reconciliation to those around us and around the world. The Offering empowers congregations and individuals to become peacemakers themselves, encouraging and equipping congregations to find and address the anxiety and discord prevalent throughout our broken world.

Mid-councils retain 25% of offering receipts for regional ministries. Another 50% supports the Presbyterian Mission Agency's global peace and justice initiatives.

Congregations are encouraged to use up to 25% of the offering for local peacemaking efforts. St. Philip will be donating its 25% of the Offering to **Texas Impact**, which equips faith leaders and their congregations with the information, opportunities, and outreach tools to educate their communities and engage with lawmakers on pressing public policy issues. Texas Impact helps people live out their faith in the public square, moving the faith community from charity to justice.

This election year, St. Philip is participating in Texas Impact's *Texas Faith Votes* campaign and its BallotReady initiative, a nonpartisan, data-driven tool that helps voters register, make a plan to vote, and look up their elected representatives. Look for the BallotReady QR code unique to St. Philip in our publications, online, and around campus! Texas Impact is a regular recipient of support from St. Philip's Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee budget.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Family and friends of Velma Guy Tolbert who died on August 23. A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, **September 28** at 11:00 a.m. at St. Philip.*

*St. Philippians and their families*—David Winship; Bob Ardell; Richard Johnson; Philip McDaniel; Charlotte Kibler; Carolyn Vestal; Diane Clarke; CJ Miller; Russell Bahruth; Karen Morris; Susan Huffman; Emily Estill; Barbara Cavanaugh; 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; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Marte Wood—grandson of Ruena Wood; Raquel Calhoun—sister-in-law of Pam Keever; 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; Paige Everhart – sister 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 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; 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 email: [deacons@saintphilip.net](mailto:deacons@saintphilip.net)

**Prayer List is a powerful tool for bringing comfort, healing, and peace to those in need. So, let's keep it up to date and continue to lift up our brothers and sisters in prayer.**

## 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.

You can still turn in your pledge card via mail, dropping in the offering plate, the church office or going online :> [My St. Philip](#) (icon at top of webpage) > [Sign In](#) > enter email & password > [Sign In](#) > [My Giving Summary](#) > [Pledge Now](#) > [Add Pledge](#) > fill in the appropriate information > [Save](#). Thank you!

The next edition of the Philip-Eye will be available:  
**Tuesday, October 1 - Deadline September 26—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:  
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