



REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 26, 2025

Preparation for Worship

*The heart overflows with gladness, and leaps and dances for the joy it has found in God.
In this experience the Holy Spirit is active,
and has taught us in the flash of a moment the deep secret of joy.
You will have as much joy and laughter in life as you have faith in God.*

- Martin Luther

Voluntary

Largo from Lute Concerto in D Major
RV 93

Antonio Vivaldi
(1678-1741)

Greeting

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

Introit

Das Wort sie sollen lassen stahn
BWV 80/8

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)
EIN FESTE BURG

<i>Das Wort sie sollen lassen stahn</i>	They [evildoers] shall pay no heed to God's word
<i>Und kein Dank dazu haben.</i>	And have no thanks for it.
<i>Er ist bei uns wohl auf dem Plan</i>	He is indeed with us on the field of battle
<i>Mit seinem Geist und Gaben.</i>	With his Spirit and his gifts.
<i>Nehmen sie uns den Leib,</i>	Let them take our body,
<i>Gut, Ehr, Kind und Weib,</i>	Wealth, honor, child and wife,
<i>Laß fahren dahin,</i>	Let them be taken away,
<i>Sie habens kein Gewinn;</i>	They win nothing by this;
<i>Das Reich muss uns doch bleiben.</i>	The kingdom [of heaven] must still remain ours.

Martin Luther (1527)

✠ Opening Sentences

✠ Hymn 385 [\(see page 13\)](#)

All People That on Earth Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

✦ Prayer of Confession

Waken our hearts, O Lord, our God;
 make them ever watchful to serve you and your purposes.
 Trouble us with the smallness of our vision and work.
 Trouble us with the greatness of your command
 to make disciples of all nations.
 Trouble us with your great love for sinners
 and our own slowness to make you our greatest love.
 Trouble us with the brevity of our lives
 and time, talent, and treasure not invested in eternity.

Comfort us by drawing us to yourself
 with the cords of your unfailing mercy.
 Comfort us, O Lord, with the assurance of our salvation.
 Rekindle in us a renewed desire
 for the coming of your glorious kingdom
 when all wrongs will be made right,
 when everything that is broken will be made whole,
 and when we will trade a cross for a crown.

silent prayer

✦ Response

Justin Langham

Gently ♩ = 72 *Choir*

O God, ac - cor - ding to your un - fail - ing love, —

5 *All*

— Have mer - cy, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

✦ Response

Justin Langham

Gently ♩ = 72 *Choir*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu -

5 *All*

- ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

✦ The Peace

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

Children's Anthem*God Is Here Today*

arr. Tom Trenney

Choir: God is here today; as certain as the air I breathe,
as certain as the morning sun that rises,
as certain when I sing, you'll hear my song.

God is here today; as certain as the air I breathe,
as certain as the morning sun that rises,
as certain when I sing, you'll hear my song.

God is love, and when we love each other,
God lives in us, abides with us, when we love our neighbor.

All:

God is here to - day; as cer-tain as the air I
breathe,— as cer - tain as the morn-ing sun that
ris - es, as cer-tain when I sing, you'll hear my song.

Choir: God is love.

From: *God Is Here Today* (CGA1635).
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Music: *DIÓS ESTÁ AQUÍ*, arr. Tom Trenney.
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Conversation with Children*Infants - Age 4 may go to the Nursery.**Afterwards, Children's Chapel meets in Room 203.***Prayer for Illumination****Gospel Reading**

Luke 18:9-14

N.T. pg. 81

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

Anthem

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Kyle Pederson
(b. 1971)

A Mighty Fortress is our God, A refuge never failing. Our helper He amid the flood Of mortal winds prevailing. For still our spirit's foes Doth seek to work us woe; They lure with power so great, With judgment and with hate, Shield us e'er, and guard us as thy own. If we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing. Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choosing.	You ask who this may be? Christ Jesus it is He. Emmanuel His name, From age to age the same; Who was, Who is, Who e'er shall be. Thy Word above all earthly power; Thy Love above all earthly power; Thy Hope above all earthly power; My God above all earthly power. Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also; The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still. The Kingdom is forever.
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Martin Luther (adapt. Pederson)

Sermon

Where Do You Stand?

John W. Wurster

silence and stillness

✠ Hymn 28 ([see page 14](#))

You Are Before Me, Lord

SURSUM CORDA (SMITH)

✠ Affirmation of Faith

from *The Book of Confessions*

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins;
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone,
 distinct in three persons:
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
 to whom alone we must cleave,
 and in whom alone we put our trust.**

We believe that we belong – body and soul, in life and in death –
 not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

**We believe that the chief end of humankind is to glorify God,
 and to enjoy God forever.**

We believe that there is but one only, the living and true God.
 God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being,
 glory, blessedness and perfection, all-sufficient,
 eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible,
 everywhere present, almighty,
 knowing all things, most wise, most holy,
 most just, most merciful and gracious,
 long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

**The church's commission,
 upon which its freedom is founded,
 consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God
 to all people.**

We believe that the life, death, resurrection,
 and promised coming of Jesus Christ
 has set the pattern for the church's mission.

We believe that unity is both a gift and an obligation
for the church of Jesus Christ.
Through the work of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force.
At the same time, unity must be earnestly pursued and sought.
Our unity must become visible to the world.

We believe that separation and hatred between people and groups is sin,
already conquered by Christ.
Anything threatening our unity has no place in the church.
With believers in every time and place
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

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.

Stewardship Reflection

Sarah and Quincy Victorian

Offering

Gifts may be given any time at saintphilip.net

Offertory

Ária (Cantilena)
From *Bachianas brasileiras* No. 5, W389

Heitor Villa-Lobos
(1887-1959)

✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Almighty God,
we thank you for your Holy Spirit that enlightens our minds
with true understanding of your word.
**Give us your grace, so that as we receive your truth
into our hearts with humility and awe,
we may be led to place all our trust in you,
living to serve and worship you,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

✠ Hymn 275 ([see page 15](#))

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

✠ Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary

Allegro from Lute Concerto in D Major
RV 93

Antonio Vivaldi

SERVING TODAY

Pastors

Keatan King | Omar Rouchon | John Wurster

Liturgist

Stephen Paine

Musicians

Edward Grigassy, guitar | Matthew Dirst, organist | Tessa Larson, Cecilia Duarte, Thomas O'Neill, & Daniel Boyd; quartet | St. Philip Choir | St. Philip Children's Music; Julia Fox, director | Julia Fox, soprano
Jesús Pacheco, timpani | Justin Langham, director of music

FLOWERS

The flowers are given today by Matt and Jenny Laughlin to the glory of God and in celebration of their one year anniversary.

WORSHIP NOTES

Reformation Day commemorates the beginning of the Protestant Reformation on October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther (1483-1546) posted his 95 points of dispute with the Roman Catholic Church. Today's prayer of confession was written by Luther. The prayer of thanksgiving was written by John Calvin (1509-1564), who established the Reformed (Presbyterian) tradition in Switzerland. Luther and Calvin are two of the three statues outside of our sanctuary. They are joined there by the Scottish reformer John Knox (1513-1572).

Today's Lectionary readings:

- Joel 2:23-32 — *I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; I will save those who call on me.*
- Psalm 65 — *Praise God, who answers prayer, sends rain, and blesses the earth.*
- Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 — *We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord; we set our hope on you.*
- Psalm 84:1-7 — *How lovely is your dwelling place; my heart and flesh sing for joy.*
- 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 — *I have fought the good fight and kept the faith; God stands by me.*
- Luke 18:9-14 — *Jesus tells a parable: the prayers of a Pharisee and a tax collector.*

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The Affirmation of Faith is composed of excerpts from the creeds, catechisms and confessions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as they appear in our *Book of Confessions*: The Nicene Creed; The Apostles' Creed, 2.3; The Scots Confession, 3.01; The Heidelberg Catechism, 4.001; The Shorter Catechism, 7.001; The Larger Catechism, 7.117; The Theological Declaration of Barmen, 8.26; The Confession of 1967, 9.32; The Confession of Belhar, 10.3; A Brief Statement of Faith, 11.5, 11.6. Compiled by Susan Carter Wiggins. Reprinted with the permission of *The Presbyterian Outlook*.

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MUSIC NOTES

Completed around 1731, *Lute Concerto in D Major*, RV 93, is one of four works by Vivaldi that feature the lute—a European ancestor of the modern guitar. Following the standard three-movement fast-slow-fast concerto structure, the lute part primarily consists of chordal arpeggios in various styles, reflecting both the period's musical conventions and the instrument's idiomatic capabilities. Today's **voluntaries** comprise the second and third movements: a reflective and meditative *Largo* over a lightly repeated bass line, and a tarantella-like *Allegro* featuring rapid arpeggios for both soloist and accompaniment.

Though the date of its earliest performance is unknown, J. S. Bach began composing BWV 80 as early as 1723—just five months after moving to Leipzig. As is typical of a chorale cantata, each movement is based on a chorale tune—in this case, Martin Luther's hymn *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott* ("A Mighty Fortress Is Our God") to commemorate Reformation Day. Our **introit** is the closing movement of the cantata, a four-part setting of Luther's final stanza.

In addition to his musical accomplishments, pastor, musician, and composer Tom Trenney is also known for his kindness, authenticity, and earnestness—traits he attributes to his hero, Fred M. Rogers. Today, the St. Philip children—with a little help from the congregation—present his arrangement of *God Is Here Today*, which was dedicat-

ed to Mr. Rogers after his passing and reflects his enduring legacy: God is love.

Our **anthem** features a creative reimagining of Martin Luther's iconic hymn, incorporating modern harmonies, ambient electric guitar, and the composer's adaptation of the traditional text. Like many of Kyle Pederson's works, this arrangement is not intended to alter or replace a cherished hymn, but rather to honor and preserve its legacy in today's world. By drawing from the deep roots of the Reformation hymn tune and highlighting its continued relevance, Pederson's interpretation offers a fresh and compelling expression for our time.

Brazilian composer Heitor Villa-Lobos—a singular figure in 20th-century music—composed his nine-suite collection *Bachianas Brasileiras* ("Brazilian Bach Pieces") between 1930 and 1945, for various combinations of instruments and voices. Each piece fuses Brazilian folk and popular music with the style of Johann Sebastian Bach, as an effort to adapt Baroque harmonic and contrapuntal techniques to Brazilian idioms. The *Ária* from the fifth suite—perhaps Villa-Lobos' best-known work—was originally written for soprano and eight cellos, but later arranged for solo guitar by the composer himself, who was also a classical guitarist.

- Justin Langham

IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families—Deb Burks; Emily Estill; Joy Maguire; Bonnie Moore; David Winship; Bob Ardell; Diane Clarke; Mary Herlitz; Dick Nunn; Ben Dees; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Nancy E. Johnson; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Wilma Grether—mother of Kurt Grether; Raquel Calhoun & family—sister-in-law of Pam Kever; Kathy Bailey and family—sister of Peg Palisin; Jo Hadley Smith—cousin of William Rowe; Katie Forbes—daughter of Marise Robbins-Forbes; Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and partner John Bonica; Ann Perenyi—mother of Lad Perenyi; and Ann Perkins Cloud—cousin of Stephen Paine.

Homebound—Elizabeth Arp; Beverly Baker; Carolyn Keeble; John Bobbitt; Joan Boelens; Jan Ostendorf; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Mary Sinderson; and Sondra Sullivan.

Friends of St. Philippians—Hans Richter—friend of Roderick James; Kitty Manson and family; Sidney Roach, Lori Childers O'Connell, Joyce Freudenberg—friends of Stephen Paine; Chris Deflandre—friend of Cara Biddle; Mary Ann Thomas; Erin McDougal and Marianne Keeswood—friends of Kate Burkart; Elaine Ende—friend of Beth Atkinson; Audrey Eubank Harris, Jay Stokes & Anna Domonte, friends of Curt & Sharon Webb; Marianne Hash—friend of Jane Cooper; Mary Watters and Mindy Cooper-Smith—friends of Bill and Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor; Kenneth and Donna Benton—friends of William Rowe; Patty Ryan and Tom Barnett—friends of Robin and Gary Willis; 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

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 that our Nursery is located in the hallway off of the Gathering Area. 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 AM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

GODLY PLAY—Ages 3-Kindergarten—Room 103—Godly Play utilizes storytelling of Scripture and spiritual experience as we watch, listen, wonder, and respond together. We value the process, we are open to discovery with the child, and one of our goals is to build community as we work alongside one another week by week.

ELEMENTARY—Grades 1-5—Room 205—This Fall the children will explore a unit called “Across Borders” from the FollowMe discipleship practices curriculum from the PCUSA.

YOUTH—Grades 6-12 meet in the Dining Room, watch the calendar for announcements about Kids Against Hunger packing sessions. Join us on **Nov. 9** at 9:30 a.m.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY—Room 204—Join us from 9:30 to 10:40 a.m. - we will study Ecclesiastes, the final book in Dr. Robert Alter’s *The Wisdom Books: Job, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes* (2010). Join us as we seek to deepen our understanding of God’s faithfulness to all of God’s people from Dr. Alter’s translation and commentary on the Biblical Hebrew. All are welcome.

CHURCH & SOCIETY—Room 201—Join us from **9:30 – 10:40 a.m.** with presentations in person and by Zoom—**Nov. 2** Rev. Dr. John Nelsen - Tres Rios Presbyterian Border Ministry program update. If you would like to join any of the classes, email:

jshartman01@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL – TODAY—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

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP—This group meets for an hour once a month on Zoom to read and discuss

social justice issues of concern in today’s world. Our current topic is Christian Nationalism, one definition of which is “that America is God’s chosen nation and should be defended and governed as such.” Attitudes already influencing our legislators include opposition to gay rights, opposition to gun safety efforts, promotion of Christian religion in schools and libraries, book bans, etc. Our current study book is Brian Kaylor’s *Baptizing America; how mainline Protestants helped build Christian Nationalism*. Interested persons can contact Sara Jean Jackson 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 at: 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 join us as we look at the lectionary passages for the coming Sunday! To get on the list for the Zoom links, send a note to: john@saintphilip.net.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. We will discuss “*The Frozen River*” by Ariel Lawhon at the next meeting on **Nov. 13** at 7:00 p.m. Please watch your email for details about location. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: 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 are studying “*The Tears of Things*” by Richard Rohr. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at: ggardne148@aol.com

MAHJONG ANYONE? - St. Philippians are invited to play Mahjong on Friday mornings from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. at St. Philip in the Choir Lobby in Administration Bldg. We are interested in substitutes with the possibility of forming more sets if there is enough interest. If you're interested in playing Mahjong sometimes or often or in learning how to play, text Judith Hiott at 832-277-8676.

Financial Update as of August 31

Total Revenue:	\$1,094,522
Total Expenses:	\$1,286,715

LAST DAY TO SIGN UP



PLEASE JOIN US FOR
DINNERS FOR 8
SHARE A MEAL
TOGETHER

SIGNUP

~ OCT. 12 - OCT. 26 ~

in the Gathering Area
[ON SUNDAYS AFTER WORSHIP]

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EQUAL EXCHANGE SALE

[GATHERING AREA]

OCTOBER 26

[BEFORE & AFTER THE 11 AM WORSHIP]

MISSION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

SEARCH

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10:30 AM - 12 PM

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TOOTHBRUSHES

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SHAVING CREAM

SEWING KIT (SMALL) **SOCKS**
TEXAS SOUVENIERS WORD SEARCH /
T-SHIRTS (NEW) **SODUKO**

EARBUDS/HEADPHONES

DENTAL FLOSS **LIP BALM**

BODY WASH (LIQUID)

FLASHLIGHTS (W/ BATTERIES) **HAIR COMBS**

PLAYING CARDS

BASEBALL CAPS (NEW) NAIL CLIPPERS

MECHANICAL PENCILS/PENS

NON-PERISHABLE SNACKS



PLEASE PLACE THE ITEMS IN THE DESIGNATED
BOX IN THE **GATHERING AREA** OR IN
THE **CHURCH OFFICE MAILROOM**.

Did You Know There is an Election Next Month?

On November 4th there are important elections to be aware of and to vote on. At a very local level, there are several school board elections on the ballots. There are also a large number of Texas Constitutional Amendments to learn about and vote on as well. Following are several resources and references for you so that when you step up to the election booth, you will be aware and informed about you are voting on.

As Christians, one way we care for others is to be informed citizens and vote in elections

Although 2025 is an off election year, Texas has Constitutional amendments up for a vote. You can begin to be ready for the elections through resources provided by TEXAS IMPACT (texasimpact.org). Texas Impact is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit whose purpose is lobbying the Texas Legislature. Their Mission: We equip 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. We help people live out their faith in the public square, moving the faith community from charity to justice.

Use the link (texasimpact.org) to check your voter registration, make your plan to vote, find out when elections are, see what's on your ballot, and sign up for reminders to make it to the polls.

5 Calls

5 Calls is the easiest and most effective way for US constituents to make a political impact, and calling your congressperson is the most effective way to influence policy (<https://5calls.org/why-calling-works/>). What's important to you? 5 Calls provides you with a script with detailed talking points and tells you who to call based on your location.

Go to <https://5calls.org/>



Get Out the Vote

November 4, 2025

General Election



Your Ballot by Address

<https://www.vote411.org/ballot>

<https://www.lwvhouston.org/voters-guide>

Texas Constitutional Amendments

from Texas Secretary of State

<https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/november-2025-ballot-language-17.pdf>

IMPORTANT DATES

- **First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance:** Monday, October 20, 2025
- *Note:* The 17th day before Election Day falls on a Saturday, so the first day moves to the next business day.
- **Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked):** Friday, October 24, 2025
- **Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance:** Friday, October 31, 2025
- **Last Day to Receive Ballot by Mail:**
- *If carrier envelope is not postmarked:* Tuesday, November 4, 2025 (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m.
- *If carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day:* Wednesday, November 5, 2025 (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m.

Note: Different deadlines may apply for overseas or military voters.

<https://www.houstonvotersguide.org/election-dates>

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4:00PM | ST. PHILIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ALTO

THOMAS O'NEILL
TENOR

DANIEL BOYD
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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 has returned to the Education Bldg. and can be accessed from the hall off the Gathering Area 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 BULLETINS 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 the Library 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, or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056. To make stock contributions contact Denise Ferrell at denise@saintphilip.net.



St. Philip Day School is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing high-quality childcare at no cost to low-income families. To support the school, **please make all contributions directly to St. Philip Day School**, rather than to St. Philip Presbyterian Church. Please make checks payable to “St. Philip DAY SCHOOL” You are welcome to leave in the church offering plate or mail to St. Philip Day School, 4807 San Felipe, Houston, 77056. If you have any questions, please contact Candice Harris, Program Director, at Director@stphilipdayschool.org.

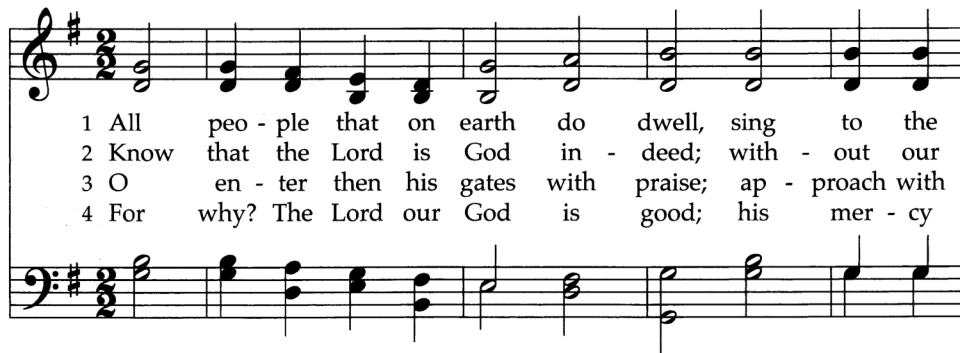
Lost & Found—did you leave a pair of glasses, umbrella, or other item during worship? There is a canvas basket in the library where these items may be found. Jewelry, phones and more valuable items are turned into Lorrie Castle in the Church Office, lorrie@saintphilip.net or 713-622-4807.

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.

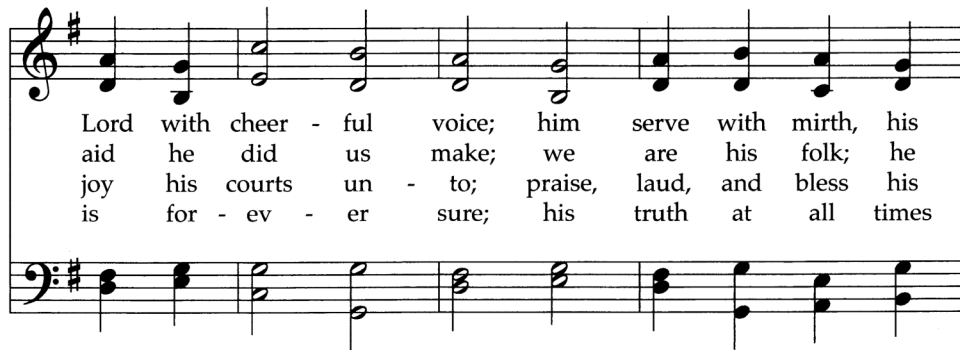


Nametags—Please wear your nametags not just in the sanctuary, but as you socialize before and after worship and at other events. To make it easier, if you don't want to bring your nametag home, there are labeled wicker BASKETS by several exit doors for you to return your nametag at the last possible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

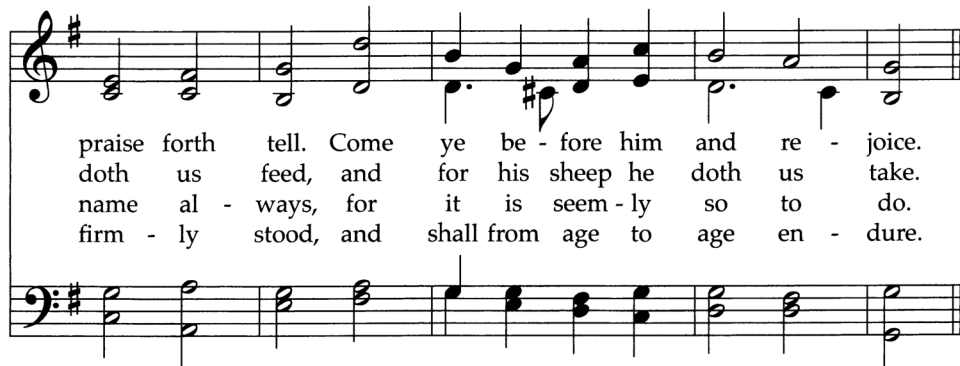
Hymn 385

All People That on Earth Dwell


1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good; his mer - cy



Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
 aid he did us make; we are his folk; he
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times



praise forth tell. Come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

In a pairing that began in 1561, this paraphrase of Psalm 100 by a Scot is set to a tune that a French composer originally created for Psalm 134 in the Genevan Psalter of 1551. They have appeared together in nearly every comprehensive English-language hymnal since then.

TEXT: William Kethe, 1560
 MUSIC: Attr. Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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Hymn 28

You Are Before Me, Lord

1 You are be - fore me, Lord, you are be - hind,
 2 Then from your Spir - it where, Lord, shall I go;
 3 If I should take my flight in - to the dawn,
 4 If I should say, "Let dark - ness cov - er me,
 5 Search me, O God; search me and know my heart;



and o - ver me you have spread out your hand;
 and from your pres - ence where, Lord, shall I fly?
 if I should dwell on o - cean's far - thest shore,
 and I shall hide with - in the veil of night,"
 try me, O God; my mind and spir - it try;



such knowl - edge is too won - der - ful for me,
 If I as - cend to heav - en you are there,
 your might - y hand will rest up - on me still,
 sure - ly the dark - ness is not dark to you:
 keep me from an - y path that gives you pain,



too high to grasp, too great to un - der - stand.
 and still are with me if in hell I lie.
 and your right hand will guard me ev - er - more.
 the night is as the day, the dark - ness light.
 and lead me in the ev - er - last - ing way.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The effectiveness of this paraphrase of Psalm 139:1–12, 23–24 partly derives from its imitation of the characteristic repetitions that give emotional intensity to Hebrew poetry. Such patterns of repetitiveness can also be seen in the last three notes of each phrase of the tune.

TEXT: Ian Pitt-Watson, 1973, 1989

MUSIC: Alfred Morton Smith, 1941

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Hymn 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

TEXT: Martin Luther, 1529; translated by Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852
 MUSIC: Martin Luther, 1529, alt.

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