



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 2024

### Preparation for Worship

*Lord God, you send messengers of good news  
to prepare the way for your glorious realm.  
Anoint us with your Spirit to proclaim your Word  
so that all may repent and believe in you;  
through Jesus Christ, our way in the wilderness. Amen.*

### Voluntary

*Pastorella*  
BWV 590/i-ii

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

### Greeting

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

### Introit

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

*Musica Sacra*  
c. 1778

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
Behold the King of glory waits;  
The King of kings is drawing near;  
The Savior of the world is here.

- George Weissel, 1642; trans. Catherine Winkworth (1855, 1863)

### Lighting of the Advent Candles

✠ Hymn 107 ([see page 13](#))

*Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn*

REJOICE, REJOICE

## ✠ Prayer of Confession

God of Advent,  
 we pray for you to come,  
 but really wish you wouldn't come too close.  
 For then you might really see us –  
 our selfishness, our sinfulness,  
 our willfulness, our waywardness,  
 our insensitivity, our ingratitude,  
 our ways which are not your ways.  
 God of our salvation, forgive us.  
 Straighten the winding ways of our hearts.  
 Smooth out the paths made rough by sin.  
 Bring to perfection the good you have begun in us.  
 Prepare in us a place to receive the promised one when he comes,  
 Jesus our Redeemer.

*silent prayer*

## ✠ Response *(sing 3 times)*

The musical score is written for two staves (treble and bass clef) in a 3/2 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." and "Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!". The music consists of chords and simple melodic lines.

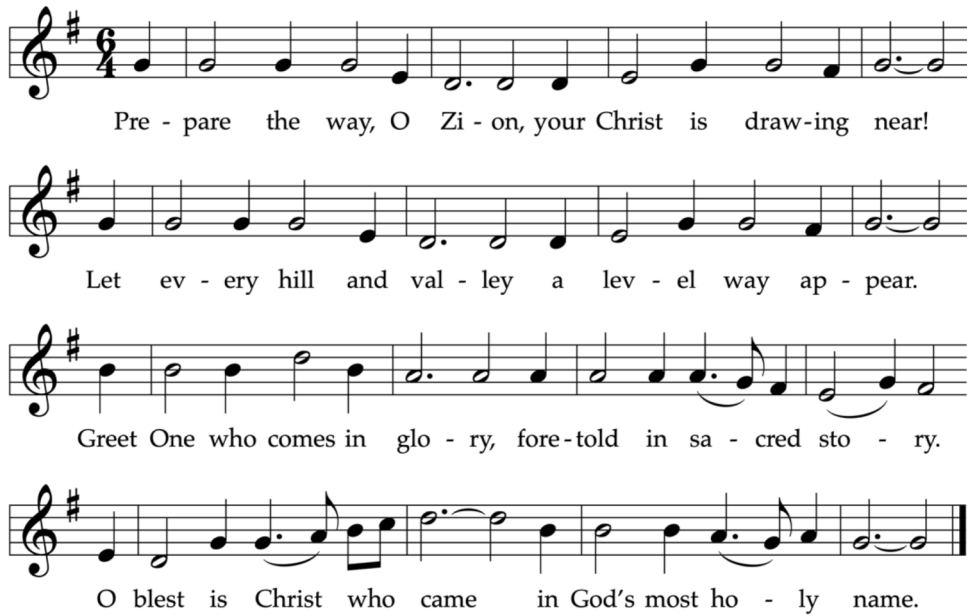
TEXT Ref. Taizé Community, 1984  
 MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1984  
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WAIT FOR THE LORD  
 8.8

## ✠ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

## ✦ Response



Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!

Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.

Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.

O blest is Christ who came in God's most ho - ly name.

TEXT: Frans Mikael Franzen, 1812, rev. 1819; translated by Augustus Nelson, 1958;  
 adapted by Charles P. Price, 1980, alt. © 1982 Hope Publishing Company  
 MUSIC: *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697; arr. *American Lutheran Hymnal*, 1930

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN  
 7.6.7.6.7.7.6.6

## ✦ 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

#### First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20

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

#### Anthem

*Christmas-tide*

Bob Chilcott  
 (b. 1955)

Lullee, lullay, I could not love thee more  
 If thou wast Christ the King.  
 Now tell me, how did Mary know  
 That in her womb should sleep and grow  
 The Lord of everything?

Lullee, lullay, an angel stood with her who said,  
 'That which doth stir like summer in thy side  
 Shall save the world from sin.

Then stable, hall and inn shall cherish Christmas-tide.'

Lullee, lullay, and so it was that Day.

And did she love Him more because an angel came to prophesy His name?  
 Ah no, not so, she could not love Him more, but loved Him just the same.

Lullee, lullay, lullee, lullay.

- Janet Lewis (1899-1998)

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:7-18

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

Sermon

Look There

John W. Wurster

*silence and stillness*✦ Hymn 96 ([see page 14](#))*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

WINCHESTER NEW

✦ Affirmation of Faith

*from A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ,  
 fully human, fully God.  
 Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
 preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,  
 teaching by word and deed  
 and blessing the children,  
 healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,  
 eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,  
 and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
 Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
 Jesus was crucified,  
 suffering the depths of human pain  
 and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
 God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
 vindicating his sinless life,  
 breaking the power of sin and evil,  
 delivering us from death to life eternal.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
 we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
 and to live holy and joyful lives,  
 even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
 praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" 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.

**Offering****Offertory**

*Rejoice Greatly*  
from *Messiah*, HWV 56

G.F. Handel  
(1685-1759)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem:  
Behold, thy king cometh unto thee;

He is the righteous Savior,  
And he shall speak peace unto the heathen.

- Zechariah 9: 9,10

**✦ Litany for Advent**

Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

You are light in our darkness.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Son of God, save us from our sins.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Son of Mary, deepen our love.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Bring hope into the lives of all people.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Give your peace to all nations.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Be the joy of all who love you.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Lord Jesus, stay with us always.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

**✦ Hymn 102** ([see page 15](#))

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

**✦ Charge and Blessing**

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

**Voluntary**

*Pastorella*  
BWV 590/iv

J.S. Bach

**SERVING TODAY****Pastors**

Keatan King | Omar Rouchon | John Wurster

**Liturgists**

Everett and Annie Burgess

**Musicians**

Matthew Dirst, organist | St. Philip Choir | Julia Fox, soprano | Justin Langham, director of music

**FLOWERS**

The flowers today are given by Bonnie Moore to the glory of God and in honor of the St. Philip music staff.

## WORSHIP NOTES

Advent Candle lighting is led this week by the elementary Sunday School children.

### Today's Lectionary readings:

- Zephaniah 3:14–20 Rejoice and sing; God will redeem you and restore your fortunes.
- Isaiah 12:2–6 Surely God is my salvation; trust in the Lord and give thanks.
- Philippians 4:4–7 Rejoice in the Lord, who is near; pray and receive God's peace.
- Luke 3:7–18 John warns of God's wrath and proclaims the good news.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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## MUSIC NOTES

Bach's **Pastorella** for organ comprises four short pieces, in the manner of a Baroque suite. At the opening voluntary we hear its first two movements, both rustic dances: a gentle siciliano and a faster al-lamanda. Its final gigue serves as today's closing voluntary. The purpose of such a work, especially among Italian musicians of this era, was to summon the gentle pastorale atmosphere of the Advent and Christmas season, complete with shepherd's pipes and lowing cattle. Bach's reinterpretation of the genre keeps those associations while projecting on it a series of gentle dances.

Today's **introit** comes directly from our Glory to God hymnal (#93), a familiar Advent tune and text that perfectly encapsulates the anticipation of Christ's birth and presented here at a more stately pace than typically sung as a congregational hymn. An allusion to Psalm 24:7, "gates" symbolizes the people of Jerusalem preparing themselves to welcome God's presence, in this case the power and authority represented by the baby Jesus.

Referred to as "a contemporary hero of British choral music" by an English outlet, Bob Chilcott has created and maintained a lifelong connection to choirs all

over the world through his extensive canon of sacred choral works, including many seasonal carols. **Christmas-tide** is a tender cradle song that tells the story of Mary's love for her child from the perspective of another young mother and her newborn baby through a lovely 20th-century poem. To capture the humbleness in the text, Chilcott chooses a simple accompaniment, understated harmonies, and flowing melodic lines, each of which represent a character in the narrative: the opening sopranos as the mother, the tenor passage in the middle as the angel, and the full choir moving the story along.

This week's selection from Handel's *Messiah* is one of the most familiar moments that highlights the soprano soloist. Based on words from the prophet Zechariah, **Rejoice Greatly** symbolizes the joy and promise that comes with Christ's birth, musically represented by agile passages and long melismas (many notes on one syllable). The words also demonstrate the enduring faith of Zechariah, whose proclamation came during difficult times for Jerusalem, but foretells the bringing of peace by a "righteous savior" centuries later.

— Notes by Matthew Dirst & Justin Langham



## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Nancy Everhart Johnson upon the death of her brother Douglas Everhart on December 8.*

*Walter Cochran and family upon the death of Elizabeth Cochran on December 7. A memorial service will be held on Friday, December 20 at 11:00 AM*

*Robert Estill and family upon the death of Susan Estill on November 26. A memorial service will be held on Monday, December 23 at 11:00 AM.*

*St. Philipians and their families – Robin Willis; Dan Cleveland; Janet Davis; Dick Howard; Nancy E. Johnson; Jeremy Mattern; Carmen Stevenson; Nidhal Aldarraji, Scott Easterly; Bill Holden; David Winship; Bob Ardell; Richard Johnson; Philip McDaniel; Charlotte Kibler; Carolyn Vestal; Diane Clarke; Karen Morris; Susan Huffman; Emily Estill; Barbara Cavanaugh; Mary Herlitz; Jan Ostendorf; Dick Nunn; Ben Dees; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Beverly Baker; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; 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; 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. Philipians – Pete & Gloria Benevides; Jay Stokes & Anna Domonte - friends of Curt & Sharon Webb; 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; Jackie Janacek, Bill Ward, 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.**

### MONDAYS IN ADVENT – LECTIO DIVINA ON ZOOM – Dec. 16 and 23 at 9:00-9:20 AM – *What is Lectio Divina?*

The ancient desert fathers and mothers believed that scripture was like a love letter written to us by God. Thus, the meditative, guided scriptural reflection known as *Lectio Divina* ("divine reading") assumes that God speaks to us intimately, God is already praying in us, and we'll experience a profound encounter with the heart of God, rather than an intellectual study of scripture. Keatan King will guide the group through the four cycles of Lectio (read, reflect, respond, rest) for 20 minutes every Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. for the season of Advent. To prepare, you are encouraged to choose a comfortable place to sit wherever you are (at home, work, in the car) and all participants will have video off and sound off during the Zoom. If you would like to participate email Keatan at: [keatan@saintphilip.net](mailto:keatan@saintphilip.net).

**SAVE THE DATE: DEC. 22** at 1:15 PM, anyone filled with Christmas cheer is invited to attend a screening of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" at Rooftop Cinema across the street on top of Whole Foods. You can purchase tickets (first come, first serve) online at <https://rooftopcinemaclub.com/houston/venue/uptown/>



### CHOCOLATE MINIS FLASH SALE!

Fairly-traded milk or dark chocolate Minis are still available in small festive gift bags, \$4 for a bag of 12. Stop by the Gathering Area on **Dec. 22**, before and after worship, for the perfect "little something" for a teacher, mail carrier, delivery driver, co-worker, or neighbor!



**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**CANDLELIGHT SERVICES**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

<p><b>4:30 PM</b>  <i>A Whimsical Telling</i>  <b>OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS</b></p>	<p><b>7:00 PM</b>  <i>Communion Service</i>  <b>WITH THE ST. PHILIP CHOIR</b></p>
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*Duerr  
 Lecture  
 Series*



**NEXT YEAR 2025**

Mark your calendars for next year's event



**Dr. Brian K. Blount**

President Emeritus, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA  
 Scholar, Author, Pastor

Speaker for the 28th Annual Duerr Lecture Series,  
**February 23, 24, and 25, 2025**



## 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

**CHILDREN:** Grades 1-4 – Room 105 – From the Manger – Olga Piskor & Jon Martin. Hunger is a universal human experience, so it's no wonder that the story of Jesus – the one who came to feed the hungry – begins, ends, and centers around food. We will see how the baby born in a bread town continues to feed a hungry world today. Matching Advent calendars available for children, families, and anyone else who wants them.

**YOUTH** – Grades 5-12 – DINING ROOM – On recess until January.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** – ROOM 204 – We studying Proverbs in Dr. Robert Alter's *The Wisdom Books: Job, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes* (2010). Join us from 9:30 to 10:40 AM 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.

**CHURCH & SOCIETY** – ROOM 201 – Join us from **9:30 AM – 10:40 AM** with presentations in person and by Zoom. **Dec. 22** - Spiritual Pilgrimage for Racial Justice and the Montreat Youth Conference 2024 "Planting Peace" - St. Philip youth and their friends, with Rev. Keatan King and Rev. Omar Rouchon, tell the story of their summer trip to the Montreat Youth Conference and their visits to sites of the Civil Rights Movement, to see first-hand how people of faith were, and are, an active force for social justice. The civil rights sites included a visit to the barn in which 14 year-old Emmett Till was abducted and lynched in Drew, Mississippi in 1955. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes: [churchsociety\\_stphilip@comcast.net](mailto:churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net).

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL** – 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

**LAMBETH STUDY** – Keatan King leads young adults in study every Monday evening at 7:00 PM 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)

**SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP** – This group meets by zoom on first Monday nights, 7-8 PM to read and discuss our faith responses to social justice issues. The current study book is Barbara McQuade's *Attack from Within; how disinformation is sabotaging America*. Join us! Interested persons can contact Sara Jean Jackson at:

[sjj10223@gmail.com](mailto:sjj10223@gmail.com).

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY** – Wednesday Bible Study with John Wurster is on recess until **Jan. 10, 2025**.

**WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB** – This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **Jan. 9** at 7:00 PM. We will discuss *The Collected Regrets of Clover* by Mikki Brammer. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at:

[nml@lambrightlaw.com](mailto:nml@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 AM. We are learning from *Too Busy Not to Pray* by Bill Hybels. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at: [ggardne148@aol.com](mailto:ggardne148@aol.com).

**Thanks to all who have already made a 2025 pledge.** Pledge cards can be placed in the offering plate Sunday or mailed to the church office. There is also an online option through [MySaintPhilip](#).

2024 pledge payments and additional gifts will help us bring this year's budget into balance.

### PLEDGES AS OF 12/12/24

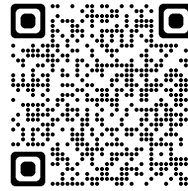
Year	# of pledge cards	Pledged	Difference from 2024
2024	144	\$1,105,652	
2025	134	\$1,159,997	(\$54,345.6)

## *Merry Christmas*

*Thank you to those who have contributed poinsettias this Christmas to adorn our chancel. The list is continued on the next page.*

<i>Given by:</i>	<i>Those we remember:</i>
Sally S. Alcorn	Fred C. Alcorn
Sally S. Alcorn	Cecile & Carl Stuebing
Bob & Lee Ardell	Our parents
Selena Brinegar	Julissa Claire Howe
Selena Brinegar	Uncle, Doug Pickens
Selena Brinegar	Grandparents, Helen & Clyde Pickens, Gene Martin
Pete & Florence Bunch	JoEllen, Gene, & Dorothy
Kate Burkart	Susan Estill
David & Nancy Castro	Our parents, Elwood & Nancy Vogt
David & Nancy Castro	Our parents, Rev. Vincent and Margaret Castro
Jane Cooper	Lillian Bantau
Jane Cooper	Dan Cooper
Jane Cooper	Katy Mason
Liz Crowell	My mother, Fannie Scott Tapper
Elizabeth Duerr	Susan Estill
Elizabeth Duerr	Sue & Bill Baier
Janet & Carl Eskridge	John & Rita Hannah
David & Joyce Fox	Jack Fox
David & Joyce Fox	Dan Flowers
Teri & Tom Hall	Capt. & Mrs. William A Racette (Teri's parents)
Teri & Tom Hall	Mr. & Mrs. William Barnes Hall (Tom's parents)
Jane Lee	Bill Lee
Jane Lee	Mary Bratton & Susan Estill
Jim & Susan Leonard	Beedie & Stanley Heaps
Jim & Susan Leonard	James Henry Leonard V
Jim & Susan Leonard	Doris Leach Leonard
Jim & Susan Leonard	James Henry Leonard Jr.
Jim and Nancy Lomax	Delores & J.W. Lomax
Jane Malczewskyj	Loved Ones
Celie Matteson	Parents: Pete & Gussie Heilbron
Jan Meyer	My Parents, Don & Valerie Meyer
Dale Miller	Barger Miller
Dale Miller	Louise Porter
Barbara Runge	Rusty Howard
Barbara Runge	Eugene & Ruth Howard
Barbara Runge	Glen & Affie Tate
Barbara Runge	Bill & Martha Runge
Barbara Runge	Trudy Cleveland
Barbara Runge	Velma Guy Tolbert
David & Hallie Spence	Paxton Williams
Karen St. Laurent	Susan Estill
Julie Wangler	Thomas Wangler
Hope Wilmarth	Lance
Ruena Wood	My husband, Dr. Rev. Stuart Wood, & his past years of ministry to God's glory
Rev. Dr. John Wurster & Dr. Deb Burks	Darnall Burks

<i>Given by:</i>	<i>Those we honor:</i>
Linda Bevill	The members of the Stewardship Committee
Bob & Bebe Burns	The St. Philip Staff
Tom & Barbara Cavanaugh	Our family
David & Sherri Dees	The birth of Willa Leaone Dees
Elizabeth Duerr	The music staff, singers, ringers, and instrumentalists
Elizabeth Duerr	The pastoral staff
McNair Johnson	Sunday school teachers & youth group leaders
Suzanne & David Kerr	Our 3 fine pastors
Walter & Margaret King	Our wonderful St. Philip staff members
Mary McGuire	Angelina Fonseca-Grewal for leadership this past year on the Mission Committee
Bonnie & Greg Moore	Our children, Zach, Clint, & Audra
Bonnie & Greg Moore	Our Grandchildren, Sebastian, & #2 in June
Glenna Scott	Wendell & Mary Scott
David & Hallie Spence	Mary Linda Williams
Hope Wilmarth	Our grandchildren: Isabelle, Jeb, Arden, Gertrude, Clara and Elliot
Anne & Butch Wilson	Angelina Fonseca-Grewal for leadership this past year on the Mission Committee



### Welcome to Worship at St. Philip

Please register your attendance by scanning the QR code or by visiting the Guest Book tab at [saintphilip.net](http://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 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 BULLETINS ARE IN THE NARTHEX.**

**Connect with St. Philip** through [saintphilip.net](http://saintphilip.net) and our social media. To join our e-mail list for regular news updates, send a note to [lorrie@saintphilip.net](mailto:lorrie@saintphilip.net).

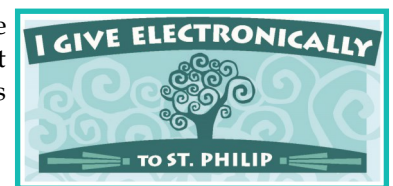
**If you are interested in joining St. Philip Presbyterian Church** by profession of faith, by reaffirming your faith, or by transferring your membership, please speak with one of the ministers today or call the church office during the week. **The Session meets the third Sunday of each month after the 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](http://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. To make stock contributions contact Denise Ferrell at [denise@saintphilip.net](mailto:denise@saintphilip.net).

**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](mailto: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



## Hymn 107

*Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn*

1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for an - gels  
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em - man - u -  
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when all the  
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night. Though dark the



her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for soon he is  
 el comes a - sing - ing; his hum - ble song is qui - et and  
 world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so qui - et and  
 win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall crown you with



born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing. Come as a ba - by  
 near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing; mu - sic to heal the  
 free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing. Then shall the mute break  
 light; be strong and lov - ing and fear - less. Love be our song and



weak and poor, to bring all hearts to - geth - er, he o - pens  
 bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing - kind - ness. The thun - der  
 forth in song, the lame shall leap in won - der, the weak be  
 love our prayer and love our end - less sto - ry; may God fill



wide the heaven - ly door and lives now in - side us for - ev - er.  
 of his an - thems rolls to shat - ter all ha - tred and vio - lence.  
 raised a - bove the strong, and weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.  
 ev - ery day we share and bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

After attending a carol concert, the author and composer of this hymn was moved to create a contemporary, accessible carol that drew on the familiar images in a new way. There are echoes here of passages such as Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 7:14/Matthew 1:23, Isaiah 35:5-6, Isaiah 2:4.

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REJOICE, REJOICE  
 9.8.9.8.8.7.8.9

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## Hymn 96

## On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; make  
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our  
 4 Stretch forth your hand; our health re - store, and

nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 straight the way for God with - in, and let us all our  
 ref - uge and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we  
 make us rise to fall no more. O let your face up -

for he brings glad ti - dings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.

This hymn shows how once-unconnected parts can work together. The text about John the Baptist was written in Latin in the 18th century and translated into English in the 19th century. Similarly, the 17th-century melody was adapted to its present form in the 19th century.

TEXT: Charles Coffin, 1736; trans. John Chandler, 1837, alt.  
 MUSIC: *Musikalisches Handbuch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk, 1847, alt.

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## Hymn 102

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's  
 2 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds; back to  
 3 Now your man - ger, shin - ing bright, hal - lows  
 4 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, vir - gin's

son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O  
 God his path - way leads; out to van - quish  
 night with new - born light. Night can - not this  
 son, in - car - nate Word! To the ho - ly

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
 death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.  
 light sub - due; let our faith shine ev - er new.  
 Trin - i - ty praise we sing e - ter - nal - ly.

Though some hymns attributed to Ambrose are doubtful, this one seems rather surely to be by him. Luther's German version (commemorated in the tune name) dropped one syllable from each line of the Latin text, giving the hymn its characteristically declarative Lutheran form.

TEXT: Attr. Ambrose of Milan, 4th cent.; German para. Martin Luther, 1523;

English trans. stanza 1, William Morton Reynolds, 1850, alt.;

English trans. stanzas 2-4, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, 2006

MUSIC: Erfurt *Enchiridion*, 1524; harm. Sethus Calvisius, 1594

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