



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

Preparation for Worship

*Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.*

– Claudia Hernaman, Hymn 166

Voluntary

Praeludium in the Phrygian Mode
BuxWV 152

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637–1707)

Greeting

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

Introit

O eterne Deus

Hildegard von Bingen
(1098–1179)

*O eterne Deus,
Nunc tibi placeat ut in amore illo ardeas,
Ut membra illa simus, que fecisti in eodem amore,
Cum Filium tuum genuisti in prima aurora
Ante omnem creaturam,
Et inspicere necessitatem hanc que super nos cadit
Et abstrahe eam a nobis propter Filium tuum
Et perduc nos in leticiam salutis.*

O eternal God,
may you be pleased to blaze once more in love
and to reforge us as the limbs you fashioned in that love,
when first you bore your Son upon the primal dawn
before all things created.
Look upon this need that over us has fallen,
draw it off from us according to your Son,
and lead us back into salvation's wholesome happiness.

– Latin collated from the transcription of Beverly Lomer and the edition of Barbara Newman; translation by Nathaniel M. Campbell

✠ Opening Sentences

Remember the story of our faith.
We are the people God has delivered.
Rejoice in the hope of our faith.
God goes with us, step by step.
Cling to the promise of our faith.
Our God will not abandon us.

✠ Hymn 394 ([see page 13](#))

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

✦ Prayer of Confession

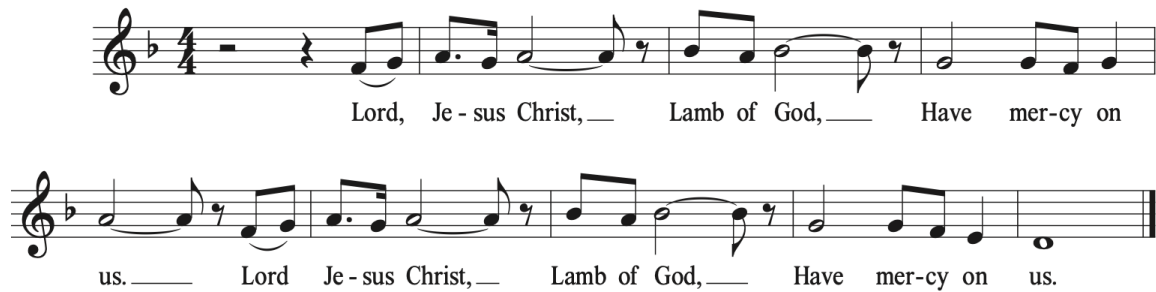
As Lent unfolds before us, great God,
 we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem.
 The road is long, our sins are many, and our burdens are heavy.
 We can't imagine new life, Easter life, because our current lives are filled
 with bad choices and failed efforts.
 Meet us in our weakness.
 Take up our sins.
 Ease our burdens.
 Carry us on the way.
 Bring us to Jerusalem, at last.
 Show us a love that is stronger than death, a love no tomb can hold.

silent prayer

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

✦ Response

Justin Langham

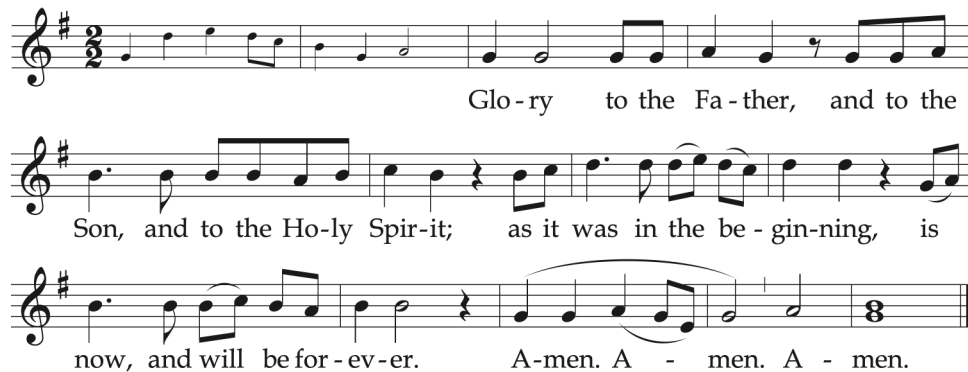


✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

✦ Response

John Weaver



✦ 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

2 Corinthians 4:7-12

N.T. pgs. 180-181

Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.****Anthem***As Truly as God is our Father*William Mathias
(1934-1992)

As truly as God is our Father,
So just a truly is God our Mother.

In our Father, God Almighty,
We have our being;
In our merciful Mother
We are remade and restored.

Our fragmented lives are knit together;
And by giving and yielding ourselves
Through grace, to the holy spirit
We are made whole.

It is I, the strength and goodness of Fatherhood.
It is I, the wisdom of Motherhood.
It is I, the light and grace of holy love.
It is I, the Trinity, it is I, the unity.

I am the sovereign goodness in all things.
It is I who teach you to love.
It is I who teach you to desire.
It is I who am the reward of all true desiring.

All shall be well,
And all shall be well,
And all manner of thing shall be well.
Amen.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:9-15

N.T. pgs. 34-35

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

Nevertheless

John W. Wurster

silence and stillness✠ **Hymn 821** ([see page 14](#))*My Life Flows On*

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

✠ **Affirmation of Faith**from *The Confession of Belhar*

**We believe that the church must together
come to know the height and the breadth
and the depth of the love of Christ.
We believe that together we are built up
to the stature of Christ, the new humanity.
We believe that we must together
know and bear one another's burdens,
thereby fulfilling the law of Christ.
We believe that we are called
to admonish and comfort one another;
to suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness;
to pray together;
and together serve God in this world. 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

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

arr. Moses Hogan

He's got the whole world in His hands...

He's got all the power in His hands...

He's got you and me, brother, in His hands,

He's got you and me, sister, in His hands,

He's got the little baby in His hands...

He's got mother and father in His hands,

He's got the stars and moon right in His hands,

He's got everybody in His hands...

He's got the whole world in His hands.

— Traditional African-American Spiritual

✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of compassion,
 we praise you that you look upon us
 with love and understanding
 and that you desire for us all new life in Jesus Christ.
**By your Spirit, give us the grace of repentance
 and guide us in the way of righteousness,
 as we seek to follow after Jesus Christ,
 who lives and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

✠ Hymn 687 [\(see page 15\)](#)

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

✠ Charge and Blessing

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

Closing Voluntary

Fugue in E Major
 BWV 878/2

Johann Sebastian Bach
 (1685–1750)

Everyone is invited to enjoy refreshments in the Gathering Area to meet Justin Langham, new Director of Music.

SERVING TODAY

Pastors

Omar Rouchon | John Wurster

Musicians

St. Philip Choir | Justin Langham, director | Matthew Dirst, organist and pianist
Cecy Duarte & Saïd Pressley, soloists

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's worship service includes traditional Negro Spiritual music. The Black composers of this music are unknown to history and therefore unable to receive royalties directed to their estates for the use of their songs. To remedy this inequity, a fund has been created and approved by the Session where we will collect voluntary "royalties" for using this music. Anyone may donate to the fund by going to the saintphilip.net homepage and selecting *Make a Contribution*, then selecting Negro Spirituals as the fund. Members can also access this page on the MyStPhilip app (also linked to from the homepage). You may also contribute by writing a check with *Negro Spirituals* in the memo line and placing it in the offering plate or mailing it to the church office. This small gesture of reparation seeks to help heal the long history of injury to Black persons. Contributions received over the course of the year will be donated annually to a local organization supporting Black musical traditions.

Today's Lectionary readings:

- Genesis 9:8-17 – *God's covenant with Noah: I will never again flood the whole earth.*
- Psalm 25:1-10 – *Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord; do not remember my sin.*
- 1 Peter 3:18-22 – *The flood of former days prefigures the sacrament of baptism.*
- Mark 1:9-15 – *After his baptism, Jesus is tested in the wilderness for forty days*

Welcome Justin Langham!

Join us in the gathering area following the service to welcome our new director of music, Justin Langham.

Justin comes to us after nearly a decade leading music programs in Houston as part of the United Methodist Church, most recently at First United Methodist Church Missouri City. However, he was born, raised, baptized, and confirmed in the Presbyterian Church and is excited to return to his roots here at St. Philip.

Justin enjoys a multi-faceted career as a conductor, performer, composer, and educator. As a performer, Justin maintains an active schedule as a freelance musician in the greater Houston area, and regularly performs around the U.S. and abroad as a member of the internationally renowned trumpet and organ duo, Deux Voix ("two voices"). As part of Deux Voix, Justin has given over 300 performances in some of the world's most impressive spaces, including the Lund Cathedral in Sweden, Paulus Church in Oslo, St. Alban's Anglican Church in Copenhagen, St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Maine, Cadet Chapel at West Point, and Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, home of the world's largest pipe organ. Deux Voix has also performed as headlining artists for festivals such as the Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston and the International Organ Festival in Bergen, Norway. Justin is also an award-winning composer and arranger with a wide-ranging catalogue of works performed around the U.S. and abroad.

A devoted educator, Justin maintains a private teaching studio at his home and serves as Adjunct Professor of Music at Lone Star College. He is also in-demand as a clinician, presenting lecturers and masterclasses for organizations like the Texas Choral Directors Association and American Guild of Organists, as well as various high schools, colleges, and universities in and outside the greater Houston area. To learn more about Justin's activities, visit his website justinlangham.com.

Aside from musical activities, Justin loves sports, traveling, and most of all, Mexican food. He enjoys living in the Museum District with his partner, pianist Andreea Muț, and their Great Pyrenees, Risa.

MUSIC NOTES

Today's **opening voluntary** comes from Dietrich Buxtehude, the famed Lübeck organist who was a leading light of the North German Baroque. His non-chorale based organ works tend to feature multiple sections, alternating between rhapsodic figuration and short fugues. One of the more concise examples of this genre, the Praeludium BuxWV 152 features toccata-like opening and closing sections around two brief fugues on the same subject but in different meters.

Today's **introit** comes in connection with the subject of our women's retreat, 12th-century composer Hildegard von Bingen. Taken from her vast and celebrated collection of sacred chants, *O eterne Deus*, here separated into a call-and-response style, is a sung plea for rescue from an emptiness by God's salvation. The yearning to be fulfilled through "salvation's wholesome happiness" is a fitting sentiment as we transition from Ash Wednesday into the season of Lent.

Welsh composer William Mathias composed today's **anthem** in 1987 to be sung at St. Paul's Cathedral, in the presence of Queen Elizabeth, and chose to set a unique 14th-century text by Julian of Norwich, who was considered to be one of England's great mystics and was the first woman to write a book in English. Her writings talk of God as a mother and father to His children, a concept unheard of in that time but one that is foundational to feminist theology. By dividing then combining the male

and female voices, Mathis' setting epitomizes the author's idea of God as both mother and father, as only choral music can.

There are few names with the same resonance in the realm of arrangements of traditional spirituals as Moses Hogan, whose powerful version of a timeless spiritual we share as this morning's **offertory**. Strangely enough, the song was originally made famous by mid-20th-century English singer, Laurie London, who brought it to international acclaim and without whom we may not have known of its existence. Unlike its more up-beat ancestor, Hogan's version patiently builds with each passing verse to a climactic end, in which words that have been repeatedly sung throughout the piece now somehow carry with them a deeper meaning.

Our **closing voluntary**, from Book II of Bach's *Well-Tempered Clavier*, is a classic fugue in four voices from the master of the genre. This collection, assembled in the early 1740s, reproduces the overall scheme of Book I (1722) with twenty-four preludes and fugues in all the major and minor keys—but with new pieces that the composer likely created for his many keyboard pupils to play. Although conceived for the clavichord or harpsichord, this fugue adapts nicely to the organ, on which its broadly sustained subject sounds right at home.

—Justin Langham and Matthew Dirst

IN OUR PRAYERS

The family of Mary Bratton, who died February 12.

St. Philippians and their families — Barbara Cavanaugh; Peg Palisin; Mary Herlitz; Helen Deleon; Jan Ostendorf; Dick Nunn; Mark Takayama; Ben Dees; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Nancy Johnson; Beverly Baker; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Carolyn Vestal; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and partner John Bonica; Alice Woodall-Chisholm – cousin of Mary McGuire; Sheila Kinsky and her children – sister of Bill Connolly; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Carla Burns – cousin of Sharon Webb; Robert Kirtley – father of Amanda Kirtley; Susan Everhart – niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; and Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine.

Homebound — Elizabeth Arp; John Bobbitt; Joan Boelens; Edith Patterson; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Mary Sinderson; and Sondra Sullivan.

Friends of St. Philippians — Paul Feagan – friend of Jacqui Colton; 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; Magdalena Rustomji – friend of Mickey & Ken Meyers; Caitlan Prescott – friend of Mary McGuire; Tom Barnett – friend of Robin and Gary Willis; Joyce Freudenberg and Annie & Sidney Roach – friends of Stephen Paine; Jacqueline Hazrum, Erin McDougal, and Eric Alberto Marquez – friends of Kate Burkart; 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

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.

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LENT AT ST. PHILIP

Join us for worship each Wednesday at noon as we journey through the season of Lent. Guest preachers from across the area will lead us. Lunch will be available in the Gathering Area at 12:30 p.m. Here's the schedule for this year's series:

February 21: Laureen Suba, former St. Philip member and recently retired pastor;

February 28: Mark Plunkett, co-pastor of Spring Branch Presbyterian Church;

March 6: Kevin Keaton, Board of Pensions regional representative;

March 13: Becky Downs, pastor of John Knox Presbyterian Church;

March 20: Jim Dement, former St. Philip member and interim pastor in El Campo.

Again this Lent, John Wurster will offer daily e-votions. These brief biblical reflections are sent by e-mail each morning. To join the e-votions list, send a note to john@saintphilip.net. Those subscribed for last year continue on the list for 2024.

LENTEN LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP—The ancient desert mystics believed that scripture was like a love letter written to us by God, and the meditative 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. Beginning **Feb. 19**, Keaton will guide the group through the four cycles of Lectio (read, reflect, respond, rest) every Monday morning at 9:00-9:20 a.m. for the season of Lent. To receive the Zoom link sent early Monday mornings, email Keaton at: keaton@saintphilip.net

GUIDED TOUR OF ST. PHILIP—We probably all know where the Sanctuary is, but do you know where the Choir Room is? Or the Children's Chapel Room? Or the Pastors' Offices? The Welcoming and Membership Committee invites anyone interested—and especially those who may be newer to the St. Philip community—to join us in a short walking tour of the St. Philip campus, beginning at 9:45 a.m. on **Feb. 25** in the Gathering Area. We'll visit the key spaces where we worship, serve, learn, and share fellowship. You'll also hear a bit about some of the activities of our congregation, like the Men's Fellowship and the Mission Committee. Everyone is welcome, whether you are new to St. Philip or not. You'll get to know your church home better, and there will be breakfast!

CCSC FOOD FAIR FEBRUARY CHURCHWIDE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY—The St. Philip congregation is invited to volunteer at the CCSC Food Fair on Saturday, **Feb. 24** from 9: a.m. to 12:00 pm at the CCSC Southwest Food Pantry at the Gethsemane Campus of St. Luke's United Methodist Church. The address is 6856 Bellaire Blvd. We need at least 10 to 15 volunteers. Volunteers are needed to greet and guide clients, organize and pass out the nutritious fruits and vegetables, and more. Please note that nearly all volunteer jobs will occur outdoors and require light to moderate lifting. Wear comfortable clothing/shoes, hats and sunscreen. Water will be supplied. Please leave your valuable items/purses at home.

Sign up in the Gathering Area at the Mission Committee table on **today or Feb. 18**, in **MyStPhilip**—under Serving tab, or email St. Philip Mission Committee Chairwoman Angelina Fonseca-Grewal at mission@saintphilip.net to RSVP your attendance. Angelina can drive 4 additional church members if you need a ride.

EASTER 2024 DONATION DRIVE AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY—Join the St. Philip March 2024 Easter mission project by donating items to fill Easter boxes benefiting The Women's Home residents. St. Philip members can also make a monetary donation (please choose the fund Designated Gifts online and put *The Women's Home Supplies* in the memo) and the Mission Committee will purchase the items still needed at the end of the collection period to fill the boxes. Drop off your donated items in the Gathering Area collection boxes on Sundays between **Feb. 18** and **Mar. 17**.

Shampoo	Razors	Journals
Conditioner	Lotion	Day Planners/Calendars
Body Wash	Lip Balm	Note Cards
Toothbrush	Tissue Packs	Umbrellas
Tooth Paste	Socks	Mini Writing Tablets
Dental Floss	Reading Glasses	Pens/Pencils
Deodorant	Costume Jewelry	Individual Miniature packages
Mouthwash	Scarves	of Easter candies
Nail Files	Small make-up samples or "free gift"	Packets of Herbal Tea (Caffeine Free)
Nail Polish	type items	
Hair Ties/Elastics	Playing Cards	

All members are also invited to assemble the 60 boxes on Saturday, **Mar. 23** at 10:00 a.m. in the Arts & Crafts Studio. This is a fun service project for all ages and an opportunity for the St. Philip community to come together in service during the Easter holiday! Sign up for the Easter box assembly in the Gathering Area on Sundays, in **MyStPhilip**, or email mission@saintphilip.net.

ST PHILIP MO-RANCH RETREAT – It's time to sign up for the 2024 Mo-Ranch retreat. Whether it's your first time or your thirtieth, the St. Philip retreat at Mo-Ranch is a great chance to connect and learn with other St. Philippians. Bring your family and join your St. Philip friends in worship, workshops, and outdoor exploration including enjoying the river and rapids. This year's four days of fun for all ages starts on Thursday, **May 30th** and ends with worship on the hill on **Jun. 2nd**. Registration is open online at the St. Philip Web site or by calling the church office. See you in the Hill Country! Join your St. Philip family for worship, fellowship and fun by the Guadalupe River in the Texas Hill Country. Registration will be live on the St. Philip website by Friday or sign up in the Gathering Area **today** or **Feb. 25**.

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.

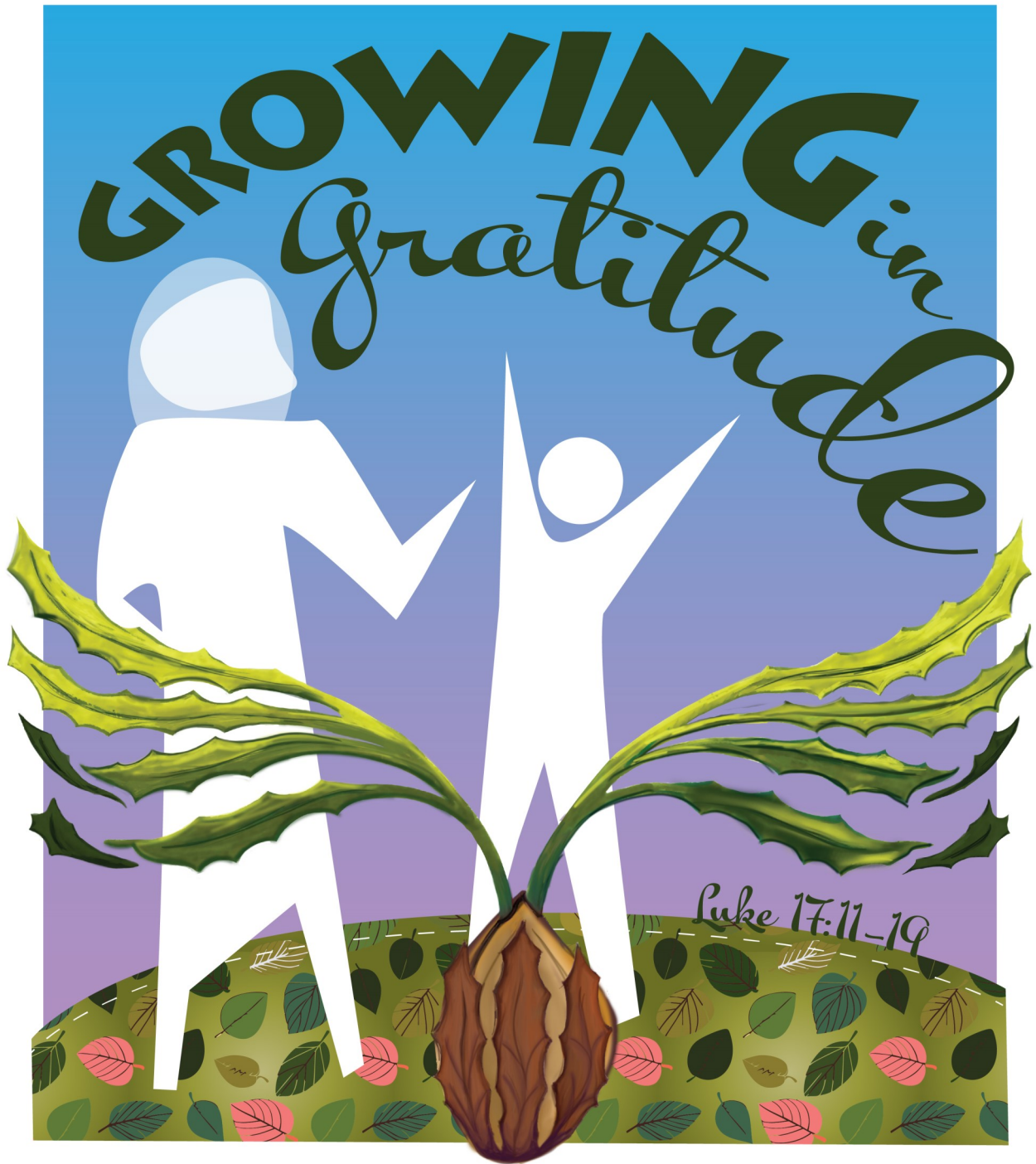
Monday Morning Saints – 2nd Mon. of each month @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Circle – 3rd Sun. of each month @ 12:30 p.m. **Note they will meet Feb. 25 for this month.**

Thursday Evening Circle – 1st Thurs. of each month @ 7:00 p.m.

PRIMETIMERS TO VISIT THE BROOKWOOD COMMUNITY – On Tuesday, **Mar. 12**, the Primetimers will visit the Brookwood Community in Brookshire. From their website: *Founded in 1983, Brookwood is a God-centered non-profit residential and vocational community adults with disabilities.* St. Philip has a longstanding connection with Brookwood – several from our congregation have served in leadership over the years. Visit brookwoodcommunity.org for more information. Our day will begin with lunch in the Brookwood Café, where residents are hosts and servers. We will then be taken on a tour of the community, and finish the day with a visit to the fantastic gift and garden center, a shop full of handcrafted art made by residents. We will depart from St. Philip at 10 a.m. There is no cost for the tour, but lunch will be on your own. Please RSVP by Monday, **Mar. 4** by calling the Church Office (713-622-4807) or email omar@saintphilip.net with any questions.

ST. PHILIP VBS ~ LENT 2024



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FEBRUARY

SATURDAY

9 AM - 2 PM

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MORE INFO | REGISTER: **SAINTPHILIP.NET**



Presents

Dr. William Yoo

When the Fullness of History Inspires and Infuriates Us:
Settler Colonialism, Slavery, and Christianity in the United States

February 25, 26 & 27, 2024
Lectures will be presented live
and live-streamed.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, February 25

11:00 a.m. Worship

“Leaves of Grass, Streams of Righteousness, and the Kingdom of God in America”

Amos 5:18-24 and Matthew 6:30-33

7:00 p.m.

“Even Christianity Can Reap but Small Harvest”: The Resilience of Christian Faith and the Limits of Evangelizing Missions in the Age of Settler Colonialism

Fellowship Hall & Live-streamed

Monday, February 26

7:00 p.m.

To “Tremble for my Country”: The Development of American Christianity in the Age of Slavery

Fellowship Hall & Live-streamed

Tuesday, February 27

7:00 p.m.

When the Church Seeks a More Perfect Union: What Conservatives and Progressives Get Right and Wrong about Christian History in the United States

Fellowship Hall & Live-streamed

Lecture is free and open to everyone.

Registration for in-person and live-stream attendance is recommended.

Information found at: saintphilip.net

Scan the QR Code to register.



The Duerr Lecture Series

Statement of Purpose

The Duerr Lecture Series was established in memory of W. Chris Duerr, member and elder of St. Philip Presbyterian Church, Houston. As part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Reformed Tradition, the lectures focus upon speakers and subjects that will enhance Christian faith in light of that tradition. Challenging speakers are chosen from the fields of theology, Bible and preaching to inspire and equip congregants for deeper faith and service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

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

GODLY PLAY—Ages 3—Kindergarten—Room 104

ELEMENTARY—Grades 1-5—Room 105

YOUTH—Grades 6-12—Room 205

FAITH & LIFE—Room 200—An adult class exploring how what we believe informs how we live. There are no materials required and no preparation is needed.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY—Room 204—We are beginning our study of Job in Dr. Robert Alter's *The Wisdom Books: Job, Prophets and Ecclesiastes* (2010). Join us from **9:30 a.m. – 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.

CHURCH & SOCIETY—Room 201—Join us from **9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.** with presentations in person and by Zoom. Feb. 25 - "The State of Our Air and Climate." Dr. Daniel Cohan, Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Rice Univ. Discusses the significant, yet inadequate progress, that is being made to reduce the emissions that pollute our air locally and warm the climate globally - the challenges posed by air pollutions and climate change and the actions we can take to mitigate them. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes:

churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL—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

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.

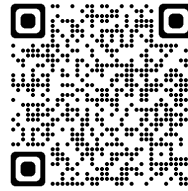
SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP—This group meets on first Monday nights, 7-8 p.m., by zoom, to discuss social justice issues of our day. The next meeting on Monday, **Mar. 4**, will begin a study of Christian Nationalism with the book by Kaitlyn Schiess, *The Ballot and the Bible; how Scripture has been used and abused in American politics....* Interested persons can contact Sara Jean Jackson (sjj10223@gmail.com) to be added to our mailing list.

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. To get on the list for the Zoom links, send a note to john@saintphilip.net. Bible novices, Bible experts, and everyone in between is welcome!

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **Mar. 14** at 7:00 p.m. and we will discuss *Gunfight: My Battle Against the Industry That Radicalized America* by Ryan Busse. So watch your email for details of the next meeting. 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 *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. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at ggardne148@aol.com.

DUERR LECTURE SERIES BROWN BAG LUNCH—Join Dr. William Yoo for the informal Brown Bag Lunch on Monday, **Feb. 26**, at Noon in the Dining Room. This is a great opportunity to get to know the speaker and ask questions about any subject. Bring your own lunch, drinks are provided. The tables will be arranged in a large open square so there can be comfortable conversation. The lunch concludes at 1:00 p.m.



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.

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 HYMNS 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 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. We also live-stream a midweek prayer on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. Services can be viewed live or later in our video archives.

Are you interested in donating flowers to decorate the chancel on a Sunday morning? The 2024 flower calendar is available online at saintphilip.net, go to the calendar and look for the icon you see here or click [here](#). We have several open dates in February and March — and beyond.

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.

Hymn 394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness;
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as we pray, and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Although this ancient text has often been used at church dedications, the first stanza clearly refers to the people of God and the second to the place where they meet. The stately and soaring tune is aptly named for the edifice where the composer served as organist and is buried.

TEXT: Latin, 7th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.
 MUSIC: Henry Purcell, c. 1680; adapt. Ernest Hawkins, 1843

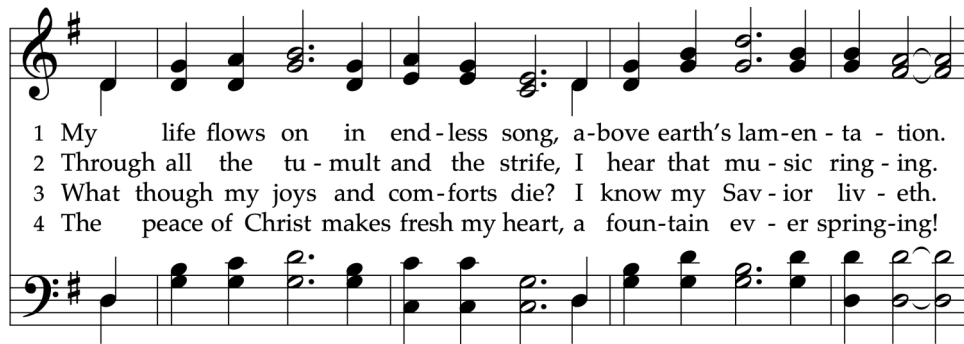
WESTMINSTER ABBEY
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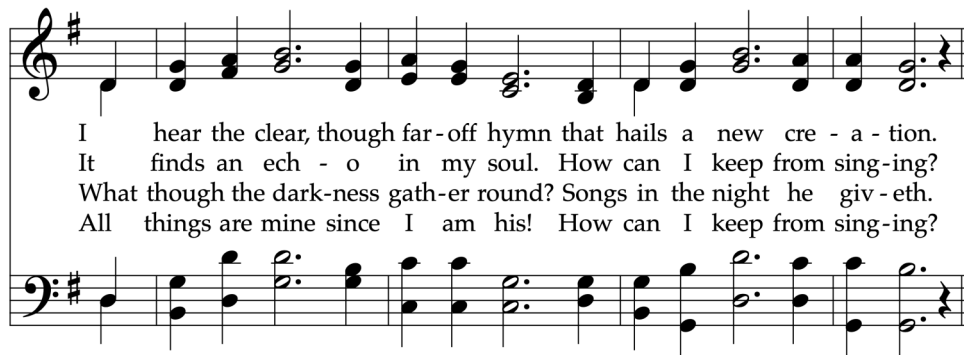
Hymn 821

My Life Flows On

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

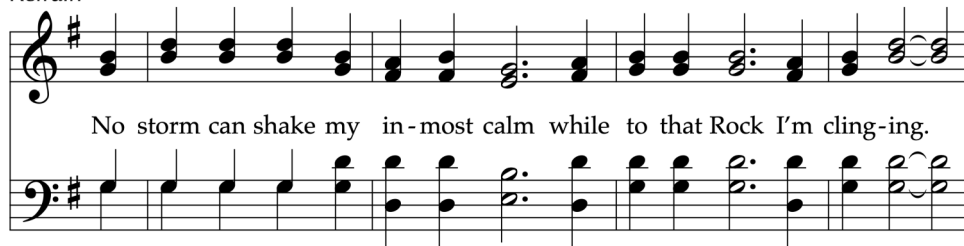


1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled "Always Rejoicing," and was attributed to "Pauline T." This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.

TEXT and MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1869

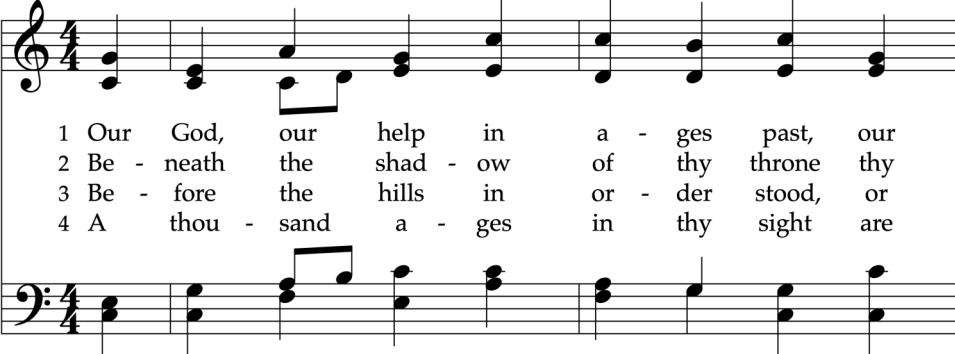
HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING
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Hymn 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
 MUSIC: Attr. William Croft, 1708

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