



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2024

Preparation for Worship

*Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God
which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.*

— Theological Declaration of Barmen,
Book of Confessions, PC(USA)

Opening Voluntary

Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot'
BWV 678

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

Greeting

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

Introit

Arise, Shine, for Your Light Has Come

Hal H. Hopson
(b. 1933)

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
And the glory of the Lord has ris'n upon you.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

— Isaiah 60:1

✦ Opening Sentences

✦ Hymn 4 ([see page 8](#))

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

✦ Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
we are a people formed by your Word in Christ;
but we have wandered away from your truth, we have broken your commandments,
we have distorted your teachings to serve our own ends,
we have failed to trust your promises, we have refused your mercy.
Ground us again, O Holy One,
in the written wisdom of Scripture and in the living Word which is Christ Jesus.
Nourish us on the bread of his teachings until we can taste your goodness.
Renew us at the fountain of his wisdom,
so we may find joy in obedience and freedom in giving ourselves to you.

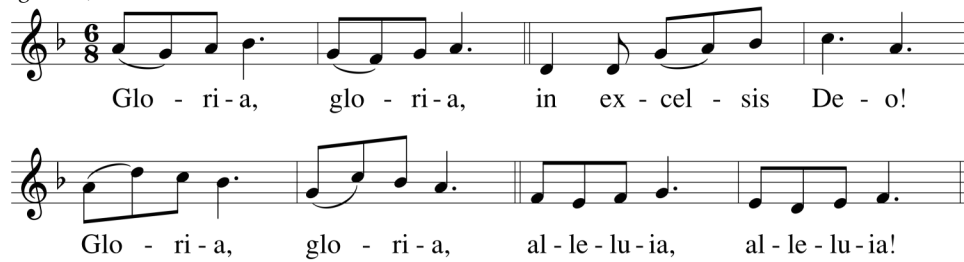
silent prayer

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

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

✦ Response *(sung twice)*



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✦ The Peace

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

Conversation with Children

*Afterwards, Children's Chapel meets in Room 203.
Infants - Age 4 may go to the Nursery in Room 106.*

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Psalm 111

O.T. pgs. 562-563

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

Anthem

Teach Me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood
(1765-1838)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes;
And I shall keep it unto the end.

— Psalm 119:33

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:21-28

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

Sermon

A Re-Set

John W. Wurster

silence and stillness

✦ Hymn 181 [\(see page 9\)](#)

Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit

EBENEZER

✦ Affirmation of Faith

Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible.
All things have been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
He is head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross. 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

O Light of Light, Love Given Birth

Cary Ratcliff
 (b. 1953)

O Light of Light, Love given birth;
 Jesus, Redeemer of the earth:
 More bright than day your face did show,
 Your raiment whiter than the snow.

Two prophets, who had faith to see,
 With your elect found company;
 The heavens above your glory named,
 Your Father's voice his Son proclaimed.

May all who seek to praise aright
 Through purer lives show forth your light.
 To you, the King of glory, now
 All faithful hearts adoring bow.

— 10th-century Latin text,
 translated by Laurence Housman

✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Eternal God,
 we thank you for the gifts you have given us in Jesus Christ.
Strengthen us by your Spirit
so that we may use what we have received
to the glory of your name
and for the work of your kingdom. Amen.

✦ Charge and Blessing

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

Closing Voluntary

Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot'
BWV 679

J. S. Bach

SERVING TODAY

Pastors

Keatan King | Omar Rouchon | John Wurster

Liturgist

Lee Ardell

Musicians

St. Philip Choir | Elizabeth Duerr and Caroline Flowers, bell ringers
Jane Malczewskyj, conductor and bell ringer | Matthew Dirst, organist and interim choir director

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by McNair Johnson in honor and gratitude for Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, confirmation sponsors, and the love shared with the youth and children of St. Philip.

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Lectionary readings:

- Deuteronomy 18:15-2 — *The Lord says: I will raise up a new prophet to speak my word.*
- Psalm 111 — *Praise the Lord; the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.*
- 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 — *Concerning food and idols: knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.*
- Mark 1:21-28 — *Jesus casts out an unclean spirit; all are amazed at his authority.*

MUSIC NOTES

Today's **opening** and **closing voluntaries** are distinct organ settings of the same German chorale: *Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot* ("These are Thy Holy Ten Commands"), which narrates how Moses received the commandments on Sinai's hill. The hymn, from Martin Luther himself, was evidently a favorite of Bach's; he made multiple arrangements of it, some for organ and at least one in a fully scored church cantata movement. The longer of the two chorale preludes (BWV 678) features Luther's melody in a lengthy canon, around which three independent voices provide a kind of trio sonata texture. The short of the two (BWV 679) is a fughetta with precisely ten entries of its chorale-tune subject — surely a numerical allusion to the total number of commandments.

Hal Hopson's brief **introit** celebrates the season of Epiphany with clanging bells and fanfare-like choral writing. The composer, a longtime resident of the Dallas/Fort Worth area, is one of the most

prolific church music composers of his generation. For this morning's **anthem**, we turn to Thomas Attwood's small but well-loved catalogue of short anthems. A student of Mozart, Attwood served as organist of St Paul's Cathedral in London while also in the employ of the English monarchy, as composer of the Chapel Royal. His setting of Psalm 119:33 treats this short text with sincerity and conviction.

Our **offertory** is a 10th-century Latin hymn, as translated around 1900 and as set to music decades later by Cary Ratcliff. Based in Rochester, NY, Ratcliff is currently music director at Bethany Presbyterian Church and artistic director of the Madrigalia Chamber Choir. His varied output ranges from opera to museum soundtracks; "O Light of Light" first appeared in the 1982 Hymnal of the Episcopal Church.

—Matthew Dirst

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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. 4 – "What About the Children?" – The concerns for the Health of Texas Children – the American Academy of Pediatrics" – Dr. Julieana Nichols – Associate Director, Academic General Pediatrics Fellowship Program, Baylor College of Medicine and "Social Forces Driving the Adolescent Mental Health Crisis" – Dr. Laura Lomax-Bream – Psychologist – mental health services, Counseling Psychologist, The Kinkaid School. 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, **Feb. 5** will begin a study/discussion of Christian nationalism. Interested persons can contact Sara Jean Jackson (sjj10223@gmail.com) to be added to our zoom 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 **Feb. 8** at 7:00 p.m. and we will discuss *Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved* by Kate Bowler. 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.

Save the Date

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When the Fullness of History Inspires & Infuriates Us:

Settler Colonialism, Slavery & Christianity
in the United States

February 25, 26 & 27 | 2024

Dr. William Yoo

Associate Professor of American Religious and Cultural History
at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT ALL ARE WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND!

February 16-18, 2024
Fairfield Inn & Suites, 11080 Katy Freeway
Led by Keatan King

The Greening Power of God and Hildegard of Bingen

Hildegard of Bingen was a visionary leader of extraordinary creative power. German Benedictine Abbess, healer, artist, musician, writer, spiritual director, botanist, poet, and more, Hildegard is one of the most significant women of Christian history. One of her great gifts was insight into *viriditas*, or the greening power of God, the life force at the heart of everything alive in all of creation. This central creative principle was key for Hildegard in sustaining her soul and her work.

As we begin the season of Lent and recall Jesus' time in the desert, we tend to think of the wilderness as a sparse, barren place. Join women of St. Philip in remembering that the desert has another side and, in the words of the prophet Isaiah, "the wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing." This abundant blossoming is *viriditas*. We will contemplate Hildegard's wisdom for living a life that is fruitful and green and overflowing with verdancy as we trust that God is indeed making all things new, or rather, "greening" all things new.

REGISTRATION online at saintphilip.net or in the Gathering Area TODAY.

Deadline to register is FEBRUARY 1

Cost

- One of two sharing a room with 2 queen beds for 2 nights - \$225
- Single room with 1 king bed for 2 nights - \$345
 - Meals included if you are staying at the hotel both nights are 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch
- Single room for 1 night - \$225 - Friday Night Only
 - Friday night only includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch.
- Single room for 1 night - \$225 - Saturday Night Only
 - Saturday night only includes Saturday lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast.
- Saturday Daytime Only - \$105
 - Saturday Daytime Only registration includes lunch and dinner.
- Lunch & Dinner only - Friday Dinner; Saturday Lunch & Dinner - \$120

If you have questions, contact Lee Ardell at leardell@gmail.com or 713-256-3818.

If you have trouble with registration, call the church office at 713-622-4807 and ask for Lorrie Castle or email her at lorrie@saintphilip.net.

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.

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

IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families — Peg Palisin; Stephen Paine; 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; Kelley, Grant, Christine, Samantha and Keith Taylor — family of Bill and Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor; 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 — Annette Covey — friend of Guy & Melissa Aldrich; Adeline Meyers, Fred Whitty, Stephen Wedemeyer and Ron Landers — friends of Bill and Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor, Claude Bowden — friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; Kenneth and Donna Benton — friends of William Rower; Magdalena Rustomji — friend of Mickey & Ken Meyers; Caitlan Prescott — friend of Mary McGuire; Mary Watters — friend of Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor; Tom Barnett — friend of Robin and Gary Willis; Joyce Freudenberg and Annie & Sidney Roach — friends of Stephen Paine; Jacqueline Boyd — friend 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



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.

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 4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, while in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heaven a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with
 and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Based on an 18th-century German metrical version of a celebrated 5th-century Latin hymn, *Te Deum laudamus*, this abbreviated 19th-century English paraphrase is sung by both Protestants and Roman Catholics. It is set here to the tune composed and named for the German version.

TEXT: Attr. Ignaz Franz, c. 1774; trans. Clarence Alphonsus Walworth, 1858, alt.
 MUSIC: *Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch*, c. 1774; harm. Johann Gottfried Schicht, 1819

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Hymn 181

Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit

EBENEZER

1 "Si - lence! Fren-zied, un - clean spir - it," cried God's
 2 Lord, the de - mons still are thriv - ing in the
 3 Si - lence, Lord, the un - clean spir - it, in our

heal - ing, Ho - ly One. "Cease your rant - ing! Flesh can't
 gray cells of the mind: ty - rant voic - es, shrill and
 mind and in our heart. Speak your word that when we

bear it. Flee as night be - fore the sun."
 driv - ing, twist - ed thoughts that grip and bind,
 hear it all our de - mons shall de - part.

Based on Mark 1:21–28/Luke 4:31–37, this text recalls how Jesus exorcized a demon, ponders what demons mean today, and concludes with a prayer for wholeness. It is set here to a familiar Welsh tune whose recurring three-note figures help to convey a sense of internal turmoil.

TEXT: Thomas H. Troeger, 1984
 MUSIC: Thomas John Williams, 1890
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 (alternate tune: AUTHORITY, 180)

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Hymn 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVIN GROVE



- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be - hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987
 MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987
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