

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

REFORMATION DAY

AT ST. PHILIP

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

Chorale Variations on *Allein Gott in der Höh sie Her*
(All Glory Be to God on High)

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck
(1562-1621)

Greeting

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

Handbell Introit

Shall We Gather at the River

HANSON PLACE • arr. Jason Krug
2019

✦ Opening Sentences

✦ Hymn ([see page 8](#))

All People That on Earth Do 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

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

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

Believe the good news! **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

✦ Response

All heav'n is sing - ing, "Thanks to Christ whose pas - sion
of - fers in mer - cy heal - ing, strength, and par - don.
Peo - ples and na - tions, take it; take it free - ly!"
A - men! My Mas - ter!

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✦ The Peace

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

Anthem

All Who Dwell in the Shadow of the Lord

Z. Randall Stroope
(b. 1953)

At the first light of day, Lauda, laudé!
When the sun reaches noon, Lauda, laudé!
And then at sunset, Lauda, laudé!
Or at the midnight, Lauda, laudé!

All who dwell in the shadow of the Lord,
they find a refuge and fortress.
Nation, village or faith of a small child,
Home they find in him.

May we sing, sing for joy, Lauda, laudé!
May our days all be glad, Lauda, laudé!
May we have wisdom, Lauda, laudé!
May we have truth, Lauda, laudé!

All who dwell in the shadow of the Lord,
find a refuge and fortress.
Nation, village or faith of a small child,
Home they find in him.

Plagues and serpents of the dark,
pestilence that stalks the night,
they who harm, who destroy,
those who spread fear and terror —

But those who make the Lord most high
their refuge and their dwelling,
no fear, no harm, no foe will come near your land,
no shame, no death, no evil consume or destroy.

Lauda, laudé! All who dwell in the shadow of the Lord
find a refuge and fortress, Lauda, laudé! Lauda, laudé!

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Mark 12:28-34

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

Sermon

Back to Basics

John Wurster

Anthem

With This Water

Fred Gramann
(b. 1950)

With this water begins the journey;
With this water forever claimed.
With this water the Lord now leads you.
With this water forever changed.

With these vows your loved ones name you.
With these vows your family grows.
With these vows this congregation
Now surrounds you, God's love to show.

With this water we celebrate now.
With this water let us recall
The baptism of our dear Savior,
Who laid down his life for all.

Sacrament of Baptism

Zoe Jane Carlin

Presentation

Questions

✠ The Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Baptism

Welcome

Stewardship Reflection

Angelina Fonseca

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.

Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary

Chorale Fantasie on *Ein feste Burg*
(A Mighty Fortress) • BWV 720

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

SERVING TODAY

Liturgists

Omar Rouchon and Liz Miguez

Musicians

Lee Ardell, Maggie Dement, Elizabeth Duerr, Jeanie Flowers,
Bonnie Moore and Diana Weiss – handbell ensemble | Jane Malczewskyj – handbell conductor
Julia Fox, Cecilia Duarte, Emily Jenkins, Thomas O'Neill, and Kirby Traylor – choral ensemble
Matthew Dirst – organist | Randall Swanson – music director

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.

Today's lectionary readings:

- Deuteronomy 6:1-9 – *Hear, O Israel: The Lord alone is our God; you shall love the Lord.*
- Psalm 119:1-8 – *Happy are those who seek God and walk in the ways of the Lord.*
- Hebrews 9:11-14 – *By the blood of Christ, our high priest, we will be made clean.*
- Mark 12:28-34 – *Jesus summarizes the commandments: to love God and neighbor.*

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Dave Durham and Jay Jeanes to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for St. Philip's fellowship.

MUSIC NOTES

Organ Music

Today's **opening voluntary** consists of a set of variations on one of the Reformation's first truly popular songs: "All Glory Be To God on High" is Luther's versification of the Latin "Gloria in Excelsis," as set to a melody by Nikolaus Decius. Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck, longtime organist of the Oude Kerk in Amsterdam (from 1577-1621), composed and improvised regularly on Dutch psalm tunes and on German chorale melodies, the two principal musical genres of the Calvinist and German Reformations, respectively. In this set of variations, he takes advantage of the dance-like meter of the chorale melody while using the tune from variation to variation in different parts of the texture.

As our **closing voluntary**, Sebastian Bach's Chorale Fantasie on "Ein feste Burg" dates from fairly early in his career as an organ virtuoso. A youthful desire to impress and to please is evident in the various ways he treats Luther's sturdy hymn melody: first as a piece of two-part counterpoint, then with steadily fuller textures until the tune appears in long notes in the pedal just before the end.

Handbell Music

This morning's bell **introit** is a brief hymn-tune arrangement by Indianapolis-based composer Jason Krug, who has written over 400 handbell compositions, as well as other works for piano, organ, choir, and string orchestra. Krug's setting of *Shall We Gather at the River* is written for a small handbell ensemble of just six ringers.

Choral Music

Today's **first anthem** is by American composer and conductor Z. Randall Stroope, whose composition teachers included Cecil Effinger and Normand Lockwood, both students of the renowned French teacher/composer Nadia Boulanger, who was herself a student of Gabriel Fauré. Published in 2010, *All Who Dwell in the Shadow of the Lord* was written for SATB choir and piano (or organ), and features a text by the composer inspired by the words of Psalms 90 and 91.

This morning's **second anthem** is by American composer Fred Gramann, who has been music director and organist at The American Church in Paris, France since 1976. A native of Washington state, he earned organ performance degrees at Syracuse University and the University of Michigan, followed by studies in Paris with Marie-Claire Alain and Maurice Duruflé. Gramann has numerous choral and handbell works published in the United States and is the Honorary Associate Director of the Raleigh Ringers of North Carolina as well as the Embellish Handbell Ensemble of Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is the newly appointed director for the Bay View Week of Handbells, Bay View, Michigan, and continues to be the permanent director for Bronzefest and UK Bronze. Published in 2018, *With This Water* is a gentle, lyrical anthem for SATB voices with words by the composer, perfect for today's celebration of the sacrament of baptism here at St. Philip.

– Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Jenilee Simmons and family upon the death of her husband Douglass Simmons on October 18. Memorial service will be November 4 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

St. Philippians and their families – Susan Huffman; Joyce Fugit; Orlean Anderson; Dorothy Murphey; Bill Slick; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Shirley Coffman; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Mezgebe Gebray; Matthew Hill – son of Craig & Judy Hill; Dale McAllen – brother of Orlean Anderson; Alma Fonseca – mother of Angelina Fonseca; Bill Polk – brother-in-law of Sharon Webb; Darryl Cazes – brother of Pam Taylor; Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine; Douglas Everhart – brother of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Gretchen Everhart – niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Carol Paine Kendrick – sister of Stephen Paine; John Anderson – brother of Tom Anderson; Mac & Beverly Wilson – parents of Butch Wilson; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Kelsey Higgs Gallegos & family – daughter of Nancy Higgs; Dottie Laas and family – cousin of Sam Fisher; Alice Barron – sister-in-law to Beth Atkinson; Shirley Boggus – grandmother of Omi Ford; Dona Rowe – mother of William Rowe; and Elizabeth Carlton Lithio – granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers.

Homebound – Walter Baker; John Bobbitt; Paulie Carlson; Kitty Curry; George Helland; Jean Nelson; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Marion Takehara; and Jody Tomforde.

Friends of St. Philippians – Auden McCarty – friend of Mary McGuire; Ted & Susan Hirtz – friends of Jacqueline and Bill Taylor; Paul English; Matt Scalapino and Laura Chilton – friends of Stephen Paine; Shirley Stubblefield – friend of Barbara Runge; Paul Ratliff – friend of Jo Helland; Rob Bond and Lavon Thomas – friends of Curt and Sharon Webb; Clayton Amacker – friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; and Walter "Buddy" Hammann III – friend of Robin and Gary Willis.

We also pray for health care workers, first responders, and caregivers; for those who are sick; and for those watch and wait.

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share, please email:

deacons@saintphilip.net

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

CHURCH & SOCIETY - 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
by Zoom - **November 7** - Join us for background and discussion on the power and place of music in worship, both historically and as it is practiced in the community of St. Philip Presbyterian Church in Houston. The presentation will include spiritual reflection on the meaning of music in Christian worship, how we are drawn into it, and how we are formed by it as Christian disciples. Participants will be encouraged to share their own reflections as part of class discussion. **November 14** - Beginnings, Sinnings, and Underpinnings: Genesis and Two Faiths - In teaching a ten-class course for Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary on perhaps the most well-known text in our shared canon, what did we learn? Come join a pastor and a rabbi as they share their insights in teaching together and the art and craft of cross-religious textual exploration. Presented by Rabbi Steven Morgen, Congregation Beth Yeshurun and Rev. Greg Han, Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes:

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SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 14
9:45-10:45 and 12:00-12:45
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK.
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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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE—The 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services are open for in-person attendance in the Sanctuary and masks are required. The Sunday 11:00 a.m. will continue to be live-streamed.

MIDWEEK PRAYER SERVICE—Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. This service is live-streamed from the Sanctuary and also available for later viewing on our website. If you'd like to attend the midweek service in-person contact the church office.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY WITH JOHN WURSTER—A look via Zoom at the Bible readings for the coming Sunday has returned with Zoom sessions Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Email John for details and to get on the list - john@saintphilip.net.

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell,
 2. Know that the Lord is God in - deed;
 3. O en - ter then his gates with praise;
 4. For why? The Lord our God is good;
 5. To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

Sing to the Lord with cheer - ful voice;
 With - out our aid he did us make.
 Ap - proach with joy his courts un - to;
 His mer - cy is for ev - er sure;
 The God whom heav'n and earth a - dore,

Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
 We are his folk, he does us feed,
 Praise, laud, and bless his Name al - ways,
 His truth at all times firm - ly stood,
 From us and from the an - gel host

Come we be - fore him and re - joice.
 And for his sheep he does us take.
 For it is seem - ly so to do.
 And shall from age to age en - dure.
 Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

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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1 Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized
 2 Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, love's cre -
 3 Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you
 4 Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to

with the Spir - it's sign, with this wa - ter God has
 a - tion, loved in - deed! Fresh from God, re - fresh our
 are, from God you came. Back to God we hum - bly
 lis - ten for God's call. Grow to laugh and sing and

sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
 spir - its; in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
 give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.
 wor - ship; trust and love God more than all.

This hymn addressed to a newly-baptized child begins each stanza with a facet of the child's identity, culminating in "child of God." By being directed to one person rather than the whole congregation, this text occupies a special category among the "songs of encouragement."

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.