



## Preparation for Worship

*The mission of God in Christ gives shape and substance to the life and work of the Church. In Christ, the Church participates in God's mission for the transformation of creation and humanity by proclaiming to all people the good news of God's love, offering to all people the grace of God at font and table, and calling all people to discipleship in Christ.*

- Book of Order, Presbyterian Church (USA), chapter one

## Voluntary

*Voluntary in A major*  
Op. 7/1

John Stanley  
(1712-1786)

## Greeting

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

## Handbell Introit

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON  
arr. Cathy Moglebust (b. 1958)

## ✦ Opening Sentences

## ✦ Hymn 307 [\(see page 11\)](#)

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

## ✦ Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,  
you have called us into the church to do great things:  
to proclaim the gospel, to nurture one another,  
to worship you, to remember what is true,  
to promote righteousness in the world,  
and to be a demonstration of your coming reign.

But in many ways we have failed to do these things.  
We have neglected your work  
in favor of personal interests and short term satisfactions.  
We haven't made time for you or your people or your purposes.  
Forgive our waywardness and have mercy on our sins.  
Restore us and return us to your ways,  
to the work you would have us do,  
to the people you would have us be,  
as we seek to follow after Jesus Christ our Lord.

*silent prayer*

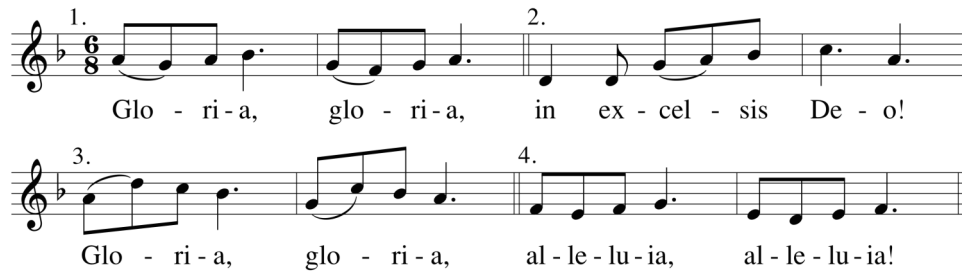
Holy One, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

## ✠ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

## ✠ Response *(sung twice, second time in canon)*

Canon—4 voices



Music: Jacques Berthier, © 1979, 1988, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

## ✠ The Peace

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

## Conversation with Children

*Afterwards, Children's Chapel meets in Room 203.*

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

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Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem

*Teach Me, O Lord*

Philip Stopford  
(b. 1977)

Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes;  
and I shall keep it unto the end.  
Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law;  
yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.  
Make me to go in the path of thy commandments;  
for therein is my desire.  
Incline my heart unto thy testimonies,  
and not to covetousness.  
O turn away mine eyes lest they behold vanity;  
and quicken thou me in thy way.  
O stablish thy word unto thy servant,  
that I may fear thee.

Amen.

— Psalm 119:33-38

## Sermon

Choosing Well

John W. Wurster

*silence and stillness*

## ✠ Hymn 410 *(see page 12)*

*God Is Calling through the Whisper*

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## ✠ Affirmation of Faith

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.  
 Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
 we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
 whom alone we worship and serve.  
 In everlasting love,  
 the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
 to bless all families of the earth.  
 Hearing their cry,  
 God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.  
 Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
 Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
 like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
 God is faithful still.  
 With believers in every time and place,  
 we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
 can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## 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 Anthem

*If Ye Love Me*

David Ashley White  
 (b. 1944)

If ye love me, keep my commandments.  
 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter,  
 that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth.  
 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

— John 14:15–17

## 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 your work in the world. Amen.

## ✦ Hymn

*God, Whose Almighty Word*

ITALIAN HYMN



1. God, whose al - might - y word Cha - os and  
 2. Sav - ior, you came to give Those who in  
 3. Spir - it of truth and love, Life - giv - ing,  
 4. Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, Glo - ri - ous



dark - ness heard, And took their flight:  
 dark - ness live Heal - ing and sight,  
 ho - ly dove, Speed on your flight!  
 Trin - i - ty, Wis - dom, Love, Might!



Hear us, we hum - bly pray, And where the gos - pel - day  
 Health to the trou - bled mind, Sight to the in - ward blind:  
 Move on the wa - ter's face Bear - ing the lamp of grace  
 Bound-less as o - cean's tide, Roll - ing in full - est pride,



Sheds not its glo - rious ray, Let there be light!  
 Now to all hu - man-kind Let there be light!  
 And, in earth's dark - est place, Let there be light!  
 Through the world, far and wide, Let there be light!

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.  
 Tune: ITALIAN HYMN, 66 4 666 4; Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

**Congregational Meeting**

## ✦ Charge and Blessing

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

**Voluntary**

*Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux*  
 (from the *Suite du premier ton*)

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault  
 (1676–1749)

**SERVING TODAY****Pastors**

John Wurster, Omar Rouchon

**Liturgist**

Melissa Aldrich

**Musicians**

Bell Canto Handbell Choir | St. Philip Choir | St. Philip Staff Singers  
 Randall Swanson, director of music | Matthew Dirst, organist | Jane Malczewskyj, handbell director

**FLOWERS**

The flowers this morning are given by David and Suzanne Kerr to the glory of God and in loving memory of Richard and Anna Claire Henderson, The Reverend D. King Kerr and Frances D. Kerr, Nancy V. Kerr, and Janet Dundore.

## WORSHIP NOTES

### Today's Lectionary readings:

- Deuteronomy 30:15–20 — *A choice between life and death, prosperity and adversity.*
- Psalm 119:1–8 — *Happy are those who keep God's law and follow God's way.*
- 1 Corinthians 3:1–9 — *Paul planted, Apollos watered, but God is the source of growth.*
- Matthew 5:21–37 — *Jesus interprets the laws on murder, adultery, and making vows.*

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## MUSIC NOTES

### Organ Music

Blessed with a prodigious musical memory, John Stanley enjoyed a long and productive career in the field despite a childhood accident that left him nearly blind. A student of Maurice Green, he became organist at London's fashionable Temple Church at the age of twenty-two and remained in this position for some fifty years. Enthusiasts came from around the capital on Sundays to hear him play, including his good friend George Frideric Handel. Stanley's Op. 7 Organ Voluntaries includes several pieces in the conventional two-part format, with a slow introduction and a quicker second movement, which in the case of today's opening voluntary is a dialogue with notated echo effects.

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault served as organist for two prominent Paris churches and was also a chamber musician in the household of Madame de Maintenon, long-time paramour of Louis XIV. His organ works follow the flow of the Catholic mass, with individual movements bearing titles that refer to their particular stop combinations. His *Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux*, today's **closing voluntary**, opens his second suite with a dramatic overture-style piece that calls for some of the loudest and most colorful stops on the instrument.

### Handbell Music

This morning's **handbell introit** is an arrangement of the well-known American hymn tune NETTLETON. Arranger Cathy Moglebust is a South Dakota native, handbell specialist, composer, and music educator. Commissioned by University Lutheran Church in Clemson, South Carolina, her setting of *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* was published in 2001.

### Choral Music

Today's **first anthem** — *Teach Me, O Lord* — is a reflective setting of verses from Psalm 119 (appointed for today in the Revised Common Lectionary), written by British composer Philip Stopford for SATB choir and organ. Stopford was trained as a boy chorister in the choir of Westminster Abbey in London, and later completed university music studies at Oxford University where he served as organ scholar at Keble College and directed the college chapel choir. Following similar positions at the cathedrals of Truro, Canterbury and Chester, Stopford served from 2003 to 2010 as Director of Music at St. Anne's Cathedral in Belfast (today's anthem received its first performance there in 2007), and from 2010 to 2015 as a freelance composer and conductor in Belfast and Chester. Appointed in 2016, Stopford now serves as Director of Music at Christ Church (Episcopal) in Bronxville, New York. More information about Philip Stopford and recordings of his music are available at [www.philipstopford.com](http://www.philipstopford.com).

This morning's **offertory anthem** was commissioned by conductor Bradley Knapp and the University Singers of the University of St. Thomas in Houston. *If Ye Love Me* was composed on February 12, 2010 by University of Houston professor of composition David Ashley White, who served as director of the UH Moores School of Music from 1999 to 2014. White also serves as composer-in-residence at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church, his home parish.

— Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson

### ANNUAL MEETING

The Session has called the annual meeting of the congregation for **TODAY**, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The docket for the meeting includes a review of the 2022 annual report, presentation of the approved 2023 budget, consideration of changes to the pastors' terms of call, and the election of a trustee and at-large members of the congregational nominating committee. John van Osdall is being nominated to serve a three-year term as trustee. Selena Brinegar and Mickey Meyers are being nominated to serve two-year terms on the nominating committee. Additional nominees for these positions may be made from the floor during the meeting with prior consent of those being nominated.

### LENT AT ST. PHILIP

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on **Feb. 22**. Ash Wednesday services will be at 12 noon and 6:30 p.m. Lunch will be available in the Gathering Area following the noon service. The noon service will be live-streamed.

For all the Wednesdays in March, we will have midweek services at 12 noon, in-person and livestreamed. Guest preachers from across the area will lead us in worship. This year's theme is "How Can I Keep from Singing?" Each preacher is selecting a favorite hymn, connecting it to a scripture passage, and then preparing a sermon. Lunch will be available after the service in the Gathering Area.

Again this Lent, John Wurster will offer daily e-votions. These brief biblical reflections are sent each morning via e-mail. If you have received e-votions in the past, you are already subscribed for this year. If you'd like to join the e-votions list, send an e-mail to [john@saintphilip.net](mailto:john@saintphilip.net).

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGING

Beginning on **Feb. 26** and continuing at least through the season of Lent, there will be a single Sunday worship service at 11:00 a.m. During these weeks, as the Session considers the longer term viability of the 9:00 a.m. service, your comments are welcome and appreciated.

**WATCH THE BIG GAME!** Young Adults and Young Families are invited to the home of Walker and Jessie Fair **TODAY** at 5:00 p.m. Bring a snack and/or beverage to share! Email [welcome@saintphilip.net](mailto:welcome@saintphilip.net) for address or look in MyStPhilip.

**EQUAL EXCHANGE**—Valentine's Day is a fun time to show your love for your community, the environment, and the farmers who grow our food. Did you know that through the PC(USA)'s fair-trade partner, Equal Exchange, St. Philip offers *ten* organic chocolate bars, from milk to mint to orange to "Total Eclipse" (*extremely* dark), and every one is so good! We also offer chocolate chips for baking if you prefer to make your own treats for your sweetie, and hot cocoa (and coffee and tea, if you prefer!) if you want to snuggle up together with a warm cup of comfort. Look for our table in the Gathering Area **TODAY** after worship.



ST. PHILIP VBS ~ LENT 2023

# WALKING TOGETHER



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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A BAGGED LUNCH

**FEBRUARY**

SATURDAY  
9 AM - 2 PM

**25TH**

## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Florence McKelvey and family upon the death of her husband Gene McKelvey on February 3. A memorial service is scheduled February 25 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.*

*Anne Wilson and family upon the death of her mother Marion Takehara on February 4. A memorial service is scheduled for March 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.*

*St. Philippians and their families* – Jacqueline & Bill Taylor; Peg Palisin; Dan Cleveland; CJ Miller; Beverly Hudson; Susan Huffman; Mary Sinderson; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Carolyn Vestal; Lane Fletcher; Austin Lippincott; Richard Johnson; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Mezgebe Gebray; John Palisin – brother of Peg Palisin; John Murphy, Sr. – cousin of Gary Gardner; Martine Marte Wood – daughter-in-law of Ruena Wood; Carla Burns – cousin of Sharon Webb; Betsy Johnson – mother of Pat Lindsay; Robert Kirtley – father of Amanda Kirtley; Jann Everhart – sister-in-law of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Warren Cash – brother of Kay Cash; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; Donna Harris – sister of Joyce Fugit; Alma Fonseca – mother of Angelina Fonseca; Darryl Cazes – brother of Pam Taylor; Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine; Carol Paine Kendrick – sister of Stephen Paine; John Anderson – brother of Tom Anderson; Mac Wilson – father of Butch Wilson; Shirley Boggus – grandmother of Omi Ford; Alan Rowe – father of William Rowe; and Elizabeth Carlton Lithio – granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers.

*Homebound* – Elizabeth Arp; John Bobbitt; George Helland; Arlette Keene; Ellen MacDonald; Jean Nelson; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Sondra Sullivan; and Jody Tomforde.

*Friends of St. Philippians* – Brad McWilliams; Carol Gilliland - friend of Orlean Anderson; Betsy Shear Lewis – friend of Laney Miller; Shirley Stubblefield – friend of Barbara Runge; Clayton Amacker – friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner.

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)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

**GODLY PLAY** (Age 3-Kindergarden) – Room 104

**ELEMENTARY** (Grades 1-5) – Room 105

**YOUTH** (Grades 6-12) – Room 205

**SPa** (St. Philip Adults) – Room 200 – All adults of any age are welcome to participate - grab some coffee and join us. There is no need to prepare or purchase materials for class, so come as you are able.

**JOHN'S BIBLE CLASS** – Room 202 – 9:45 a.m. What are the best parts of the Bible? The best story? The best character? The best surprise? The best scoundrel? John Wurster leads this highly subjective exploration of biblical treasures which continues through February. The same topics will be considered during the midweek Zoom bible study. Everyone is welcome: Bible novices and veterans and all those in between.

**CHURCH & SOCIETY** – Room 201 – This class meets from **9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.** with presentations in person and by Zoom. **Feb. 19** – Kids Count Data: Challenges and Opportunities - Critical informative data on children's well-being with economic, education, health, and family and community indicators. Presented by Dr. Ruena Wood - Adjunct Professor, University of Houston and former Contributor to the annual Kids Count Data Report, Orange County, CA. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes:

[churchsociety\\_stphilip@comcast.net](mailto:churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net).

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** – Room 204 – We are continuing our study of the Kingdoms of Israel and Judah in 2 Kings with the story of Elisha and the fate of Jezebel in Dr. Robert Alter's *Ancient Israel, The Former Prophets* (2013). 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.

**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. This will resume **TODAY** and continues every 2nd and 4th Sunday during the 11 o'clock service.

## 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](mailto:keatan@saintphilip.net).

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY** – Wednesday Bible study with John Wurster meets at 9:30 a.m. The group will not Wed. Feb. 15. 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](mailto:john@saintphilip.net). Bible novices, Bible experts, and everyone in between is welcome.

**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. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at [ggardne148@aol.com](mailto:ggardne148@aol.com).

**WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB**—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **Mar. 9** we will discuss *South to America: A Journey Below the Mason-Dixon to Understand the Soul of A Nation* by Imani Perry. Watch your email for details of the next meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: [nnl@lambrightlaw.com](mailto:nnl@lambrightlaw.com).

**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](mailto: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.

**DUERR LECTURE SERIES** - **Feb. 26, 27, and 28.** Speaker for the series will be Dr. Rachel Baard, Assistant Professor of Theology and Ethics and Director of the Master of Arts in Public Theology Program at Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA. Topic for the lectures is "Who is Jesus Christ for us Today?" Dr. Baard will preach for the morning worship service, 11:00 a.m., and present lectures each evening at 7:00 p.m. Lectures are available in person or by live-stream. Check the web page for more information: [www.saintphilip.net](http://www.saintphilip.net).

**BROWN BAG LUNCH**—In conjunction with the Duerr Lecture Series join Dr. Rachel Baard for an informal Brown Bag Lunch on Monday, **Feb. 27**, 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.

**PW RETREAT**—All women of the church are invited to attend the **Annual Presbyterian Women's Retreat** (no need to be in a circle to come!) the weekend of **Mar. 24-26 in Houston** at the Fairfield Inn in the Memorial City area. Our retreat speaker is our own beloved pastoral resident, the Rev. Kallie Pitcock, who will lead us deeper into the promises of Psalm 32 through our theme. Information on pricing, meals, and further details are found through online registration in MyStPhilip. For assistance registering online, please email [welcome@saintphilip.net](mailto:welcome@saintphilip.net) or call the church office during regular office hours 713-622-4807.

**MO-RANCH**—Registration for the annual Mo-Ranch Retreat on June 1-4 is available in the Gathering Area after worship service today or you can visit:

[saintphilip.net](http://saintphilip.net)

**PRIMETIMERS**—Join the Primetimers on **Thursday, March 30**, for a visit to the George HW Bush Presidential Library and Museum in College Station for a tour of *Mandela: The Official Exhibition*. From the museum website: *Mandela: The Official Exhibition is the major new global exhibition that explores the life of one of the world's most famous freedom fighters and political leaders. The epic story of Nelson Mandela is told in a series of experiential galleries from his rural childhood home through years of turbulent struggle against the apartheid regime, to his eventual vindication and final years as South Africa's first democratically elected president.* **We will depart from the church parking lot at 8:30** and will be back by 3:30 p.m. After visiting the museum, we'll have lunch at Stella Southern Cafe. The cost is \$8/person and lunch will be on your own. **Please RSVP by Monday, Mar. 6** to secure your spot. You may contact Omar ([omar@saintphilip.net](mailto:omar@saintphilip.net)) with any questions.

**WELCOME RECEPTION**—The Peacemaking & Social Justice Committee welcomes you to a reception for the Milendes family on **Feb. 19** following the 11:00 AM worship service in the Gathering Area outside the Sanctuary. The Milendes family is originally from the Democratic Republic of Congo, but lived in a Tanzanian refugee camp for many years. Then last year they immigrated to the United States, and the St. Phillip community helped them with that transition. Milende and Mzomwe are raising seven children here in the United States, and they like bike riding, soccer, and of course McDonalds.

# MUSIC AT ST. PHILIP

## COME MAKE MUSIC WITH US!

We're expanding, and we have a place for you!



**Children's Choir** • Open to all children & youth, age 6 and above

SUNDAYS at 9:00 a.m. **beginning FEBRUARY 19**

**Got kids that love music?** The St. Philip Children's Choir returns! After a long pandemic break, we're back. Children and youth will join for six Sunday morning rehearsals, then lead the Introit in worship on **Palm Sunday, April 2**. Parents, watch your email for more info coming soon!

**CONTACT** Randall Swanson — [randall@saintphilip.net](mailto:randall@saintphilip.net)



**St. Philip Choir** • Open to all singers, college age and above

SUNDAYS at 10:00 a.m. **and WEDNESDAYS at 7:00 p.m.**

**Do you love to sing?** Become a St. Philip Choir member! Sing great choral music with others who also love singing. Elevate your mood by singing in a group. Enhance your prayer life and gain musical knowledge. Enjoy the best seats in the house!

**CONTACT** Randall Swanson — [randall@saintphilip.net](mailto:randall@saintphilip.net)



**Bell Canto Handbell Choir** • Open to all interested ringers

Second & Fourth SUNDAYS of each month at 9:30 a.m.

**Wanna make a joyful noise?** Looking for a way to get involved without too much of a time commitment? Come ring with us twice a month! Not sure how to ring a handbell? We'll teach you! (it's easy) Some prior music reading experience is helpful — this is a very fun group!

**CONTACT** Jane Malczewskyj — [janemalc46@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janemalc46@sbcglobal.net)

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## Hymn 307

## God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our  
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

TEXT: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, alt.  
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

CWM RHONDDA  
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## Hymn 410

## God Is Calling through the Whisper

W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY

1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,  
 2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,  
 3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,

through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.  
 through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.  
 through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.

Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:  
 Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:  
 Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:

God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?  
 God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?  
 God is call-ing—and we hear! God is call-ing—and we hear!

This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.

TEXT: Mary Louise Bringle, 2003  
 MUSIC: Polish carol; harm. Wilbur Lee, 1958  
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Presents

Dr. Rachel Baard

*"Who Is Jesus Christ For Us Today?"*

**February 26, 27 & 28, 2023**

Lectures will be presented live and live-streamed.

### Schedule of Events

**Sunday, February 26**  
 11:00 a.m. Worship  
**"Who Do You Say that I am?"**  
 Mark 8:27-30  
 7:00 p.m.  
  
**Who Was Jesus Christ?**  
**The Church's Historical Confession**  
**of Jesus Christ**  
 Fellowship Hall & Live-streamed

**Monday, February 27**  
 7:00 p.m.  
**Who is Jesus Christ?**  
**Challenges to the Confession of Jesus Christ**  
 Fellowship Hall & Live-streamed  
  
**Tuesday, February 28**  
 7:00 p.m.  
**Who will Jesus Christ Be?**  
**The Emerging Confession of Jesus Christ**  
 Fellowship Hall & Live-streamed

Lectures are free and open to everyone.

Worship service and lectures online at:  
[www.saintphilip.net](http://www.saintphilip.net)

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

Information found at:  
[http://www.saintphilip.net/Duerr\\_LectureSeries.html](http://www.saintphilip.net/Duerr_LectureSeries.html)

### **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.





### 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 HYMNS 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). 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.