



Preparation for Worship

"We do well not to take the Lord's Prayer lightly. It takes guts to pray it at all. We are asking God to be God. We are asking God to do not what we want but what God wants. To speak those words is to invite the tiger out of the cage, to unleash a power that makes atomic power look like a warm breeze."

– Frederick Buechner

Voluntary

Impromptu

Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)

Greeting

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

✦ **Opening Sentences**

✦ **Hymn**

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray

ST. THOMAS



1. Lord,	teach	us	how	to	pray	As
2. Lord,	teach	us	how	to	pray	When
3. Lord,	teach	us	how	to	pray	When
4. Lord,	teach	us	how	to	pray;	Re -
5. Lord,	teach	us	how	to	pray;	Re -



once	the	twelve	you	taught,	For	we	can	nev - er
hearts	are	dull	and	dead,	Or	when	we	feel
no	cares	dis - tract	the	mind;	Help	us	to	wait
in	kin - dle	faith's	bright	flame,	Un - til	our	faith	leaps
ea - ger	mind	us	day	by	day	That	you	wait



find	the	words	To	praise	you	as	we	ought.
thirst	for	you	And	faith,	once	firm,	has	fled.
qui - et - ness,	A	calm - er	spir - it	find.				
up	a - gain	To	speak	and	praise	your	name.	
ly	to	hear	Be - fore	we	think	to	pray.	

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✦ Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ,
 you told us to pray in this way:
 ask, seek, and knock.
 We confess that we have asked for what is meager.
 We have sought what is superficial.
 We have knocked at the doors of
 politicians, billionaires, and pundits.
 Forgive us, O God, for prayer which lacks
 boldness, honesty, and faith in you.
 By your Holy Spirit,
 intercede for us with sighs deeper than words
 until our prayers are
 better than polite,
 truer than triviality,
 and closer to your will.

silent prayer

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

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

✦ Response

Henry W. Greatorex

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the
 Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -
 gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,
 world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

✦ **The Peace**

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

Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Luke 11:1-13

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

Anthem

O for a Closer Walk with God

Thomas Hewitt Jones
(b. 1984)

O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heav'nly frame;
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!

The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne,
and worship only thee.

So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

— words by William Cowper (1732–1800)

Sermon

Keatan King

silence and stillness

✦ **Hymn 688** ([see page 9](#))

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

✦ **Affirmation of Faith**

BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls people to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of people long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

(cont'd.)

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

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 Anthem

God in Mine Eternity

Alan Bullard
 (b. 1947)

God to enfold me, God to surround me,
 God in my speaking and God in my thinking.
 God in my sleeping, God in my waking,
 God in my watching and God in my hoping.
 God in my life, God in my lips,
 God in my soul, God in my heart,
 God in my eternity.

— traditional Hebridean prayer

✦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

All praise to you, O God,
 for you have loved us from the beginning of time
 unwearied by our wavering loyalty.

**Gracious God, who called us from death to life,
 we give ourselves to you;
 and with the church through all ages
 we thank you for your saving love
 in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

✦ Hymn 547 ([see page 10](#))

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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✦ Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary

Everytime I Feel the Spirit

arr. Adolphus Hailstock
 (b. 1941)

SERVING TODAY

Liturgists

Tim Burgess

Musicians

Julia Fox, Cecilia Duarte, Emily Hobson and Kirby Traylor – choral ensemble

Matthew Dirst – organist | Randall Swanson – director of music

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Nancy & Jim Lomax to the glory of God and in honor of our St. Philip family

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Lectionary readings:

- Hosea 1:2-10 – *The Lord commands Hosea to take a wife and bear children.*
- Psalm 85 – *Will you be angry with us forever, O Lord? Show your steadfast love.*
- Colossians 2:6-15 – *Live your lives in the faith of Christ; do not let anyone condemn you. (16-19)*
- Luke 11:1-13 – *Jesus teaches the disciples to pray, and teaches them about prayer.*

IN OUR PRAYERS

Butch Wilson and family upon the death of his mother, Beverly Wilson, on July 14.

St. Philippians and their families – Austin Lippincott; Don Davis; Janet Martin; Richard Johnson; Sid Wells; Amye Webster; Tom Sands; Mary Sinderson; Susan Huffman; Jan Ostendorf; Lee Larkin; Bill Slick; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Shirley Coffman; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Mezgebe Gebray; Donna Harris – sister of Joyce Fugit; Ryan Willis – son of Robin and Gary Willis; 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; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Sarah – cousin of Sam Fisher; Shirley Boggus – grandmother of Omi Ford; Dona & Alan Rowe – mother and father of William Rowe; Elizabeth Carlton Lithio – granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers; and Warner Fassnidge - Brian Webster's stepfather.

Homebound – 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 – Paul Faegan – friend of Jacquie Colton; Bill Dixon – friend of Tina Bryan; 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:

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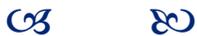


Since 1986, CCSC has delivered grade-appropriate school supplies and a clothing voucher to low income students through its Back-To-School program. Your volunteer efforts and donations are an important part of this program. On July 30, CCSC will host a community event where volunteers assemble supply packages. On August 5-6, volunteers will assist clients with picking up school supplies and clothing vouchers in a drive-through.

It only costs \$50 to supply a child with a comprehensive school supply packet and a clothing voucher; however, donations in any amount are appreciated.

For more information on how to register for these Back To School events, contact the Youth Services Manager at 713-961-3993 ext. 326 or email:

seasonal@ccschouston.org.



Join us after the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, July 31 as we send Keatan on her sabbatical.

Fellowship Committee will provide cake and refreshments.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **August 11**, and we will meet at a restaurant. Watch your email for details of the next meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

THE FOLLOWING LEARNING/DISCUSSION OPPORTUNITIES ARE ON A BREAK FOR THE SUMMER:

- Midweek Bible Study with John Wurster
- Presbyterian Men's Weekly Fellowship
- Presbyterian Women's Circle
- Social Justice Study Group
- Adult Bible Study Class
- Children's Sunday School Classes

CHURCH & SOCIETY SUMMER FOURTH TUESDAYS - July 26, and Aug. 9 - by Zoom -

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Church & Society "Fourth Tuesdays" "Early Childhood Education - The Brain's Architecture is Built During a Child's First 1000 Days" What is the effect of the dearth of affordable high-quality early childhood care centers in Houston? This is presented by Makia Thomas, associate director of early childhood education at Children at Risk (C@R) - <https://childrenatrisk.org/>. C@R serves as a catalyst for change to improve the quality of life for children through strategic research, public policy analysis, education, collaboration, and advocacy. Makia Thomas tells what C@R is doing to ensure every child and family has access to affordable high-quality early education programs and strengthening an early childhood workforce that is prepared, rewarded, and supported. **Aug. 9** - Article from the New York Times - "How Houston Moved 25,000 People From the Streets Into Homes of Their Own." "The Role of The Beacon in Solving Houston Homelessness" presentation by Becky Landes C.E.O. of The Beacon. The Beacon (<https://www.beaconhomeless.org/>) is a St. Philip Mission Partner. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes: churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net.

What's All the Fuss?

Critical Race Theory and Biblical Interpretation
 The Rev. Dr. Justin Reed, Assistant Professor of Old Testament/
 Hebrew Bible
 Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Certain church denominations, politicians, and school districts condemn critical race theory (CRT) as racist, anti-American, and incompatible with the Bible. But there are some Christians who believe that CRT is exactly what Christianity needs to live out the kingdom of God. In the lectures, we will compare and contrast how each side defines critical race theory. Then we will experiment with how concepts from CRT might make a difference in how we read the Bible.

The St. Philip Education Committee invites you to join them for our annual Summer Lecture Series on Saturday, **August 6**. We will welcome Justin Reed, professor of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Dr. Reed will present three lectures in person; please note: the lectures will not be livestreamed or recorded. This event is free and open to the public, and lunch will be on your own. Contact Omar Rouchon with any questions via email omar@saintphilip.net or call 713-622-4807.



Saturday Schedule

9:00 a.m.	Breakfast Fellowship
9:30-10:20 a.m.	Lecture #1
10:30-11:20 a.m.	Lecture #2
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Lunch on your own
1:00- 1:50 p.m.	Lecture #3

(all events will be held in the Choir Room in the Church Office/ Administration Building)

Rev. Dr. Justin Michael Reed is an assistant professor of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary where he has taught since 2018. After growing up in Los Angeles, he earned degrees from Stanford (BA), Harvard (MTS), and Princeton Theological Seminary (PhD) before coming to Louisville Seminary. In his research and teaching, he enjoys close reading of the Hebrew Bible that is informed by critical race theory, reception history, and ideological criticism. But more than anything, he approaches his work and life with a passion for justice. These foci come together in several of his publications including his forthcoming book, *The Injustice of Noah's Curse* (under contract with Oxford University Press).

Justin is also ordained as a Progressive National Baptist minister. He has preached, taught, lectured, and led Bible studies in various churches and conferences in almost a dozen states. In addition, he has written many short online pieces and recorded videos to share the fruits of critical biblical scholarship in ways that are interesting and accessible. For more information and access to some of the resources he has created, visit www.drjustinreed.com.

Justin is married to attorney Catherine Howard, who serves as a public defender for Jefferson County, Kentucky; they are the proud parents of Jordan Matthew Howard-Reed, and they are expecting their second child this fall.



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.

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;
 4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.
 5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;
 I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

This reflection on Galatians 5:25 was written by a literary Anglican clergyman whose preaching drew people of many social classes to one of the formerly poorer London churches. The tune was created for "Abide with Me" (no. 836) but more often appears with the present text.

TEXT: George Croly, 1867
 MUSIC: Frederick Cook Atkinson, 1870

MORECAMBE
 10.10.10.10

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1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.

In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort

ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22-27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.