

Preparation for Worship

Startle us, O God, with your truth, and open our minds to your Spirit, that we may be one with Christ our Lord, and serve as faithful disciples, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

- Presbyterian Service for the Lord's Day and Lectionary for the Christian Year (1964)

Voluntary

Sonata in E-flat major: I. [Tempo ordinario]
BWV 525/1

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Greeting

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Opening Sentences

Behold the gathering of God's own:
beside believers and among apostles,
drawn together as disciples and doubters,
we are shoulder to shoulder with shepherds and saints!
Since we are surrounded by this great cloud of witnesses,
let us run with perseverance the race before us,
looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

† Hymn 307 (see page 9)

God of Grace and God of Glory

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† Prayer of Confession

Loving Creator, with a gardener's tender touch, you planted your people to bear good fruit, but we bear wild grapes.
With a welder's fierce fire, you fashioned your people to glorify you, but we are riddled with impurities.

In your generous mercy, O God, regard the vine you planted: save and restore us.
Reform the vessel you crafted: cleanse and refine us.
Give us life, O God, that with our whole being, we may worship you rightly.

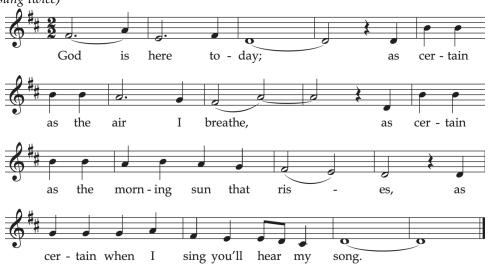
silent prayer

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

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7 O.T. pg. 634

Solo Give Me Jesus

Spiritual • arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)

In the mornin' when I rise, give me Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus. Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus. Oh, when I comes to die, give me Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus. Nobody but Jesus.

You may have all this world, give me Jesus.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:49-56

N.T. pg. 75

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Sermon Omar Rouchon

silence and stillness

† Hymn 816 (see page 10)

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

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† Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments.

we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth,

exploit neighbor and nature,

and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

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. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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 Solo

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Allan Robert Petker (b. 1955)

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night. Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee; Joyless is the day's return till thy mercy's beams I see, 'Til they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit, then, this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief; Fill me, Radiancy Divine, scatter all my unbelief. More and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day. Amen.

- words by Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

We offer these gifts to you, o God, as we strive to live generously in a world with great need. As we rejoice in the richness of your creation, we pray that our gifts may help fulfill your will that all will be made well and whole. Amen.

† Hymn 321 (see page 11)

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

† Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary

Sonata in E-flat major: III. Allegro BWV 525/3

J. S. Bach

SERVING TODAY

Liturgist

John Lemen

Musicians

Julia Fox – soloist | Matthew Dirst – organist/pianist

FLOWERS

The flowers this morning are given by Jan Fox in celebration of the gift of grandchildren and the birthday of Bennett Fox.

WORSHIP NOTES

The traditional Negro Spiritual used as part of today's worship is not copyrighted and the original composer is unknown and therefore uncredited. Approved by the session, a fund has been created to collect royalties for performing this music. You may give by putting a check in the offering plate or mail it to the Church Office, please indicate *Negro Spirituals* in the memo line. You may also make a secure contribution through MyStPhilip and choose the *Negro Spirituals* fund. This small gesture of reparation seeks to help heal the long history of injury to Black persons. Contributions received over the course of the year will be donated annually to an organization supporting Black musical traditions.

Today's Lectionary readings:

- Isaiah 5:1–7 My vineyard has yielded wild grapes; now I will break down its wall.
- Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 Have regard for the vine you planted, O Lord; save and restore us!
- Hebrews 11:29 12:2 We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses; Jesus perfects our faith.
- Luke 12:49–56 Jesus warns of division and trouble to come: I came to bring fire.

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IN OUR PRAYERS

William Rowe and family upon the death of his mother Dona Rowe on August 3.

St. Philippians and their families — Dick Howard; Austin Lippincott; Richard Johnson; Sid Wells; Amye Webster; Tom Sands; Mary Sinderson; Jan Ostendorf; Lee Larkin; Bill Slick; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Shirley Coffman; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Mezgebe Gebray; Yvonne Hayes — mother of Lorrie Castle; 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; Shirley Boggus — grandmother of Omi Ford; Alan Rowe — 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 Randolf; George and Larraine 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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STAFF

John Wurster is on vacation and returns to the office **August 17**. Keatan King is on sabbatical until **November 1**. Contact Omar Rouchon for any pastoral needs.



2022 SUMMER ORGAN CONCERTS

Presenting recent winners of the highly prestigious Canadian International Organ Competition

3:00 p.m. on the 3rd Sundays of July, August and September **FREE** (contributions welcome) — with free ice cream afterwards!

Program No. 2 - NEXT SUNDAY!

Bryan Anderson • Houston, Texas SUNDAY | **AUGUST 21, 2022** | 3:00 p.m.

Join us for a DAZZLING HOUR of sonic splendor - from Bach and Buxtehude to new works inspired by spiritual, gospel, jazz, pop and minimalist genres!





Director of Music at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church and School in Houston, Bryan Anderson maintains an active solo performance and competition career, in 2021 taking Third Prize and Robilliard Prize at the Canadian Internation Organ Competition (CIOC), and in 2019 winning Second Prize at the Longwood Gardens Organ Competition. He holds degrees in organ from Rice University and the Curtis Institute of Music.











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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND SUNDAYS AT ST. PHILIP~a time for learning and fellowship *TODAY* - <u>SUMMERTIME BOOK</u> <u>SWAP</u> The Education Committee invites you to join in the Gathering Area from 9:45-10:45 a.m. for a time of fellowship and sharing. All ages invited and encouraged to participate, even if you didn't bring a book to swap! Breakfast tacos are being served. We hope to see you there!

REFUGEE UPDATE—Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee reminds you to drop gift cards off after worship service today. You may also designate a gift for the "*Refugee Family*" by check or choose the Refugee Family Fund from the online drop down menu. If anyone has connections in the used car community or a working car to donate, contact Jon Martin at <u>jonutvols@gmail.com</u>.

CHURCH & SOCIETY SUMMER FOURTH TUES-DAYS—Tuesday, Aug. 23, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. by Zoom. "Godly Play - Early Childhood Christian Education at St. Philip" - Godly Play is an approach to children's spiritual formation that is based on creating a sacred space in which to present the stories of our faith, wonder about them together, and then allow the children open-ended opportunities to engage with the story on their own terms. Presented by Ruthie Waldrop. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes:

churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net.

GOOD WHITE RACIST? Yes, that's the title of the next book to be read and discussed by the Social Justice Study Group, which will begin its new study year in September. The group meets by zoom on the first Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. Persons interested in joining our group can do so by sending an email to welcome@saintphilip.net and typing in *PSJ Study Group* in the subject line. Beginning Tuesday, **Sept. 6**, we will continue the anti-racism theme with a book by Kerry Connelly, *Good White Racist; Confronting your Role in Racial Injustice?* The book, published by Westminster John Knox Press can be ordered from the PC(USA) bookstore or from Amazon or from Bookshop.org (a book supply service supporting local book stores).

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **Sept. 8** and we will discuss Cloud Cuckoo Land by Anthony Doerr. Watch your email for details of the next meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

#TRUSTBLACKWOMEN – On Tuesday, **Sept. 27** at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom, the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee is hosting a one-hour discussion of the April 25th Presbyterian Outlook #TrustBlackWomen issue. This issue was funded by a grant from St. Philip's Central Endowment Fund. The program will consist of a prayer in the issue, highlights of three articles, a conversation about other celebrations we might like to host, and a poem in the

issue. All are invited. The meeting invitation is available by going to https://bit.ly/StPhilipTBW or contacting Judith Hiott at Judith.Hiott@outlook.com. A limited number of copies are available by contacting the Church Office. We hope to see you there.

THE FOLLOWING LEARNING/DISCUSSION OP-PORTUNITIES ARE ON A BREAK FOR THE SUMMER:

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

Education Committee is gearing up for Rally Day on September 11. Come join us!





Welcome to Worship at St. Philip

Please register your attendance by scanning the QR code or by visiting the Guest Book tab at saintphlip.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 <u>saintphilip.net</u> and our social media. To join our e-mail list for regular news updates, send a note to <u>lorrie@saintphilip.net</u>.

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.



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.



This hymn is a testimony of experience. The original seven-stanza German text (based on Psalm 55:22) and its tune were created by the author/composer at the age of twenty in thanksgiving for finding employment many weeks after being left almost penniless following a robbery.



This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.