



Preparation for Worship

*Come, O Holy Spirit.
 Come as Holy Fire and burn in us,
 come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within,
 come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness,
 come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance,
 come as Holy Power and enable our weakness,
 come as Holy Life and dwell in us.
 Convict us, convert us, consecrate us,
 until we are set free from the service of ourselves,
 to be your servants to the world. Amen.*

— Attributed to Nels Ferre (1908-1971)

Voluntary

Fantaisie in E-flat: Con moto

Camille Saint-Saëns
(1835-1921)

Greeting

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

Introit

I Was Glad

Eric Thiman
(1900-1975)

*I was glad when they said unto me,
 "Let us go into the house of the LORD!"
 Our feet shall stand
 within thy gates, O Jerusalem.*

— Psalm 122:1-2

✦ Opening Sentences

✦ Hymn 301 [\(see page 8\)](#)

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TWO OAKS

✦ Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel,
but we remain silent in the presence of evil.
You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,
but we are content to live in separation.
You call us to seek the good of all,
but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.
You call us to fight pretensions and injustice,
But we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near.

Forgive us, O Lord.
Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,
and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

silent prayer

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

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

✦ Response



God is here to - day; as cer - tain
as the air I breathe, as cer - tain
as the morn - ing sun that ris - es, as
cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.

TEXT: Raúl Galeano, 1976; English trans. C. Michael Hawn, 1998
MUSIC: Raúl Galeano, 1976; arr. C. Michael Hawn and Arturo González, 1999
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✦ The Peace

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

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

John 6:56-69

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

Anthem*O Bread of Life from Heaven*David Ashley White
(b. 1944)

O Bread of Life from heaven,
to saints and angels given;
O Manna from above!
The souls that hunger, feed thou;
the hearts that seek thee, lead thou,
with thy sweet tender love.

– words from a 17th-century Latin hymn
translated by Philip Schaff (1819–1893)

Sermon

Omar Rouchon

Motet*Sicut cervus*Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
(c. 1525-1594)

SUNG IN LATIN | TRANSLATION

<i>Sicut cervus desiderat ad fonts aquarum: ita desiderat anima mea ad te Deus.</i>	As the deer longs for flowing streams, so longs my soul for you, O God.
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Psalm 42:1

Sacrament of Baptism

Eleanor Anselin Lee

Presentation**Questions****✠ Affirmation of Faith**

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**

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.

✠ Hymn 450 ([see page 10](#))

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Charge and Blessing

Kindly remain in silence during the closing voluntary, or depart very quietly.

Voluntary

Fantaisie in E-flat: Allegro

Camille Saint-Saëns

SERVING TODAY

Liturgists

Keatan King and John Wurster

Musicians

Julia Fox, Cecilia Duarte, Emily Jenkins, Thomas Lewis O'Neill,
 Nicholas Rathgeb and Kirby Traylor — choral ensemble
 Matthew Dirst — organist | Randall Swanson — music director

FLOWERS

The chancel flowers today are given by Bob and Lee Ardell to the glory of God and in celebration of their 29th wedding anniversary today.

The flowers in the Gathering Area are to the glory of God and in honor of Eleanor Anselin Lee and in memory of her namesakes Great Aunt Eleanor Marchetti Assante and Uncle Anselin Miller Reed.

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's lectionary readings:

- Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 — *The Lord desires that the wicked turn away from evil, and live.*
- Psalm 34:15-22 — *When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and rescues them.*
- Ephesians 6:10-20 — *Put on the whole armor of God; persevere in prayer for the saints.*
- John 6:56-69 — *A difficult teaching; yet Peter says Jesus has the words of eternal life.*

MUSIC NOTES

Organ Music

This morning's organ voluntaries come from Camille Saint-Saëns, predecessor to Gabriel Fauré as organist of the Church of the Madeleine in Paris. His *Fantaisie in E-flat* comprises two movements: a flowing introduction (marked "con moto" or "with motion") for the flute and string stops and a boisterous Allegro that uses the full resources of the organ. One of the most facile and productive composers of his day, Saint-Saëns left several volumes of solo organ works, many of which display the same charm, melodic interest and sheer *joie-de-vivre* as his better-known "Carnival of the Animals" or the "Organ Symphony."

Choral Music

This morning's **introit** is by English composer, conductor and organist Eric Thiman, who published some 1,300 works during his lifetime, including many anthems, carols and canticles for church choirs. Much of Thiman's choral and organ music was written for Nonconformist (i.e., non-Anglican) churches, and Thiman himself was a Congregationalist by birth. *I Was Glad* is No. 7 of *24 Introits*, published in 1961. Like much of his music, it shows a particularly strong affinity for traditional harmony used to striking and new effect. Thiman was a master of short-form pieces, as evidenced here in just 17 measures of music for four-part choir and organ.

Today's **anthem** is 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. A long-time friend of music at St. Philip, David also serves as composer-in-residence at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church, his home parish. *O Bread of Life from Heaven* was composed in 1991 for the annual Mississippi Conference on Liturgy and Music. The setting for two-part choir of mixed voices with organ accompaniment provides a prayerful commentary on themes from this morning's Gospel reading.

The **motet** following today's sermon first appeared in print in 1604, some ten years following the death of composer Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina. Palestrina was long associated with music at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, and it was during his time there that he perfected the purity of contrapuntal writing for which he is revered. German musicologist Curt Sachs (1881-1959) found in Palestrina's music "an austere serenity almost unique in post-Medieval Christian art." *Sicut cervus* has for centuries been associated with the sacrament of baptism, as it is here at St. Philip this morning. Its opening melody, presented voice by voice, has been a favorite of writers demonstrating the typical "gradual rise in the melodic line followed by a fall that balances it with almost mathematical exactness....Palestrina sought in all things perfect balance."*

– Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson

*Gustave Reese, *Music in the Renaissance* (1959)

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IN OUR PRAYERS

We lift in prayer all students, teachers, and administrators as they begin a new school year under increasingly complicated circumstances.

The family of Sue Baier upon the death of their mother on August 17. Memorial services TBD.

Elizabeth Rand and family upon the death of her husband Rev. Dr. Joseph Rand who died on August 5. He was associate pastor at St. Philip 1983-1990.

St. Philippians and their families – Dorothy Murphey; Bill Slick; Roderick James; Deb Burks; Charlotte Kibler; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Shirley Coffman; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Marion Takehara; Mezgebe Gebray; 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; Mary Sinderson; George and Lorraine Scott; and Jody Tomforde.

Friends of St. Philippians – Matt Scalapino and Laura Chilton – friends of Stephen Paine; Shirley Stubblefield – friend of Barbara Runge; Paul Ratliff – friend of Jo Helland; Rob Bond, Lavon Thomas, and Jackson Tavel – 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

MIDWEEK PRAYER SERVICE – Wednesdays at 11 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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE – The 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services are open for in-person attendance in the Sanctuary. Masks are required but advance registration is no longer necessary. The Sunday 11:00 a.m. will continue to be live-streamed.

[Our website](#) has information about **opportunities on Zoom** for fellowship and spiritual formation.

Save the Date! The Mission Committee will host a drive-through on Saturday, **September 18**, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, to collect items for the Seafarers Christmas boxes. Look for donation details in the Philip-Eye and the church website.



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.**

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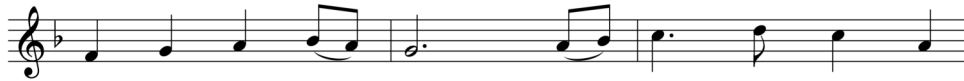
If you are interested in joining St. Philip Presbyterian Church by profession of faith, by reaffirming your faith, or by transferring your membership, please speak with one of the ministers today or call the church office during the week. **The Session meets the third Sunday of each month after the 11:00 worship service in Room 100 for the purpose of receiving new members.**

Worship with us, whenever, wherever. Our 11 a.m. Sunday service is live-streamed at saintphilip.net. We also live-stream a midweek prayer on Wednesdays at 11 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. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've
 taught and claimed As words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness And as
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, Is re -
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger Bear the
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, Prayers of



faith and vault of grace; Here the
 sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 vealed in time and space; As we
 im - age of God's face; Let us
 faith and songs of grace, Let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us:
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:



All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come



in this place.

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.

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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 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.
 MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927

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