

OCTOBER 29TH 2023

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

Handbell Voluntary

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA
arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
(1950–2021)

Greeting

Please sign and pass the friendship folder.

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

Introit

O Lord, We Sing Thy Praise
(from Cantata 129)

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

O Lord, we sing thy praise with shouts of jubilation,
And with the angel host sing songs of exultation;
Thy name is praised and sung by all the Christian race:
All praise be to our God throughout all time and space.

✠ Opening Sentences



♣ Hymn

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

OLD HUNDREDTH
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♣ 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!

TEXT: Pécselyi Király Imre, c. 1641; translated by Erik Routley, 1974; © 1976 Hinshaw Music, Inc.
MUSIC: K. Lee Scott, 1976; © 1987 Birnamwood Publications, a division of MorningStar Music Publishers, Inc.

SHADES MOUNTAIN
11.11.11.5

✦ The Peace

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

Conversation with Children

Infants - Age 4 may go to the Nursery in Room 106.

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:34-40

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

Anthem

Speak, Lord

Tom Trenney
(b. 1977)

You are the way, the truth, and the life.
You are our hope, our vict'ry o'er the strife.
You are our peace, our calm upon the sea.
Bringing good news to the oppressed, you call us to set the captive free!

Speak, Lord, for your servants are list'ning.
Speak, Lord, how we need to hear from you.
Give us courage to speak, Lord, till injustice is silent.
Speak your words of love in all we say and do.

You come to heal our broken heart,
to comfort as we mourn, just mercy to impart.
You call us to preach the Gospel, dream the dream
till justice rolls down like water, righteousness like a mighty stream.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are list'ning.
Speak, Lord, how we need to hear from you.
Give us courage to speak, Lord, till injustice is silent.
Speak your words of love in all we say and do.

Give us sight to see the world through the eyes of a stranger.
 Help us hear the beauty of a language not our own.
 Set our hearts to beat with compassion for our neighbor.
 When we love each other, you are seen and known.

O speak, Lord, for your servants are list'ning.
 Speak, Lord, how we need to hear from you.
 Give us courage to speak, Lord, till injustice is silent.
 Speak your words of love in all we say and do.

O speak, Lord, for your servants are list'ning.
 O speak, O Lord. Give us courage to speak, O Lord, till injustice is silent.
 Be our strength to love in all we say and do.
 Speak, O Lord, teach us to live and love like you.

— words by Tom Trenney

Sermon

The Top Two

John Wurster

silence and stillness

✦ Hymn

God, Our Help and Constant Refuge

MICHAEL



1. God, our help and con - stant ref - uge, Ev - er pres - ent in our need!
 2. Ho - ly riv - er of God's cit - y, Heal - ing flows with - in your streams,
 3. God, the Lord of Hosts, is with us. Come, be - hold these might - y deeds,
 4. Liv - ing Lord of Hosts, be with us. Come, and fill us with your power.



Though the earth be ev - er chang - ing, Though it fall in - to the sea,
 Giv - ing strength with - in our cri - sis, Firm and stead - y like a beam.
 Wars are end - ed, spears are bro - ken, At this voice the world takes heed.
 You, the hope of all the na - tions, Be ex - alt - ed in this hour.



Rock se - cure, Ev - er - sure Through all tu - mult you en - dure.
 Na - tions rage, Wars to wage. God will still pro - tect this age.
 Come, O Lord, Break the sword. Bring us peace as your re - ward.
 God Most High, Lest we die, Give us hope and hear our cry.

This paraphrase of Psalm 46, traditionally appointed for Reformation Sunday, first appeared in author Fred Anderson's collection *Singing Psalm of Joy and Praise*, and later in a number of North American hymnals, including *The Presbyterian Hymnal* of 1990. The hymn tune by English composer Herbert Howells is named in memory of his young son Michael.

TEXT: Fred R. Anderson, 1986, alt. | Psalm 46 from *Singing Psalms of Joy and Praise* | © 1986 Fred R. Anderson
 MUSIC: Herbert Howells, 1930, 1977 | © Novello and Company Limited

MICHAEL
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✦ Affirmation of Faith

from *The Book of Confessions*

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins;
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone,
 distinct in three persons:**

**the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
 to whom alone we must cleave,
 and in whom alone we put our trust.**

We believe that
we belong – body and soul, in life and in death –
not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

**We believe that
all things are governed by the providence of God.**

We believe that
the Lord our God was pleased to make
a second covenant of grace, wherein he freely
offered unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ.

**We believe that
the chief end of humankind is to glorify God,
and to enjoy God forever**

We believe that there is but one only, the living and true God.
God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being,
glory, blessedness and perfection, all-sufficient,
eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible,
everywhere present, almighty,
knowing all things, most wise, most holy,
most just, most merciful and gracious,
long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth

**The church's commission,
upon which its freedom is founded,
consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God
to all people.**

We believe that
the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.

**We believe that unity is both a gift and an obligation
for the church of Jesus Christ.**

**Through the work of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force.
At the same time, unity must be earnestly pursued and sought.
Our unity must become visible to the world.**

We believe that separation and hatred between people and groups is sin,
already conquered by Christ.

Anything threatening our unity has no place in the church.

**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.

Stewardship Reflection

Offering

Offertory Anthem

O Lord, We Sing Thy Praise
 (from Cantata 79)

J. S. Bach

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
 who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices.
 Who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
 with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

✦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Almighty God,
 we thank you for your Holy Spirit that enlightens our minds
 with true understanding of your word.

**Give us your grace, so that as we receive your truth
 into our hearts with humility and awe,
 we may be led to place all our trust in you,
 living to serve and worship you,
 to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

✦ Hymn 275 [\(see page 12\)](#)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

✦ Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary

Ein' feste Burg

Rebecca Groom te Velde
 (b. 1956)

SERVING TODAY

Pastors

Keatan King | Omar Rouchon | John Wurster

Liturgist

Jane Cooper

Musicians

St. Philip Bell Canto | St. Philip Choir | Thomas O'Neill, tenor soloist
Matthew Dirst, organist & pianist | Randall Swanson, director of music

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Jane Malczewskyj to the glory of God, in memory of loved ones, and in honor of the members of Bell Canto, St. Philip Choir, Matthew Dirst, and Randall Swanson. She would like to extend special appreciation to Randall for giving his gift of music to St. Philip for the past 7 years.

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. The prayer of thanksgiving was written by John Calvin (1509-1564), who established the Reformed (Presbyterian) tradition in Switzerland. Luther and Calvin are two of the three statues outside of our sanctuary. They are joined there by the Scottish reformer John Knox (1513-1572).

Today's readings and prayers are borrowed from various sources such as:

- Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 – *Be holy, as the Lord is holy; love your neighbor as yourself.*
- Psalm 1 – *Happy are those who delight in the law of the Lord.*
- 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 – *We came to you to share the gospel; we also share ourselves.*
- Matthew 22:34-46 – *Love the Lord your God, and love your neighbor as yourself.*

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The affirmation of faith is composed of excerpts from the creeds, catechisms and confessions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as they appear in our *Book of Confessions*: The Nicene Creed; The Apostles' Creed, 2.3; The Scots Confession, 3.01; The Heidelberg Catechism, 4.001; The Second Helvetic Confession, 5.029; The Westminster Confession of Faith, 6.039; The Shorter Catechism, 7.001; The Larger Catechism, 7.117; The Theological Declaration of Barmen, 8.26; The Confession of 1967, 9.32; The Confession of Belhar, 10.3; A Brief Statement of Faith, 11.5, 11.6. Compiled by Susan Carter Wiggins. Reprinted with the permission of *The Presbyterian Outlook*.

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MUSIC NOTES

Handbell Music

Commissioned for the Ladies Handbellers of Cypress Creek Christian Church in Spring, Texas, this morning's **opening handbell voluntary** is an arrangement of the well-known hymn *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*, composed in 1997 by Cynthia Dobrinski, who was a prolific American handbell music composer and clinician. Dobrinski earned degrees in organ performance from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth and Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and as a Fulbright scholar she pursued further studies of the organ in Germany. For 15 years she served on the faculty at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. At the time of her death in October 2021, Dobrinski had been Director of Music and Organist at First Presbyterian Church in Martinsville, Virginia for 20 years.

Choral Music

Today's **introit** was originally the closing chorale movement from Bach's ebullient Cantata 129 *Gelobt sei der Herr, Mein Gott* (Praised be the Lord, my God), composed for Leipzig's celebration of Trinity Sunday in 1726.

Today's **first anthem** is by composer, conductor, organist, preacher, and teacher Tom Trenney, who has served as Minister of Music to First-Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska since 2009. In 2019, he also became Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choirs at Nebraska Wesleyan University. A graduate

of the Cleveland Institute of Music and the Eastman School of Music, Trenney is known for his engaging improvisations on hymns, submitted themes, silent films, scripture, poetry, and artwork, and he became the first organist to be awarded First Prize and Audience Prize in the American Guild of Organists' (AGO) National Competition in Organ Improvisation in 2006. Composed in 2023, his *Speak, Lord* is an original piece that challenges the singers and congregation to stand up for justice. Building in intensity with each successive hearing, its memorable and repetitive chorus creates a deeply moving, fervent prayer.

Like this morning's introit, today's **offertory anthem** is an arrangement of another festive German chorale – NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT – this one from Bach's Cantata No. 79 *Gott der Herr ist Sonn' und Schild* (God the Lord is sun and shield), composed in Leipzig in 1725 for Reformation Day.

Organ Music

This morning's **closing voluntary**, a concise "Proclamation" on the tune of *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, comes to us from Rebecca Groom te Velde, who since 2015 has served as Director of Music and Organist at First Presbyterian Church of Stillwater, Oklahoma.

– Randall Swanson and Matthew Dirst

IN OUR PRAYERS

Elaine Caldwell and family upon the death of her husband Patton Caldwell on October 23. There will be a memorial service Saturday, October 28 at 2:00 p.m. at Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church, Austin, TX.

St. Philipians and their families – Pat Lindsay; Mark Takayama; Stewart Coffman; Ben Dees; Shirley Coffman; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Nancy Johnson; Beverly Baker; Beverly Hudson; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Carolyn Vestal; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Sheila Kinsky and her children – sister of Bill Connolly; Sonia Laureano – sister of Ruena Wood; Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and her partner John Bonica; John Palisin – brother of Peg Palisin; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Halley Delany – sister of Nina Lambright; Truxillo family – Wayne and Sandra Truxillo; Carla Burns – cousin of Sharon Webb; Robert Kirtley – father of Amanda Kirtley; Susan Everhart – niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; Darryl Cazes – brother of Pam Taylor; Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine; John Anderson – brother of Tom Anderson.

Homebound – Elizabeth Arp; John Bobbitt; Joan Boelens; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Mary Sinderson; and Sondra Sullivan.

Friends of St. Philipians – Caitlan Prescott – friend of Mary McGuire; Mary Watters – friend of Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor; Tom Barnett – friend of Robin and Gary Willis; Joyce Freudenberg and Annie & Sidney Roach – friends of Stephen Paine; Jacqueline Boyd – friend of Kate Burkart; Betsy Shear Lewis – friend of Laney Miller; and Shirley Stubblefield – friend of Barbara Runge.

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

deacons@saintphilip.net



THERE'S HARDLY A BETTER WAY
TO GET TO KNOW FELLOW ST. PHILIPPIANS
THAN TO **SHARE A MEAL TOGETHER!**

- + THE **HOST PLANS AN ENTRÉE** FOR THE GROUP
(YOURS OR FROM YOUR FAVORITE CARRY-OUT SPOT)
- + **GUESTS CHOOSE** TO BRING APPETIZER, SALAD/BREAD, OR DESSERT
- + THE **GROUP MEETS** JUST FOUR TIMES BETWEEN DECEMBER AND MAY
- + YOU MAY INDICATE YOUR PREFERENCE FOR A RESTAURANT VENUE INSTEAD
- + CHOOSE A GROUP WITH ALL AGES (WITH CHILDREN)
OR WITH ADULTS ONLY



SIGN UP IN THE **GATHERING AREA** AFTER WORSHIP
OR SIGN UP **ONLINE**.



The Mission Committee is once again hosting
the Christmas Market and Mission Forum
benefitting
our St. Philip Mission Partners

November 12

9:45 – 10:50 a.m. and 12:00 – 12:45 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Credit cards, personal checks & cash accepted.
Over 25 mission partners will be in attendance.

**NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE
THROUGHOUT SUNDAY MORNINGS**

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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
FOR ALL AGES**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES START AT 9:45
A.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

GODLY PLAY – Ages 3 – Kindergarten – Room 104

ELEMENTARY – Grades 1-5 – Room 105

YOUTH – Grades 6-12 – Room 205

FAITH & LIFE – Room 200 – *New Class* – An adult class exploring how what we believe informs how we live. Using the short stories in *The Gift of Hard Things: Finding Grace in Unexpected Places* by Mark Yaconelli, participants will read a short text in class and then engage in conversation as a group. There are no materials required and no preparation is needed.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Room 204 – We resume our study of the Kingdom of Judah at 2 Kings 18 with the story of King Hezekiah 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.

CHURCH & SOCIETY – Room 201 – Join us from **9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.** with presentations in person and by Zoom. **November 5** - "The Virgin Mary on Compassion: A Muslim Perspective," In both the Bible and the Quran, Mary, the modest mother of Jesus, stands as an example of faith, humility, and virtue. This talk delves into the Quran's portrayal of Lady Maryam, exploring why she's referred to as "chosen among all women of the worlds," a "sign for humanity," and a "model" to emulate. We'll also cover how Muslims over time and space express their love for Mary, Mother of Jesus. Presented by Dr. Zahra Jamal – founder and CEO of The Inclusion Expert, a social impact consultancy to advance diversity, equity, inclusion and social justice by coaching individuals and institutions to identify and live their purpose. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes:

churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL – We will have Children's Chapel the second and fourth Sundays after *Conversation with Children*. In the Children's Chapel, our young disciples learn the whos, whats, wheres, whens and whys of worship, while praying, singing, 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.

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP – This reading and discussion group meets on the first Monday, 7-8 p.m., by zoom. As an activity of the Peacemaking/Social Justice Committee, the group provides a forum for the study and discussion of social justice topics (racism, immigration, globalism, climate change, current events, etc.) within the framework of the church and guided by our faith. The current study book is *Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man*, by Emmanuel Acho. Interested persons can contact Sara Jean Jackson at sjj10223@gmail.com.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY – Wednesday Bible study with John Wurster **meets weekly**. The class meets at 9:30 a.m., and is 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. Bible novices, Bible experts, and everyone in between is welcome!

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB – This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **Nov. 9** at 7:00 p.m. and we will discuss *A Death in Tokyo* by Keigo Higashino. Watch your email for details of the next meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

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. We are studying *They Walked With God* by Max Lucado. The book talks about 40 people in the Bible and how God used them. It lets us know that he has a place for us too. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at ggardne148@aol.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.

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.



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.

I Give Electronically – in response to parents’ hopes that their children might be able to see their ongoing commitment to St. Philip and with the intent to better represent the totality of our giving as a congregation, we have available in the pews giving cards that can be placed in the offering plate by our electronic givers.



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.