



**THE COMMUNITY OF ST. PHILIP  
AT WORSHIP**

**FEBRUARY 22, 2025**

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**A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION**

**IN MEMORY OF**

**DOUGLAS WAYNE SWAN**

**NOVEMBER 13, 1961—FEBRUARY 2, 2025**

**PRELUDE**

**OPENING SENTENCES**

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

✠ **HYMN 14**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

✠ **PRAYER**

**Eternal God,  
our strength and our comfort,  
our hope and our help,  
your love cares for us in life  
and watches over us in death.  
We praise you for the great company  
of all those who have kept the faith,  
finished their race,  
and who now rest from their labor.  
Especially we thank you for Doug,  
whom you have now received into your presence.  
We are grateful for all he gave us,  
for the memories that will abide with us,  
and for the assurance that he lives forever  
in the peace and joy of your unending love.  
Take from us now our regrets and sorrows,  
and grant us your grace, we pray,  
that as we face the mystery of death  
we may see the light of eternity,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*silent prayer*

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

✠ **DECLARATION**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15  
Romans 14:7-9; 10b-12  
John 11:17-27

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

**VOLUNTARY**

**SERMON**

✦ **HYMN 326**

*For All the Saints*

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION**

**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 649**

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

✦ **COMMENDATION**

✦ **BLESSING**

✦ **RECESSIONAL**

*Following the service, everyone is invited to a reception  
in the Gathering Area adjacent to the Sanctuary.*

**Worship Leaders**

Rev. Omar Rouchon

Matthew Dirst, organist



Douglas Wayne Swan passed away suddenly on Sunday, February 2, 2025. He was 63 years old.

Doug was born on November 13, 1961, in Pasadena, TX, and was the youngest of three children. Doug is preceded in death by his mother, Winfrey Harrison, his father Selwyn Lewis Swan, his eldest brother, Charles, his sister-in-law, Mary, and his nephew, Scott.

He is survived by his older brother, Thomas, his sister-in-law, Meg, and his nephews Charles, David (wife, Cortney), and David Michael.

As a young boy, Doug interned at the Houston Astrodome as a ball boy. He would later advance to work on the famous scoreboard climbing ladders high into the rafters late at night fixing issues and making it perfect for the next game. Eventually Doug would spend the majority of his career working for the Houston Rockets organization as the Director of Scoreboard Operations. An avid sport enthusiast, Doug deeply loved his Rocket's family and was deeply loved in return.

He was a treasured colleague who was described as "a source of upbeat, positive energy", "a good soul", "was 100% totally authentic to his core", "had an incredible sense of humor", and was "a great mentor and an even better friend".

And though he was loved and admired by his colleagues, he was absolutely adored by his two great-nephews, Caden and Jason, from whom he could invoke a joy and laughter that will never be matched.

Doug recently began his retirement and was on a 21 day voyage to Antarctica. On the 20th day - somewhere in the South Atlantic Ocean - he abruptly left this world, which is both heartbreaking and a testament to the fullness with which he lived. Doug's life was one steeped in rich adventure, defined by countless friendships, and marked by selfless generosity.

Doug was an amazing son, brother, uncle, great-uncle, and friend. His love, kindness, and wonderful spirit made him one of everyone's favorite people. He had a shrewd sense of humor and a sly grin. Through that mischievous smile we all knew his playful loving spirit. Most of all, he was known for being someone who lifted people up, was faithfully reliable, and always saw the best in others.

We are all better to have known him.

He will be deeply missed.

The Swan Family has requested that donations be made to the Clutch City Foundation in Doug's name to send a deserving student to [The 43rd Annual IDEA Conference](#) in Boston from July 13-16, 2025. Driven by passion for game presentation and the in-arena experience, Doug was an annual attendee of the IDEA Conference. This scholarship honors his legacy, passing his enthusiasm to the next generation. Score the QR code for more information.



Since 1995, the Clutch City Foundation has worked to transform lives through the power of basketball. We remain steadfast in our mission as we support underserved communities, promote education, honor military and first responders, and provide disaster relief, along with other vital initiatives.