



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 10, 2024

### Preparation for Worship

*In baptism we become part of a family  
much larger than our biological family.  
It is a family of people "set apart" by God  
to be light in the darkness.*

—Henri Nouwen

### Opening Voluntary

*Andante from Sonata No. 6  
Op. 65*

Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809-1847)

### Greeting

*Please sign and pass the friendship folder.*

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

### Introit

*Blessed are the pure in heart (excerpt)*

Malcolm Archer  
(b. 1952)

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;  
The secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord who left the heavens, our life and peace to bring  
To dwell in lowliness with us, our pattern and our King.

—John Keble (1819)

### ✠ Opening Sentences

#### ✠ Hymn 687 [\(see page 10\)](#)

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

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## ✦ Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Loving God,  
we try to fill our lives  
and comfort ourselves  
with anything besides you:  
money, power, certainty;  
but then we are dismayed  
when everything besides you fails us.

Forgive us, Lord,  
for chasing idols and delusions,  
for trusting in things that fade,  
and for relying on our own abilities.  
In your wide mercy and unending patience,  
open our minds and our hearts  
to acknowledge you and you alone,  
as our refuge and help,  
our Lord and our Savior.

*silent prayer*

## ✦ Response

Justin Langham

Gently ♩ = 72 *Choir*

O God, ac - cor - ding to your un - fail - ing love, —

*All*

Have mer - cy, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

## ✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

## ✦ Response

Justin Langham

Gently ♩ = 72 *Choir*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu -

*All*

- ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## ✦ The Peace

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

## Conversation with Children

*Afterwards, Children's Chapel meets in Room 203.*

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

## Prayer for Illumination

**Scripture Reading**

Psalm 146

O.T. pgs. 581-582

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

**Anthem***Blessed are the pure in heart*Malcom Archer  
(b. 1952)

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;  
The secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord who left the heavens, our life and peace to bring  
To dwell in lowliness with us, our pattern and our King.

Still to the lowly soul he doth himself impart,  
And for his cradle and his throne chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek, may ours this blessing be:  
Give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple meet for thee.

- John Keble (1819)

**Gospel Reading**

Mark 12:38-44

N.T. pgs. 49-50

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

**Sermon**

One-Woman Temple

Keatan King

*silence and stillness*✠ **Hymn 481** ([see page 11](#))*I Believe in God the Father*

GENEVAN 42

**Service of Confirmation**

Sadie Fair

**Presentation****Profession of Faith****The Apostles' Creed**

Do you believe in God?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker 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 on 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.**

**Laying On of Hands****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.

### Stewardship Reflection

#### Offering

*Gifts may be given any time at [saintphilip.net](http://saintphilip.net).*

#### Offertory

*O Rest in the Lord*

Felix Mendelssohn

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him,  
 And He shall give thee thy heart's desires;  
 Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him;  
 And fret not thyself because of evildoers.

- Based on Psalm 37

#### ✦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

We praise you that in Jesus Christ,  
 you reveal that a generous heart is one abounding in love.  
**Pour Christ's generosity into our hearts  
 that we may love you with our whole being,  
 and become gracious stewards of your love  
 by loving our neighbors fully and freely  
 in thought, word, and deed. Amen.**

#### ✦ Hymn 463 [\(see page 12\)](#)

*How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

#### ✦ Charge and Blessing

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

#### Voluntary

*Prelude in C Minor*  
 Op. 37

Felix Mendelssohn

*Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall to meet our mission partners,  
 do some holiday shopping or have a taco lunch at the Alternative Gift Market.*

## SERVING TODAY

### Pastors

Keatan King | John Wurster | *Omar Rouchon is on a sabbatical leave until mid-November.*

### Liturgist

Jennifer Miller

### Musicians

Daryl Robinson – organist | St. Philip Choir | Cecilia Duarte, soloist | Justin Langham – director of music

## WORSHIP NOTES

### Today's Lectionary readings:

- Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 – *Ruth and Boaz have a son, who will become an ancestor to David.*
- Psalm 127 – *Unless the Lord builds the house, the workers labor in vain.*
- 1 Kings 17:8-16 – *With meager resources, a widow miraculously feeds Elijah.*
- Psalm 146 – *Do not put your trust in princes; God gives food to the hungry.*
- Hebrews 9:24-28 – *Christ entered the sanctuary of heaven; he will come again to save.*
- Mark 12:38-44 – *Jesus criticizes the scribes and praises the gift of a poor widow.*

### Music Notes

Felix Mendelssohn maintains a distinguished place in today's standard organ repertoire through a relatively small collection of works, including a set of three preludes and fugues (Op. 37) and a set of six organ sonatas (Op. 65). Today's voluntaries are drawn from these collections, featuring a flowing and contrapuntal Andante from his sixth sonata and a fiery prelude.

A familiar passage to many, **Blessed are the pure in heart** is drawn from the Beatitudes in Matthew chapters 4-5, bringing a reminder of the original intent of Jesus' sermon: For all to live purely in spirit, free of wicked thoughts, motivations, and intentions. Today's choral version receives a fresh treatment through English composer and organist Malcom Archer, whose me-

lodie style favors the characteristics of and is reverential towards the long history of Anglican choral music.

Over the next two weeks we will feature solos from the oratorio by Felix Mendelssohn *Elijah*, which depicts events in the life of the prophet as told in Kings 1 & 2. **O Rest in the Lord** comes at a point of desperation for Elijah, having fled to the wilderness and now asking God to kill him to spare him more suffering. After falling asleep from exhaustion, Elijah is woken by an angel who encourages him –and the rest of us– to put trust in the Lord. The aria spends the majority of the time in the familiar comfort of C major, with an elongated final utterance of 'wait patiently for Him.'

– Justin Langham

## DONATIONS REQUESTED

# FOR THE SEAFARERS

## CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES



**BLACK WORK SOCKS** **BAND AIDS** **DENTAL FLOSS** **LIP BALM**  
**BANDANAS** **BODY WASH/SOAP** **CHEWING GUM OR HARD CANDY**  
**HANDKERCHIEFS**  
**DEODORANT** **COTTON SWABS** **EARBUDS/HEADPHONES**  
**TOOTH PASTE** **GOLD BOND CREME** **HAIRBRUSH/COMB** **BASEBALL CAPS**  
**SINGLE-WRAPPED TOOTHBRUSHES** **FLASHLIGHTS (W/ BATTERIES)** **NAIL CLIPPERS**  
**POCKET-SIZED NOTEBOOKS** **MAGNETS** **MECHANICAL PENCILS/PENS**  
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**POCKET CALCULATORS** **KEY CHAINS** **GOLD BOND POWDER**

PLEASE PLACE THE ITEMS IN THE DESIGNATED BOX IN THE **GATHERING AREA** OR IN THE **CHURCH OFFICE MAILROOM** BY **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17.**

## IN OUR PRAYERS

*St. Philippians and their families* – Carmen Stevenson, Nidhal Aldarraji, Scott Easterly; Bill Holden; Roderick James; Susan Estill; David Winship; Bob Ardell; Richard Johnson; Philip McDaniel; Charlotte Kibler; Carolyn Vestal; Diane Clarke; Karen Morris; Susan Huffman; Emily Estill; Barbara Cavanaugh; Mary Herlitz; Jan Ostendorf; Dick Nunn; Ben Dees; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Nancy E. Johnson; Beverly Baker; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Faith Fugit – daughter of Joyce Fugit; Raquel Calhoun-sister-in-law of Pam Keever; Jerry Isbell – son-in-law of Bill & Karen Morris; Terese Murphy-cousin of Gary Gardner and Peg Palisin; Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and partner John Bonica; Sheila Kinsky and her children – sister of Bill Connolly; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Douglas Everhart – brother of Nancy E. Johnson; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; and Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine.

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

*Friends of St. Philippians* – Pete & Gloria Benevides, Jay Stokes & Anna Domonte - friends of Curt & Sharon Webb; Marianne Hash – friend of Jane Cooper; Annette Covey – friend of Guy & Melissa Aldrich; Stephen Wedemeyer and Mary Watters - friends of Bill and Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor; Claude Bowden – friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; Kenneth and Donna Benton – friends of William Rowe; Tom Barnett - friend of Robin and Gary Willis; Bill Ward, Joyce Freudenberg and Annie & Sidney Roach- friends of Stephen Paine; 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](mailto:deacons@saintphilip.net)

**Prayer List is a powerful tool for bringing comfort, healing, and peace to those in need. So, let's keep it up to date and continue to lift up our brothers and sisters in prayer.**

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO BLUEY

OCTOBER 20 TO NOVEMBER 24

9:45 - 10:45 AM

ADULTS: RM 202, LED BY: JOHN WURSTER

GRADES 1-4: RM 204-205

LED BY: KEATAN KING & LIZ MIGUEZ



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

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

#### **GODLY PLAY**—Ages 3—Kindergarten—Room 103

We are offering three cycles of 6-week classes from through December to experiment with increased variety of topics, teachers, and formats in our Sunday School, as well as introducing new opportunities for youth to engage in mission and children to engage in music.

**ELEMENTARY**—Grades 1-4—ROOM 205—All ages attend "the Gospel According to Bluey" to pair a Jesus teaching with 2 episodes of Bluey and explore the themes in breakout groups by ages: adults will chat, kids will play.

**YOUTH**—Grades 5-12—DINING ROOM—Youth families will turn the Sunday School hour into a time to revive the Kids Against Hunger program as leaders in our congregation.

**CHURCH & SOCIETY**—ROOM 201—Join us from **9:30 a.m.—10:40 a.m.** with presentations in person and by Zoom. **Nov. 17** - Wisdom Literature Through African Eyes: Negotiating Identity and Relations in the Book of Proverbs - Presented by Wenji Konyu Emmanuel - Ph.D. Candidate Student in the School of Humanities/Religion Department, Rice University. As part of a partnership with Rice University's "Humanities and Communities" Project, upper-level Ph.D. students will be presenting to Church & Society on timely topics. In the presentation, we will be taken on a journey through reading Scripture, specifically the Book of Proverbs, through the interpretive lens of African culture and theological approaches. This journey will illuminate how a less-understood approach to wisdom literature can open our eyes to the richness of the texts. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes: [churchsociety\\_stphilip@comcast.net](mailto:churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net).

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**—ROOM 204—We are continuing with our study of Job in Dr. Robert Alter's *The Wisdom Books: Job, Prophets and Ecclesiastes* (2010). Join us from 9:30 - 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.

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL—TODAY**—In the Children's Chapel, our young disciples learn the whos, whats, wheres, whens and whys of worship in the chapel, while also praying, seeing 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. Children are able to participate in this during the worship service.

## ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

**SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP**—This group meets by zoom on first Monday nights, 7-8 p.m. to read and discuss our faith responses to social justice issues. The current study book is Barbara McQuade's *Attack from Within; how disinformation is sabotaging America*. Our next meeting on Monday, **Dec. 2** will consider the author's comments on why Americans, in particular, are vulnerable to disinformation. Join us! Interested persons can contact Sara Jean Jackson at [sjj10223@gmail.com](mailto:sjj10223@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:keatan@saintphilip.net).

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY**— Wednesday Bible study with John Wurster meets weekly 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. Bible novices, Bible experts, and everyone in between is welcome! To get on the list for the Zoom links, send a note to:

[john@saintphilip.net](mailto:john@saintphilip.net).

**WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB**—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **Nov. 14** at 7:00 p.m. We will discuss *Book of Longing* by Sue Monk Kidd. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: [nnl@lambrightlaw.com](mailto: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 will begin our learning from *Too Busy Not to Pray* by Bill Hybels. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at:

[ggardne148@aol.com](mailto:ggardne148@aol.com).

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All women of the church are invited to join any of the meetings of Presbyterian Women.

### **Thursday Evening Circle**

meets 1st Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Dining Room. Sarah Victorian [sarah.m.0617@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.m.0617@gmail.com)

### **Monday Morning Saints**

meets 2nd Monday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Dining Room - Tricia Tolbert [phtolbert@gmail.com](mailto:phtolbert@gmail.com)

### **The Hallmark Circle**

meets 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm - contact Sue Shirley-Howard [sue@fluencyhouston.com](mailto:sue@fluencyhouston.com) for location

### **Sunday Circle**

meets 3rd Sunday of each month after worship in the Dining Room. Jan Meyer [jsmeyer9990@gmail.com](mailto:jsmeyer9990@gmail.com)

### **One More Chance Study for Everyone**

Meets 4th Sunday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Library Lee Ardell [leardell@gmail.com](mailto:leardell@gmail.com)

## MISSION COMMITTEE

**Volunteers Needed for SEARCH Scattered Site Lunch and Activity**—Join the mission committee on Friday, **Nov. 15** to serve a meal and activity for SEARCH clients. 5 volunteers are needed from 10:45 AM to 12 PM. The lunch will be held at SEARCH Homeless Services' office, 2015 Congress St., Houston, TX 77002. Sign up to help in the Gathering Area at the mission table November 3rd and 10th or email [mission@saintphilip.net](mailto:mission@saintphilip.net) if you can help. RSVP to help by Sunday, **Nov. 10**.

**Seafarer Christmas Box Wrapping at St. Philip**—On Sunday, **Dec. 8**, from 10:30 - 11 AM in the Gathering Area, join us in wrapping the Seafarer boxes with Christmas paper. After church, the wrapping will continue in the Arts & Crafts room from 12 - 1 PM. Sign up in the Gathering Area at the mission table if you can help with the holiday service project.

**Volunteers Needed for PCHAS Angel Tree Program**—Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services is recruiting volunteers to sort and inventory all the Angel Tree gifts received. They have 3 time slots open right now. They need volunteers to help **Dec. 10** (shifts 10 AM-1 PM and 1-4 PM) and December 11 (1 to 3 PM) The sorting and inventory will take place at PCHAS' Cypress office located at 10242 Greenhouse Road, #501. You can sign up to help by clicking [here](#). If you have family or friends that would like to help, please feel free to share this link with them.

**CCSC Jingle Bell Express Volunteer Opportunity**—St. Philip members are invited to distribute toys, books, and gift cards to clients on Saturday, **December 14**, first shift 8:45-11:30 AM. The Jingle Bell Express event will take place at Bellaire United Methodist Church (4417 Bellaire Blvd.). Sign up in the Gathering Area on Sundays in November and December, or email [mission@saintphilip.net](mailto:mission@saintphilip.net) if you can join us to spread Christmas cheer.

## COMMUNITY GARDEN

**Sweet potato harvest!** Please join us at the St. Philip vegetable garden next Saturday, **Nov. 16**, at 9 a.m. to harvest sweet potatoes. The potatoes will be delivered to the CCSC Emergency Services food pantry, where they will be given to families in need ahead of Thanksgiving. Everyone is welcome to this work morning, and no garden experience is necessary. There will be a variety of garden tasks to do, as well as good fellowship and enjoyment of the outdoors. Questions? Contact Cathy Patterson at [cpatters@swbell.net](mailto:cpatters@swbell.net).

HOSTED BY THE MISSION COMMITTEE

**ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET**

MISSION FORUM

BENEFITTING OUR ST. PHILIP MISSION PARTNERS

SUNDAY

**NOVEMBER 10**

9 - 11 a.m. and 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

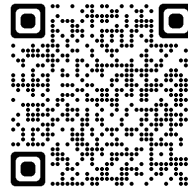
FELLOWSHIP HALL

OVER 25 MISSION PARTNERS  
WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE.

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### 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](http://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](http://saintphilip.net) and our social media. To join our e-mail list for regular news updates, send a note to [lorrie@saintphilip.net](mailto: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](http://saintphilip.net). Services can be viewed live or later in our video archives.

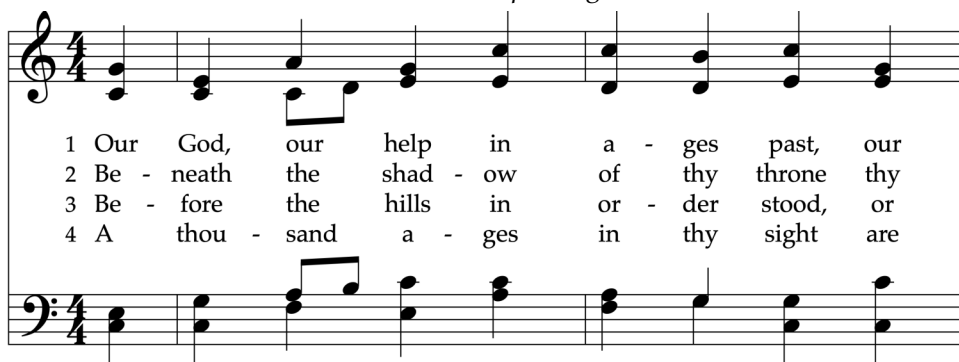
**Contributions**, pledge payments, communion gifts and other donations to support the Church can be made anytime through our website, text “SPPC” to 73256 and follow the prompts, or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056. To make stock contributions contact Denise Ferrell at [denise@saintphilip.net](mailto:denise@saintphilip.net).

**Lost & Found** – did you leave a pair of glasses, umbrella, or other item during worship? There is a canvas basket in the library where these items may be found. Jewelry, phones and more valuable items are turned into Lorrie Castle in the Church Office, [lorrie@saintphilip.net](mailto:lorrie@saintphilip.net) or 713-622-4807.

**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.



## Hymn 687

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*


1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our  
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the  
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine  
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing  
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
 bears all our years away;  
 they fly forgotten, as a dream  
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,  
 our hope for years to come,  
 be thou our guard while life shall last,  
 and our eternal home.

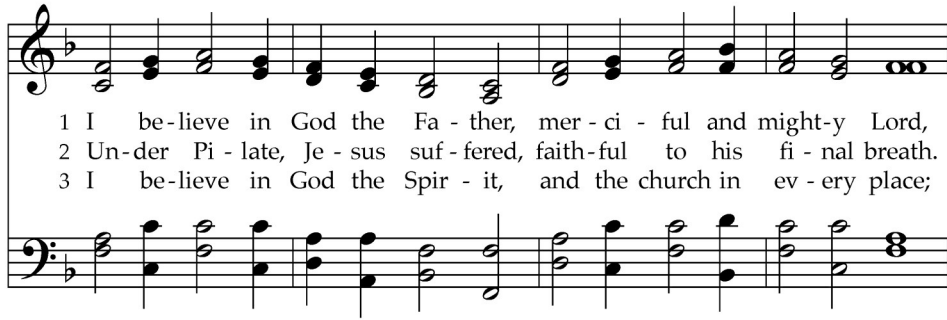
Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.  
 MUSIC: Attr. William Croft, 1708

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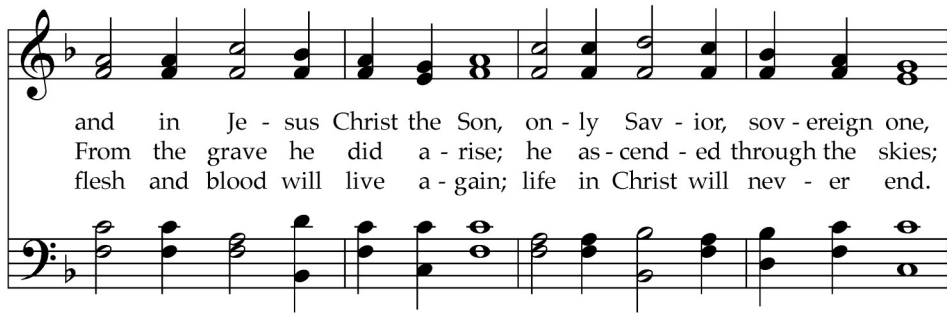
## Hymn 481

*I Believe in God the Father*


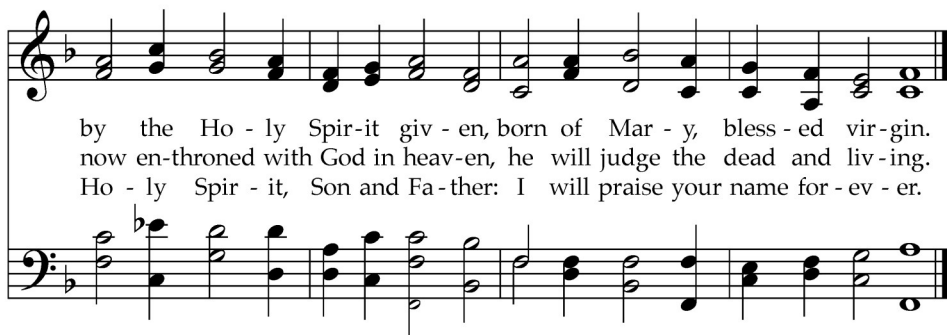
1 I be-lieve in God the Fa - ther, mer - ci - ful and might-y Lord,  
 2 Un-der Pi - late, Je - sus suf - fered, faith-ful to his fi - nal breath.  
 3 I be-lieve in God the Spir - it, and the church in ev - ery place;



mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, whom we wor-ship and a - dore;  
 He was cru - ci - fied and bur - ied, and de-scend - ed in - to death.  
 saints in glo - ri - ous com - mu - nion, all for - giv - en, full of grace;



and in Je - sus Christ the Son, on - ly Sav - ior, sov - ereign one,  
 From the grave he did a - rise; he as - cend - ed through the skies;  
 flesh and blood will live a - gain; life in Christ will nev - er end.



by the Ho - ly Spir-it giv - en, born of Mar - y, bless - ed vir-gin.  
 now en-throned with God in heav-en, he will judge the dead and liv-ing.  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Son and Fa - ther: I will praise your name for - ev - er.

This text is a 21st-century metrical paraphrase of the Apostles' Creed (in the manner of Calvin's Strasbourg liturgy). Its connections with Reformed tradition are further strengthened by being set to the tune created for Psalm 42 in the 1551 Genevan Psalter (see also no. 87).

TEXT: David Gambrell, 2009

MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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GENEVAN 42

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## Hymn 463

*How Firm a Foundation*

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

TEXT: "K" in John Rippons's *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
 MUSIC: American folk melody; Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832, alt.

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