



REIGN OF CHRIST

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

## Preparation for Worship

*Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*

— Matthew Bridges, Hymn 268

## Opening Voluntary

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky*

arr. Jason Krug

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true and only Light,  
Sun of righteousness, arise,  
triumph o'er the shade of night;  
Day-spring from on high, be near;  
Day-star, in my heart appear.

- Charles Wesley (1740)

## Greeting

*Please sign and pass the friendship folder.*

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

## Introit

*Make Joyful Music to the Lord*

Hal H. Hopson

Make joyful music to the Lord;  
Come into God's courts with praise;  
Come with thanksgiving.  
Know that the Lord is God.

Make joyful music to the Lord;  
Come into God's courts with praise;  
Come with thanksgiving.  
Sing praise to God.

- Adap. Psalm 100: 1-4

## ✦ Opening Sentences

✦ **Hymn 267** ([see page 13](#))

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

MADRID

## ✦ Prayer of Confession

Righteous God,  
 you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord.  
 We confess that we have not bowed before him,  
 and are slow to acknowledge his rule.  
 We give allegiance to the powers of this world,  
 and fail to be governed by justice and love.  
 In your mercy, forgive us.  
 Raise us to acclaim Christ as ruler of all,  
 as we seek to follow his example  
 of humble service and extravagant love.

*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

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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

## Gospel Reading

John 18:33-38

N.T. pg. 113

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

**Anthem***Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me*Arr. K. Lee. Scott  
ADORO TE DEVOTE

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;  
 Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;  
 And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;  
 And, with actions bold and meek, For Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;  
 Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;  
 And with wisdom to kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;  
 And, with actions neighborly, Speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;  
 Show they mercy tenderly, Make me more like thee;  
 Separate from sin, I would And cherish all things good,  
 And whatever I can be Give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;  
 Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;

'Gainst all weapons hell can wield by thou my strength and shield'  
 Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

- St. 1-3, Thomas T. Lynch (1818-1871); St. 4, K. Lee Scott

**Sermon**

Truth-Telling

John Wurster

*silence and stillness*✠ **Hymn 274** ([see page 14](#))*You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

PICARDY

✠ **Affirmation of Faith**

Philippians 2:5-11

**Christ Jesus,  
 though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God  
 as something to be exploited, but emptied himself,  
 taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.  
 And being found in human form, he humbled himself  
 and became obedient to the point of death -  
 even death on a cross.  
 Therefore, God also highly exalted him  
 and gave him the name that is above every name,  
 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
 and every tongue confess to the glory of God:  
 Jesus Christ is Lord! 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

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

## Offertory

*Simple Gifts*

arr. Aaron Copland  
 From Old American Songs, Set 1

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free  
 'Tis the gift to come down where you ought to be  
 And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained  
 To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed  
 To turn, turn will be our delight  
 'Till by turning, turning we come round right.

- Elder Joseph Brackett (1848)

## ✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

We praise you, great God,  
 for you are ruler of the universe,  
 and you have sent your Son  
 to be King of kings and Lord of lords.

**We rejoice that he has triumphed  
 over all the powers of this world,  
 and governs the nations in justice and righteousness.  
 By your Spirit, empower us to be faithful witnesses of his glory  
 and joyful servants in his kingdom. Amen.**

## ✠ Hymn 363 *(see page 15)*

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King!*

DARWALL'S 148TH

## ✠ Charge and Blessing

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

## Voluntary

*Fugue in C Major*  
 BWV 545/2

Johann Sebastian Bach  
 (1685-1750)

## SERVING TODAY

### Pastors

Keatan King | Omar Rouchon | John Wurster

### Liturgist

Meg Scott-Johnson

### Musicians

Bell Canto | St. Philip Choir | Matthew Dirst, organist | Thomas O'Neill, soloist  
Justin Langham, director of music

## FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Wayne and Sandra Truxillo to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the wonderful St. Philip staff.

## WORSHIP NOTES

Reign of Christ is the final Sunday of the church year. This day centers us on the crucified and risen Christ, whom God has exalted to rule over the whole universe. The celebration of the lordship of Christ looks back to Ascension, Easter, and Transfiguration, and points ahead to the appearing in glory of the King of kings and Lord of lords. (The Companion to the Book of Common Worship). As the season of Advent begins next Sunday, so also begins a new church year and a new year in the lectionary calendar.

The quilts that fill the sanctuary today culminate 10 months of work by the St. Philip Stitchers. We work one Saturday a month Jan-Oct, stitching small quilts for three St. Philip mission partners.

- House of Tiny Treasures is an accredited pre-school and Kindergarten for children living below the poverty line and is supported by SEARCH, Houston.
- Presbyterian children's Homes and Services provides foster care, counseling, housing for single parent families among other services.
- Interfaith Ministries provides housing for refugees new to Houston among many other services.

For these St. Philip mission partners, our quilts provide warmth to a child during nap time, a blanket of their own for a foster child and a bright welcoming addition for a refugee family new to the city.

### Today's Lectionary readings:

- 2 Samuel 23:1-7 – *The last words of David: God has made an everlasting covenant.*
- Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18) – *Remember your covenant with David, O Lord, and bless us.*
- Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 – *The Ancient One gives all dominion to a human, coming in clouds.*
- Psalm 93 – *The ancient and everlasting Lord is enthroned in majesty.*
- Revelation 1:4b-8 – *Jesus is coming with the clouds; the Lord is Alpha and Omega.*
- John 18:33-37 – *Pilate asks: Are you a king? Jesus answers: I came to show the truth.*



### Christmas Poinsettias

*Donations of any amount accepted*

(circle one) **I / we** would like to make a donation to purchase poinsettias to adorn our chancel during this Christmas season

(circle one) **in honor of / memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

Donor - Your Name(s) (Please print legibly) \_\_\_\_\_

*Please place envelope in the offering plate or return it with your **payment** to the church office by Tuesday, **December 10**. Use additional space below if needed.*

*I have included a \_\_\_\_\_ check, \_\_\_\_\_ cash or \_\_\_\_\_ will pay online.*

Pay online by going to the [saintphilip.net](http://saintphilip.net) homepage and selecting *Make a Contribution*, then selecting *Flowers/Holiday* as the fund and putting **POINT** in the memo. Members can also access this page on the MyStPhilip app (also linked to from the homepage). *Email if you wish to honor/remember to [lorrie@saintphilip.net](mailto:lorrie@saintphilip.net)*

## MUSIC NOTES

This Christ the King Sunday, our service begins with a setting of the Welseyean hymn **Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky**, arranged for handbell ensemble. The poetic text, also titled "Morning Hymn" in the larger 1740 collection, places the focus entirely on Christ as the "light of the world," "the sun of Righteousness," and as the "Dayspring" and "Daystar," that leads us out of the darkness toward a more perfect day.

Taken from a larger collection of introits for various occasions, **Make Joyful Music to the Lord** employs a call-and-response style of choral writing that is ornamented by a joyful accompaniment of bell tolls. Similar to Hopson's many other liturgical works, this short call to worship reminds us to make music joyfully, with thanksgiving, singing praise to God.

Conductor and composer K. Lee Scott has an international reputation for composing sacred music that is accessible and tuneful. Based on the 13th-century Gregorian chant *Adoro te devote* ("I devoutly adore you") by Thomas Aquinas, today's **anthem** combines Scott's reverence for sacred tradition with a tuneful and expressive musical texture without distorting the understated nature of the original text and melody. We begin first with the original

chant, followed by the choral setting, which includes added handbells.

Aaron Copland's impact on the American musical landscape is vast and well-documented. His creation of a uniquely American musical sound spread quickly to contemporaries and to composers and musicians who followed him. Part of his legacy was the incorporation of American melodies, such as the Shaker melody **Simple Gifts**, which he also famously used in the climax of his work *Appalachian Spring*. In this more restrained version, Copland uses a sparse accompaniment with the soloists singing only text from the first verse and the chorus. The larger set was premiered in 1950 with Benjamin Britten on the piano and his personal and professional partner Peter Pears as soloist.

Bach's **Fugue in C Major BWV 545/2** begins with a simple gesture—an ascending scale in four notes—but a sophisticated plan emerges once the other voices enter. The quicker subject "tail" lends considerable liveliness to the overall texture, as entries of this two-part theme emerge on various scale steps and occasionally in surprising places.

—Notes by Justin Langham and Matthew Dirst

## IN OUR PRAYERS

*St. Philippians and their families* – Elizabeth Cochran; Nancy E. Johnson; Jeremy Mattern; Carmen Stevenson; Nidhal Aldarraji, Scott Easterly; Bill Holden; 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; 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; 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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1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**FAMILY GATHERING ACTIVITIES**

**SUNDAY, DEC. 1<sup>ST</sup> 9:45 AM**

CRAFTS, HOT CHOCOLATE, COOKIE EXCHANGE  
HOMEBOUND CARD SIGNING

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*Mary's Magnificent Song*

**SATURDAY, DEC. 7<sup>TH</sup> 9AM-2PM**

ALL CHILDREN AGES 3 - 5TH GRADE ARE WELCOMED > **THERE IS NO COST**

[ TO REGISTER VISIT: [SAINTPHILIP.NET](http://SAINTPHILIP.NET) ]

\* PLEASE BRING A BAGGED LUNCH & WEAR CLOSED-TOE SHOES

## 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. **December 1** - "Stories of Personal Transformation in the Juvenile Justice System" Dan Gordon's filmmaking residency program at the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department enables students ages 15 - 18 to craft their own narrative by making an original movie (from script to screen). Over the past two and a half years, the Central Mission Endowment Grant's generous support has helped turn this burgeoning program into an established partnership that now operates out of two juvenile justice locations and delivers film-based intervention programs multiple times a year. "Filmmaking is a powerful intervention strategy for youth who have had a challenging path like these teenagers, because film allows for free expression and skill-building in an otherwise regimented and structured school or correctional facility environment. The technical skill- building in filmmaking allows the teenagers to explore possible career paths in the future." - Dan Gordon - Documentary Filmmaker and Executive Director of Gordon Education Initiatives for the Performing Arts, a nonprofit with a mission to empower youth voices through the art of digital media. 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 **Dec. 12** at 7:00 p.m. and it will be a social. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at:

[nml@lambrightlaw.com](mailto:nml@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).

#### Advent Yoga & Centering Prayer

Come. Step away from the holiday hustle. Give yourself the gift of time. Join us for Saturday, December 14 from 10 AM-12 PM for gentle yoga and silent prayer during this busy season. We will enjoy the stretching, grounding and centering that comes with yoga, using chairs or your mats in the Gathering Area with Susan Lange. In the sanctuary, Meg Scott Johnson will instruct us on centering prayer/lectio divina. Then we will open our hearts and minds to God's presence with us in the quiet.

All are welcome. No experience required. For more information, contact Betsy Boston ([ehbluzerne@aol.com](mailto:ehbluzerne@aol.com)).



A colorful poster for Advent Meditations. The background is a gradient of purple and blue. A yellow starburst is in the top left. A wavy line of musical notes in yellow and orange flows across the top. In the bottom left, there is a silhouette of a church on a hill. The text is centered and right-aligned.

**Advent Meditations**  
**WEDNESDAYS IN DECEMBER AT 12 PM**  
A WEEKLY OFFERING OF MUSIC AND SPOKEN WORD

**DEC. 4:** RUSLAN BAI AZITOV, PIANO  
**DEC. 11:** INGRID GERLING, VIOLIN & ANDREEA MUT, PIANO  
**DEC. 18:** HOPE COWAN, HARP

LUNCH AVAILABLE AFTERWARDS IN GATHERING AREA

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## MISSION COMMITTEE

### PLANT IT FORWARD COMMUNITY WORK DAY

On Saturday, **November 23**, from 9:30 - 11:30 AM, join the Mission Committee as we volunteer at the Westbury Farm located at 12581 Dunlap St., Houston, TX 77035. We'll be getting our hands dirty and working together to maintain the farm. It's a great opportunity to connect with your neighbors, provide support to our farmers and give back to the community. If you can help email [mission@saintphilip.net](mailto:mission@saintphilip.net).

### 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 **December 10** (shifts 10 AM-1 PM and 1-4 PM) and **December 11** (1-3 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, **Dec. 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.

**WE ARE HAVING A LITTLE BROTHER!** Our sweet family from Afghanistan is having a baby! And yes it is a boy! Our family has worked hard to settle in to their new life here. It has not been easy but they are so grateful. And with no family here, Tina Bryan thought we could be their family. She is hosting a shower for Mommy. And if you cannot make it, there will be a box in the Gathering Area if you'd like to gift Mommy with a surprise for the baby. She will need lots of diapers and wipes, and clothes. If you would like to attend the baby shower contact Tina at 281.536.8816 or email her at:

[tinairene@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tinairene@sbcglobal.net)



The Mission Committee is excited to once again take orders for our new “official” St. Philip T-shirt! As we are out and about volunteering or as we gather as a community at Mo-Ranch or other fellowship events, this is a great way to identify and promote that we are members of St. Philip! The design is new! Thank you to Marcia James for granting us permission to use her Pentecost Banner as the design on the back of the shirt. “We Choose Welcome” appears in 4 languages on the front. The shirts are produced in a 100% No Sweatshops & Eco-Friendly company that is Platinum WRAP (Worldwide Responsible Accredited Production) Certified.

- Sales will be held in the Gathering Area and MyStPhilip on our website through Sunday, **Dec. 1**.
- Sample shirts in all sizes are available at the Mission table.
- Payment must be made at the time you order by check, cash or credit card.
- Shirts may be picked up at church starting on Sunday, **Dec. 15** – just in time for Christmas!
- If you have any questions email: Anne Wilson ([anne.aiko.wilson@gmail.com](mailto:anne.aiko.wilson@gmail.com)).

## CHRISTMAS UKULELES

Calling all St. Philip ukuleles of all experience levels! Join us in participating in the upcoming Christmas program “Festival of Carols” on Sunday, **Dec. 8** at 5 PM We will rehearse briefly in the sanctuary immediately after worship on Sunday’s **Dec. 1** and **8**. Music and ukuleles are available to all who need them. Contact Justin at: [justin@saintphilip.net](mailto:justin@saintphilip.net) with any questions.”

# Festival of Carols

**SUNDAY, DEC. 8<sup>TH</sup> AT 5 PM**

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF SEASONAL FAVORITES  
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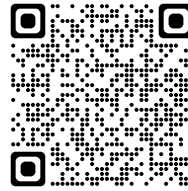
# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S Christmas Luncheon

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**  
**AFTER 11 AM WORSHIP**  
[ IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL ]

**CATERED LUNCH: \$20**  
*Please bring COOKIES!*

*All women are invited to participate in this time of Fellowship.*

**RSVP & PAY BY DEC. 8**



### 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).

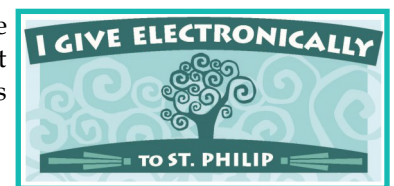
**If you are interested in joining St. Philip Presbyterian Church** by profession of faith, by reaffirming your faith, or by transferring your membership, please speak with one of the ministers today or call the church office during the week. **The Session meets the third Sunday of each month after the 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).

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## Hymn 267

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;  
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;  
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

TEXT: Christian Henry Bateman, 1843  
 MUSIC: Spanish folk melody; arr. Benjamin Carr, 1824; harm. David Evans, 1927  
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## Hymn 274

*You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep-herd. You, Lord, are both  
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun-tain, stripped of might up -  
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er  
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our



prince and slave. You, peace-mak - er and sword-bring - er  
 on the cross, shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,  
 at God's side. You, who preach a way that's nar - row,  
 cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - tory;



of the way you took and gave. You, the ev - er - last - ing  
 beg-gared by a sol - dier's toss, you, the ev - er - last - ing  
 have a love that reach - es wide. You, the ev - er - last - ing  
 wor - thy still your peace and strife. You, the ev - er - last - ing



in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.  
 in - stant; you who are both gift and cost.  
 in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.  
 in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

When it was first published, the author called this text "Christus Paradox," because so many attributes of Christ stand in tension with each other. Mindful of the works of Søren Kierkegaard, she drafted it on a commuter bus after "a particularly bad day" of prison ministry.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1984  
 MUSIC: French melody, 17th cent.  
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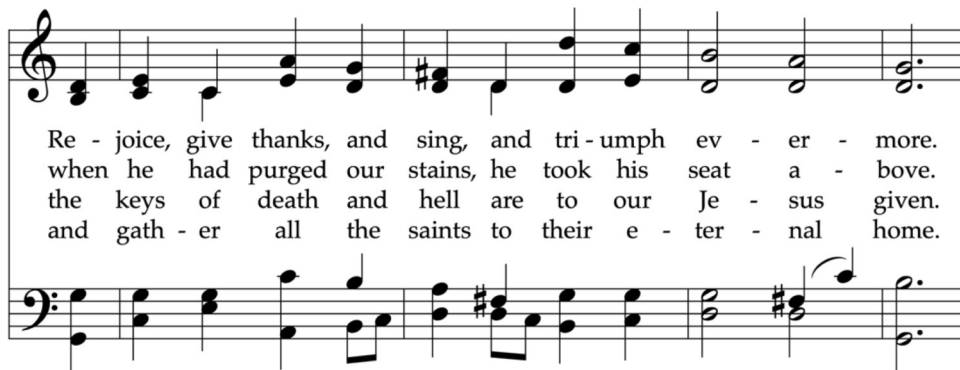
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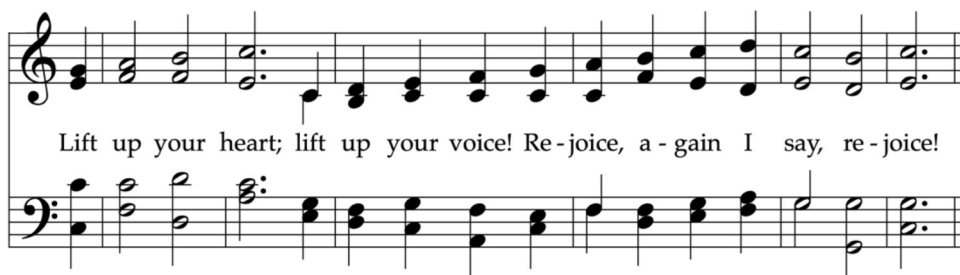
## Hymn 363

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King!*


1 Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!  
 2 Our Sav - ior, Je - sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
 4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come



Re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.  
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.  
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.  
 and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.



Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Each stanza of this enthronement text prepares for the final line of the refrain, based on Philippians 4:4.  
 "Lord" is here a title of Christ rather than a reference to the undivided Trinity. The late 18th-century tune  
 (first used with Psalm 148) captures the mood well.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1746, alt.  
 MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770; desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 20th cent.

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