



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2025

Preparation for Worship

*Lord God, you send messengers of good news
to prepare the way for your glorious realm.
Anoint us with your Spirit to proclaim your Word
so that all may repent and believe in you;
through Jesus Christ, our way in the wilderness. Amen.*

Voluntary

Intermezzo in A Major
Op. 76, No. 6

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

Greeting

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

Introit

Cantate Domino (excerpt)

Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni
(1657-1743)

Cantate Domino canticum novum Sing to the Lord a new song.
Laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum. His praise in the assembly of the saints.

Adapt. Psalm 149:1-2

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Elementary Class

✠ **Hymn 107** ([see page 11](#))

Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn

REJOICE, REJOICE

✠ Prayer of Confession

God of Advent,
 we pray for you to come,
 but really wish you wouldn't come too close.
 For then you might really see us –
 our selfishness, our sinfulness,
 our willfulness, our waywardness,
 our insensitivity, our ingratitude,
 our ways which are not your ways.
 God of our salvation, forgive us.
 Straighten the winding ways of our hearts.
 Smooth out the paths made rough by sin.
 Bring to perfection the good you have begun in us.
 Prepare in us a place to receive the promised one when he comes,
 Jesus our Redeemer.

silent prayer

✠ Response

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

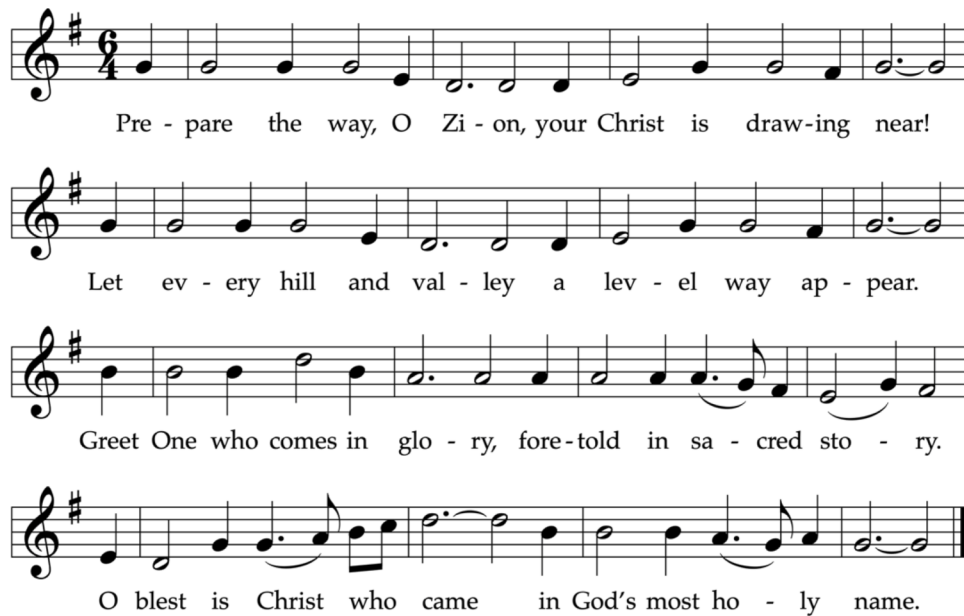
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WAIT FOR THE LORD
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✠ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

✦ Response



Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!

Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.

Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.

O blest is Christ who came in God's most ho - ly name.

TEXT: Frans Mikael Franzen, 1812, rev. 1819; translated by Augustus Nelson, 1958;
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MUSIC: *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697; arr. *American Lutheran Hymnal*, 1930

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN
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✦ The Peace

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

Conversation with Children

*Infants - Age 4 may go to the Nursery.
Afterwards, Children's Chapel meets in Room 203.*

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

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

Anthem

Lift up your heads, O ye gates
Op. 44, No. 2

William Mathias
(1934-1992)

Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
And be ye lift up ye everlasting doors,
And the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Psalm 24:7-10

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:2-11

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

Sermon

Just Wait
silence and stillness

John W. Wurster

✠ Affirmation of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ,
 fully human, fully God.
 Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
 preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
 teaching by word and deed
 and blessing the children,
 healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
 eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
 and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
 Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
 Jesus was crucified,
 suffering the depths of human pain
 and giving his life for the sins of the world.
 God raised this Jesus from the dead,
 vindicating his sinless life,
 breaking the power of sin and evil,
 delivering us from death to life eternal.
 In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
 we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
 and to live holy and joyful lives,
 even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
 praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Prayers of the People

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 also be given any time at saintphilip.net

Offertory

*Laudamus te
RV 589/3*

Antonio Vivaldi
(1678-1741)

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|-------------------------|----------------|
| <i>Laudamus te,</i> | We praise you, |
| <i>benedicimus te,</i> | we bless you, |
| <i>adoramus te,</i> | we adore you, |
| <i>glorificamus te,</i> | we glorify you |

✦ Litany for Advent

Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world.

Come, Lord Jesus.

You are light in our darkness.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Son of God, save us from our sins.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Son of Mary, deepen our love.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Bring hope into the lives of all people.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Give your peace to all nations.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Be the joy of all who love you.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Lord Jesus, stay with us always.

Come, Lord Jesus.

✦ Hymn 347 ([see page 13](#))

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY

✦ Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary

Toccata from the Partita on *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*
Op. 8/2

Hugo Distler
(1908-1942)

SERVING TODAY

Pastors

Keatan King | Omar Rouchon | John Wurster

Liturgist

Tina Bryan

Musicians

Hayden Miller, guest pianist | St. Philip Choir | Matthew Dirst, organist
Julia Fox & Thomas O'Neill, duet | Justin Langham, director of music

FLOWERS

The flowers are given today by Bonnie Moore to the glory of God and in honor of the St. Philip choir and Bell Canto handbell ensemble.

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Lectionary readings:

- Isaiah 35:1-10 — *The desert will blossom; God's people will return with joy.*
- Psalm 146:5-10 — *The maker of heaven and earth gives justice and reigns forever.*
- or Luke 1:46-55 — *Mary rejoices in God, who helps the poor and lifts up the lowly.*
- James 5:7-10 — *Be patient; have courage; the coming of the Lord is near.*
- Matthew 11:2-11 — *Jesus praises John, the messenger who has prepared the way.*

MUSIC NOTES

Our service opens with the sixth of eight piano pieces found in Opus 76 collection by beloved Romantic composer Johannes Brahms. The title *Intermezzo* alludes to the traditional genre of a short instrumental piece used to break up acts of an opera or other longer musical work. As with other similar piano works, Brahms creates an expressive yet meditative mood, creating a delicate melody that glides effortlessly upon a flowing texture underneath. Today's guest pianist is Hayden Miller, a pianist from Houston who is currently studying at the Royal Academy of Music in London. We welcome him to St. Philip this morning and thank him for his contribution to today's Advent service.

Cantate Domino is an ancient Christian text drawn from Psalm 95 that has been set to music in both the original Latin and the English translation ("Sing to the Lord a new song") by composers for centuries. On this third Sunday of Advent, often referred to as "Gaudate" or "rejoice" Sunday, we offer the opening stanza from the 17th century to reflect the "good tidings of great joy" promised in the awaited Christ child. Characteristic of the day, the choir sings in mostly a homophonic style—divided harmony in unison rhythm—with the text organized in groups of three.

Turning again to the Psalms, today's **anthem** text is drawn from Psalm 24:7—a call to all people to open their

hearts for the "King of glory." Welsh composer William Mathias infuses jubilant anticipation into the text through a rhythmic vitality in both choir and organ parts, while putting in contrast the declarations of "lift up your heads" with the searching question of "who is this King of glory?" Similarly, today's **offertory**, the third movement and weekly installment from Vivaldi's *Gloria*, RV 589, features a spritely duet full of energy. Drawn from another ancient Christian text, this section embodies joyous praise through playful banter between soloists organized and enhanced by repeated instrumental interludes.

In early 1931 Hugo Distler became organist of the Jakobikirche in Lübeck. Four years later, he composed an organ partita on the Advent chorale *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* ("Sleepers, Wake" at No. 349 in *Glory to God*). Considered by many his finest work for the organ, this set of variations exemplifies Distler's Neo-Baroque compositional aesthetic in its intricate yet dancelike counterpoint, rhythmic vitality, and fidelity to Philipp Nicolai's chorale tune. In figuration as well as general mood, its three movements illustrate the distinct messages of the chorale's three verses, which bid us (in order) to wake up, listen carefully, and rejoice. The Toccata, today's **closing voluntary**, is its first movement.

- Notes by Matthew Dirst & Justin Langham



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IN OUR PRAYERS

A memorial service for Carolyn Vestal, who died in August, is scheduled for December 20 at 11 a.m.

St. Philippians and their families—Joyce Fox; Tom Lewis; Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor; Kay Cash; Pam Taylor; Deb Burks; Sondra Sullivan; Emily Estill; Joy Maguire; Bonnie Moore; David Winship; Bob Ardell; Diane Clarke; Mary Herlitz; Dick Nunn; Ben Dees; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Nancy E. Johnson; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Wilma Grether—mother of Kurt Grether; Kathy Bailey and family—sister of Peg Palisin; Jo Hadley Smith—cousin of William Rowe; Katie Forbes—daughter of Marise Robbins-Forbes; Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and partner John Bonica; Ann Perenyi—mother of Lad Perenyi; and Ann Perkins Cloud—cousin of Stephen Paine.

Homebound—Elizabeth Arp; Beverly Baker; Carolyn Keeble; John Bobbitt; Joan Boelens; Jan Ostendorf; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; and Mary Sinderson.

Friends of St. Philippians—Greg Anderson—friend of Lorrie Castle; Ann Swanson—friend of Deborah Unruh; Kitty Manson and family; Sidney Roach, Lori Childers O'Connell, Joyce Freudenberg—friends of Stephen Paine; Chris Deflandre—friend of Cara Biddle; Mary Ann Thomas; Erin McDougal and Marianne Keeswood—friends of Kate Burkart; Elaine Ende—friend of Beth Atkinson; Carter Lindley, Tandi Porter, Audrey Eubank Harris, Jay Stokes & Anna Domonte, friends of Curt & Sharon Webb; Marianne Hash—friend of Jane Cooper; Mary Watters and Mindy Cooper-Smith—friends of Bill and Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor; Kenneth and Donna Benton—friends of William Rowe; Patty Ryan and Tom Barnett—friends of Robin and Gary Willis; 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



It is the time to adorn our chancel with poinsettias. Beginning right away you have the opportunity to make a donation to assist with this. You can complete the form to the right or go to the website, saintphilip.net, and click on Make a Contribution. Choose fund *Flowers*. In the optional Note put "Point" and the individual or persons you are honoring or remembering. Questions? Call Church Office at 713-622-4807 or email Lorrie Castle at: lorrie@saintphilip.net.

Christmas Poinsettias

Donations of any amount accepted

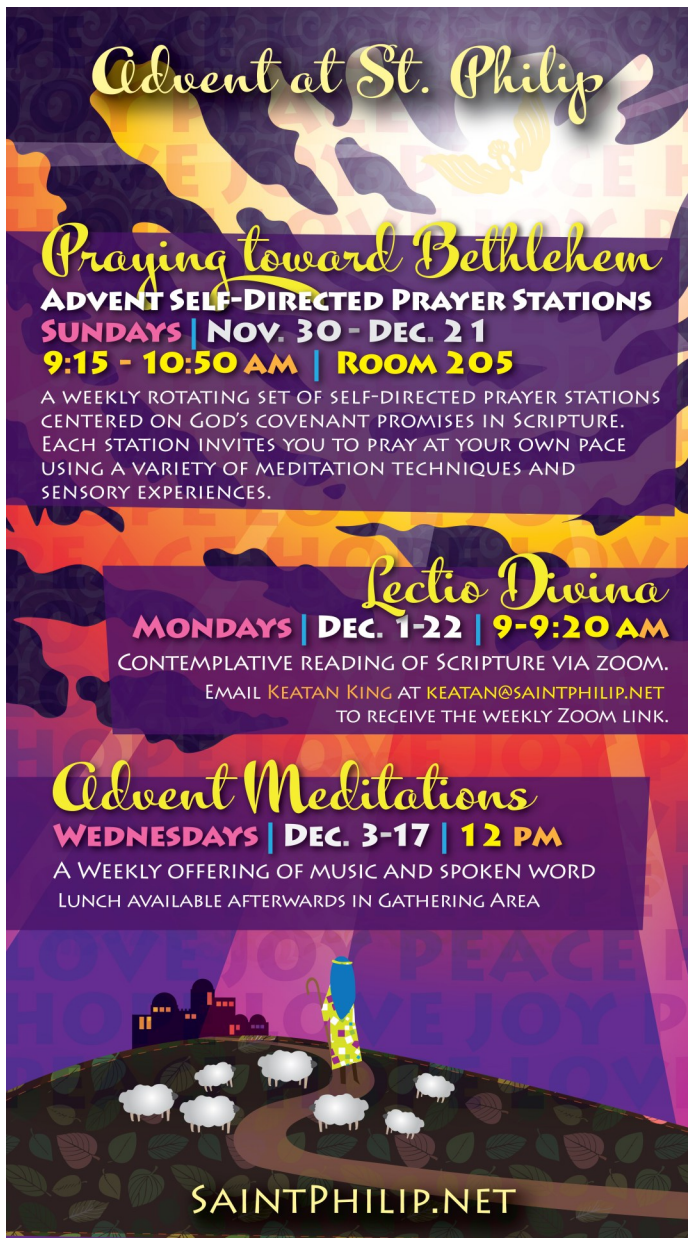
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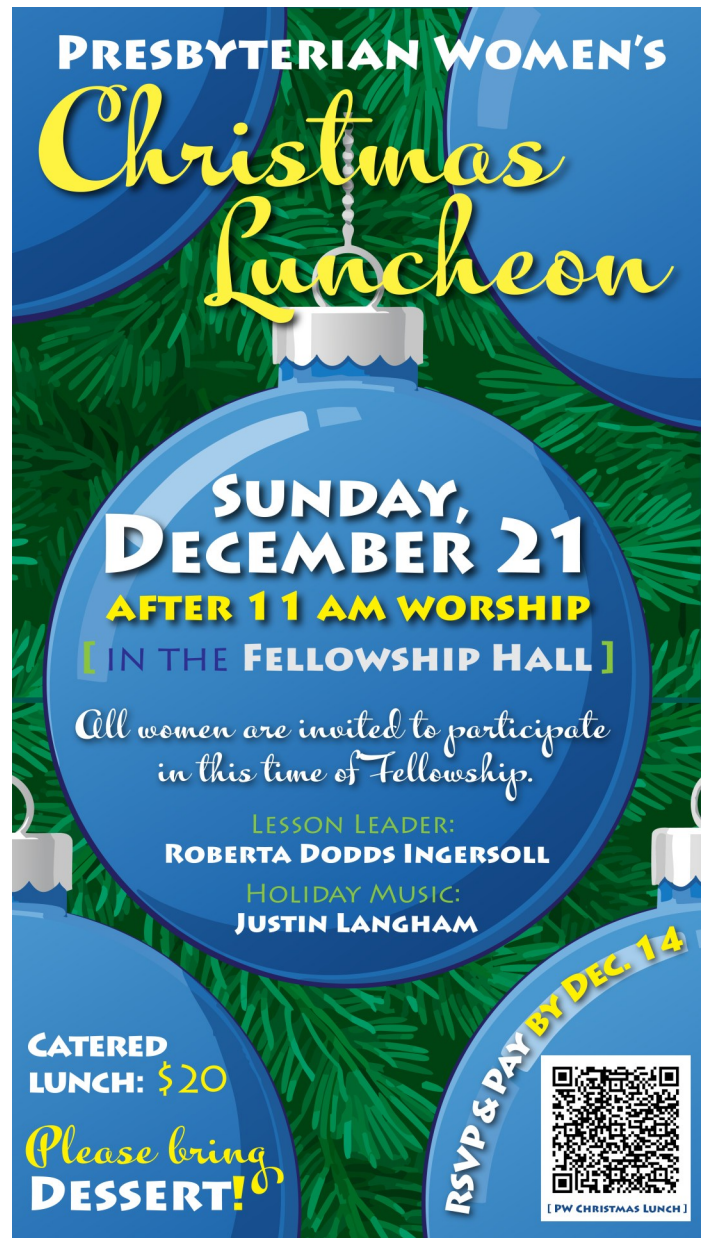
Praying toward Bethlehem
ADVENT SELF-DIRECTED PRAYER STATIONS
SUNDAYS | NOV. 30 - DEC. 21
9:15 - 10:50 AM | ROOM 205

A WEEKLY ROTATING SET OF SELF-DIRECTED PRAYER STATIONS CENTERED ON GOD'S COVENANT PROMISES IN SCRIPTURE. EACH STATION INVITES YOU TO PRAY AT YOUR OWN PACE USING A VARIETY OF MEDITATION TECHNIQUES AND SENSORY EXPERIENCES.

Lectio Divina
MONDAYS | DEC. 1-22 | 9-9:20 AM
 CONTEMPLATIVE READING OF SCRIPTURE VIA ZOOM.
 EMAIL KEATAN KING AT KEATAN@SAINTPHILIP.NET TO RECEIVE THE WEEKLY ZOOM LINK.

Advent Meditations
WEDNESDAYS | DEC. 3-17 | 12 PM
 A WEEKLY OFFERING OF MUSIC AND SPOKEN WORD
 LUNCH AVAILABLE AFTERWARDS IN GATHERING AREA

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S
Christmas Luncheon

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21
AFTER 11 AM WORSHIP
[IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL]

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


LESSON LEADER:
ROBERTA DODDS INGERSOLL

HOLIDAY MUSIC:
JUSTIN LANGHAM

CATERED LUNCH: \$20

Please bring DESSERT!

RSVP & PAY BY DEC. 14



[PW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON]

LAST DAY TO REGISTER

This Sunday the Presbyterian Women will be in the Gathering Area registering guests and accepting cash and checks for the Christmas luncheon. A delicious hot lunch will be provided by Demeris Catering and will cost \$20 per person. It will include charcoal-grilled Mediterranean chicken breast, Greek style potatoes, green beans and a tossed salad. Gluten free options available. Guests are asked to bring a dessert or plate of cookies for 12 people. We will collect the Thank Offering. Currently we are planning to meet in the Fellowship Hall, once reservations are finalized, we may move to the Dining Room.

**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 that our Nursery is located in the hallway off of the Gathering Area. 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 AM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

GODLY PLAY – Ages 3-Kindergarten – Room 103

ELEMENTARY – Grades 1-5 – Room 205

YOUTH – Grades 6-12 – meet again in January

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Room 204 – Join us from 9:30 to 10:40 a.m. we will study Ecclesiastes, the final book in Dr. Robert Alter's *The Wisdom Books: Job, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes* (2010). Join us as we seek to deepen our understanding of God's faithfulness to all of 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 – 10:40 a.m. with presentations in person and by Zoom. **Dec. 21** - Lily Frautschi will discuss her China experience and other recent adventures. If you would like the Zoom link for the classes, email: jshartman01@gmail.com.

ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP – This group meets for an hour once a month on Zoom to read and discuss social justice issues of concern in today's world. Our current topic is Christian Nationalism, one definition of which is "that America is God's chosen nation and should be defended and governed as such." Attitudes already influencing our legislators include opposition to gay rights, opposition to gun safety efforts, promotion of Christian religion in schools and libraries, book bans, etc. Our current study book is Brian Kaylor's *Baptizing America; how mainline Protestants helped build Christian Nationalism*. Interested persons can contact Sara Jean Jackson: sjj10223@gmail.com.

LAMBETH STUDY – Keatan King leads young adults in study on the first Monday of the month evening at 7:00 PM via Zoom. It is a time of study, reflection, and prayer. If you would like more details, email Keatan at: 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

join us as we look at the lectionary passages for the coming Sunday! To get on the list for the Zoom links, send a note to: john@saintphilip.net.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB – This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting will be on **Jan. 8** at 7:00 p.m. Please watch your email for details about location. 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 beginning to study "*Short Stories by Jesus*" by Amy-Jill Levine. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at:

ggardne148@aol.com.

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|  | <p>Rev. Dr. Jill Duffield</p> <p>Pastor First Presbyterian Church Greensboro, North Carolina</p> <p>Presenting Lectures February 22, 23, and 24 2026</p> |  |
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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.

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 has returned to the Education Bldg. and can be accessed from the hall off the Gathering Area 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 BULLETINS ARE IN THE NARTHEX.**

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If you are interested in joining St. Philip Presbyterian Church by profession of faith, by reaffirming your faith, or by transferring your membership, please speak with one of the ministers today or call the church office during the week. **The Session meets the third Sunday of each month after the 11:00 worship service in the Library 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. 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, or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056. To make stock contributions contact Denise Ferrell at denise@saintphilip.net.



St. Philip Day School is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing high-quality childcare at no cost to low-income families. To support the school, **please make all contributions directly to St. Philip Day School**, rather than to St. Philip Presbyterian Church. Please make checks payable to “St. Philip DAY SCHOOL” You are welcome to leave in the church offering plate or mail to St. Philip Day School, 4807 San Felipe, Houston, 77056. If you have any questions, please contact Candice Harris, Program Director, at Director@stphilipdayschool.org.

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 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.



Nametags—Please wear your nametags not just in the sanctuary, but as you socialize before and after worship and at other events. To make it easier, if you don't want to bring your nametag home, there are labeled wicker BASKETS by several exit doors for you to return your nametag at the last possible moment! Those returned tags will be replaced on the boards in the narthex before the following Sunday morning. Visitor nametags are available in the pews and from an usher.

Hymn 107

Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn

1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for an - gels
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em - man - u -
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when all the
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night. Though dark the



her - ald its dawn-ing. Sing out your joy, for soon he is
 el comes a - sing - ing; his hum - ble song is qui - et and
 world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so qui - et and
 win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall crown you with



born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing. Come as a ba - by
 near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing; mu - sic to heal the
 free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing. Then shall the mute break
 light; be strong and lov - ing and fear - less. Love be our song and



weak and poor, to bring all hearts to - geth - er, he o - pens
 bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing - kind - ness. The thun - der
 forth in song, the lame shall leap in won - der, the weak be
 love our prayer and love our end - less sto - ry; may God fill



wide the heaven - ly door and lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 of his an - thems rolls to shat - ter all ha - tred and vio - lence.
 raised a - bove the strong, and weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 ev - ery day we share and bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

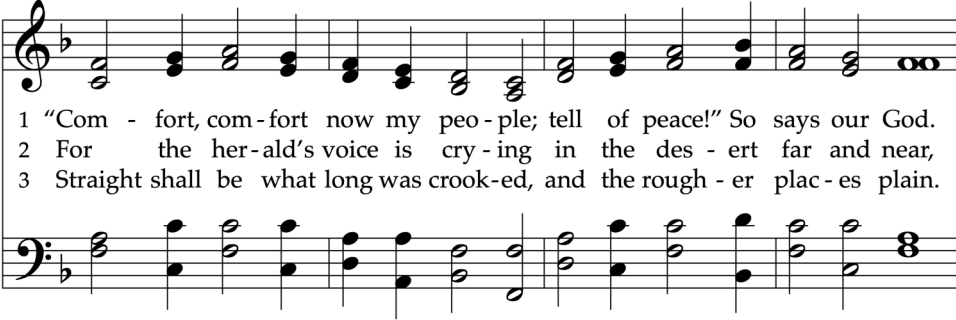
After attending a carol concert, the author and composer of this hymn was moved to create a contemporary, accessible carol that drew on the familiar images in a new way. There are echoes here of passages such as Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 7:14/Matthew 1:23, Isaiah 35:5-6, Isaiah 2:4.

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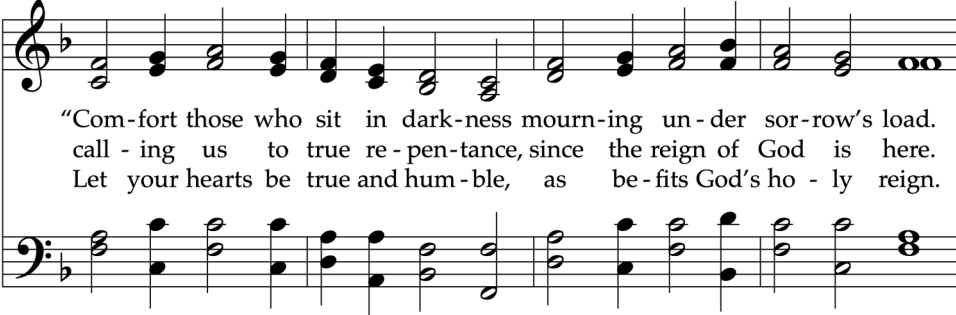
REJOICE, REJOICE
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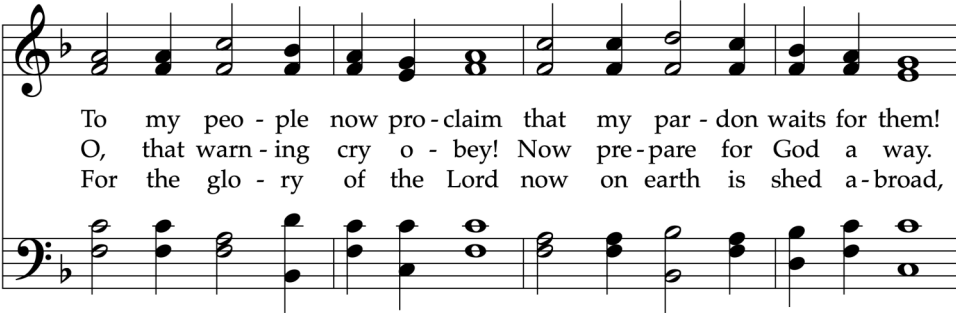
Hymn 87

Comfort, Comfort Now My People


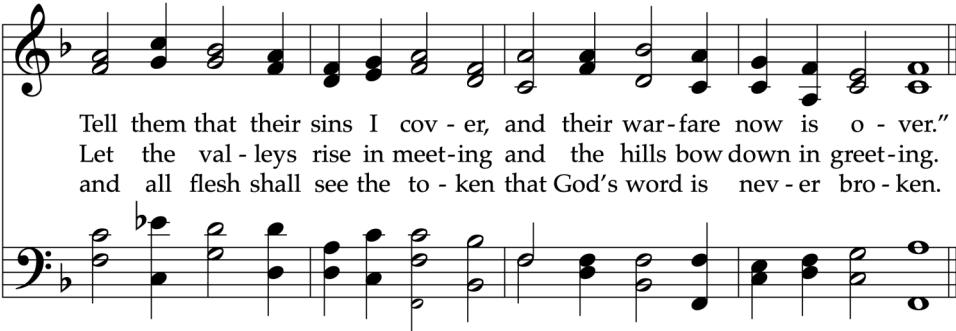
1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook-ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



"Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness mourn-ing un - der sor-row's load.
 call - ing us to true re - pen-tance, since the reign of God is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



To my peo - ple now pro-claim that my par - don waits for them!
 O, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre-pare for God a way.
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a-broad,



Tell them that their sins I cov - er, and their war-fare now is o - ver."
 Let the val - leys rise in meet-ing and the hills bow down in greet-ing.
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

This 17th-century German paraphrase of Isaiah 40:1–5 was one of the texts translated as part of the 19th-century British interest in German religious poetry. It is set here to one of the most popular Genevan Psalter tunes, probably derived from an earlier French folksong.

TEXT: Johannes Olearius, 1671; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.
 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

GENEVAN 42
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Hymn 347

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim, with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly
 earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man
 on the way, as the Light of light de -
 sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
 pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
 he will give to all the faith - ful
 that the powers of hell may van - ish
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



our full hom - age to de - mand.
 his own self for heaven - ly food.
 as the shad - ows clear a - way.
 al - le - lu - ia, Lord most high!"

The flowering of English hymnody in the 19th century included the rediscovery, translation, and versification of ancient Christian hymns, such as this text from one of the earliest existing Christian liturgies. It is set here to an adaptation of a 17th-century French melody.

TEXT: From Liturgy of St. James, 4th cent.; trans. Gerard Moultrie, 1864, alt.
 MUSIC: French melody; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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