



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

JANUARY 10, 2026

A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

IN MEMORY OF

THOMAS HALE LEWIS

OCTOBER 23, 1936—DECEMBER 14, 2025

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES

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

⌘ HYMN 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

⌘ 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 Tom,
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 3:1-8

John 14:1-6, 25-27

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

SERMON

⌘ HYMN 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

‡ COMMENDATION

‡ BLESSING

‡ RECESSIONAL

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

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. John W. Wurster
The Rev. Dr. Fairfax F. Fair

Matthew Dirst, organist



THOMAS HALE LEWIS, 89, of Houston, Texas, died Sunday, December 14, 2025, in Houston. He was surrounded by his family.

Tom was born October 23, 1936, in El Dorado, Arkansas, the son of Johnnie Mae (Admire) and Henry Hawkins Lewis. Tom was a 1954 graduate of El Dorado High School. He was a 1958 graduate of the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Arkansas, with a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering. Tom was on the dean's honor roll in college; a member of Alpha Pi Mu, an American industrial engineering society; and a member of the Men's Interhouse Council

Tom was an instrumentation engineer in the power, petroleum and pulp and paper industries. He was a licensed as a Professional Engineer. He worked for more than 50 years for Bailey Meter Co. in Dallas and Houston; and J.E. Sirrine, Brown & Root and Jacobs Engineering, all in Houston. Early in his career with Bailey, Tom worked nine months in Japan opening a power plant, and he took the opportunity to travel the world.

Tom was very faithful. He was a 55-year member of St. Philip Presbyterian Church, where he served several terms as a deacon. Through the church, he volunteered for Lord of the Streets and Kids Against Hunger. He also volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America, the food pantry at the southwest Houston location of the Christian Community Service Center, Project C.U.R.E., Habitat for Humanity and other organizations.

Tom enjoyed traveling with his wife, especially steamboat river cruises, Texas bluebonnet drives and to the Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly in Hunt, Texas. They traveled with church groups to Scotland, Ireland and Wales, and Germany and Switzerland. Tom also *loved* naps, trains, Mount Holly, Arkansas, and his family.

Tom is survived by his wife of 60 years, Olga Duncan Lewis, to whom he was married April 3, 1965; three children, Laurinda Joenks and husband Pete of Springdale, Arkansas; Douglas Duncan Lewis and wife Pam of Richmond, Texas; and Gregory Thomas Lewis and wife Diane of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; three grandchildren, James Thomas Lewis and Victoria Gabrielle Lewis of Richmond and Allyssa Lauren Lewis of Oklahoma City; his sister-in-law, Margie Ann Lewis of Conway, Arkansas; three nieces, Rhonda Spencer of Bloomington, Ind., Barbara Halford of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Patricia Matthews of Little Rock; and a cousin, Thomas Clemens Lewis of Plano, Texas.

Tom was preceded in death by his brother, Ira Neal Lewis, in 1973, and he was especially close to his grandmother, Laura "Bang" Hawkins Lewis, who died in 1965.

A funeral was held in Arkansas December 19 at the Mount Holly Community Church, with burial in the Mount Holly Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN, or the Christian Community Service Center food pantry in southwest Houston.

