

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost



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*indicates that you may rise as comfortably able
(text in bold read in unison)

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Prelude and Wait for people to connect online

Lighting the Candles

* Call to Worship (Responsively)

Rather than trusting princes or celebrities, we praise God!

Our help comes from God who endures forever.

Human life is fragile. Plans and aspirations are temporary.

God is the Creator of all, and God is faithful.

The Lord protects immigrants and orphans. God loves those who seek to live justly.

We will praise the Lord as long as we live!

* Opening Hymn: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" # 85

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bid the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word the wind and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease, and gave for fierce confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them whereso e'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

* Centering Prayer (Together)

O God, we strive to love you with our hearts and minds. With our strength and our souls we strive to love our neighbors.

Help us to love ourselves as a foundation for loving our neighbors and You. And help us to put our love into motion. Amen.

* Response: "Halle-Halle-Halleluja" Hymn # 41
Halle-Halle-Halleluja. Halle-Halle-Halleluja.
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Children's Time

Prayer of Preparation (Together)

Because we would be friends with God, we open God's Word. Together through love and devotion let us learn from the example of Jesus. Amen.

Scripture: Ruth 1:16-18

But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God.

Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried.

May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!"

Scripture: Psalm 146:3-9

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

Scripture: Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’

The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Hymn: “My Jesus I Love Thee” # 349

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee, because thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my parson on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Sermon: “God is One”

Rev. Mike Krewson

Anthem: “Covenant Hymn”

Prayer Time:

Wordless Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

Our Gifts

Response "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer Dedicating our gifts (Together)

**You surround us, loving God, in a warm embrace. Guide us as we give
- that your compassion might flow through our offering to all your
world. Amen.**

* Closing Hymn: "Seek Ye First" # 354

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find,
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

Benediction

Postlude

YOUTH & FAMILIES
FALL HIKE WITH OUTDOOR DEVOTIONAL AND PICNIC LUNCH
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

We will leave after church around 10:30am or you can meet at Castlewood State Park at 11:00am. Please bring your own sack lunch.

Castlewood Trail is a 1.5 mile moderately trafficked loop trail located near Valley Park, Missouri that features a river and is good for all skill levels. The trail offers a number of activity options.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Andrea Tukin at (314) 566-8633 or andreatukin@gmail.com

MEMBER ORIENTATION SESSION

Several people have expressed interest in becoming members. A Member Orientation Session will be held after worship on Sunday, November 14 to answer your questions.

Attending this session will qualify you, but not obligate you to join. Sign up by giving your name to Pastor Mike.

As always, whether you are a member or not, we are happy for you to be here. Membership is not required. Church activities are open to members and non-members.

BOOK CLUB

On November 21, after church, we will discuss *The Alice Network*. As usual, we will share a potluck lunch and thoughts about the book.

Our next selection, *The Book That Matters Most*, by Ann Hood, is scheduled for discussion on Sunday, December 21. It is described as an enthralling novel about love, loss, secrets, friendship, and the healing power of literature. The book will be available for pick up on November 21.

Consider joining us to read this book. There are no tests, and you do not have to have read the book to attend. We always have a good time!

**PANERA FUNDRAISER
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
4:00 - 8:00pm**

9920 KENNERLY - ST. LOUIS 63128

St. Philip's will be holding a fundraiser at the South County/Tesson Ferry/Kennerly Road location (across from Mercy South). Please see the flyer on the next page of this bulletin. A pdf of the flyer will be sent out via email and copies will be available on the credenza just outside the sanctuary. In order for St. Philip's to get the proceeds, please see the following instructions.

NOTE: A printed flyer or an electronic version of the flyer on a mobile phone or tablet must be presented when ordering. The flyers cannot be passed out onsite the night of the event - - you must do this ahead of time. You can order online at panerabread.com and enter code PRFUND at checkout.

Thank you for your support!

**LUNCH BUNCH
CAFE TELEGRAPH
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
NOON**

Lunch Bunch will meet at Cafe Telegraph located at 2650 Telegraph Road in Lemay, Missouri.

Please see the gold signup sheet on the bulletin board and signup by Sunday, November 7.

If you have any questions, contact Dolores Zikes at 314-282-0197.



**Daylight Saving time
will end at**

2:00am on

Sunday, November 7

**Set clocks back 1 hour
before you go to bed**



HELP SUPPORT

ST. PHILIP'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

WHERE 9920 Kennerly Road, St. Louis, MO 63128

WHEN Wed, Nov 17th

FROM 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Order online at panerabread.com and enter code **PRFUND** at checkout.
You can also bring this flyer or show a digital version to the cashier when ordering at the cafe to ensure your organization gets a portion of the proceeds.

WE'RE COMMITTED TO YOUR SAFETY.

We offer a variety of ordering options so you can support the cause in whichever way you feel most comfortable. Services vary by cafe.

MEMORIAL SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 21, 2021

Memorial Sunday is a day for us to remember all of our loved ones, family and friends, who have passed on during the year. Names and prayers will be lifted up and candles will be lit for each loved one who has died the past year.

Please give the name of your loved ones to Carol, our church secretary, so that they may be honored and remembered on Memorial Sunday. Call church and leave a message or email at admin@stphilipsucc.com.

STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

Please return your pledge card on Sunday, October 31st or Sunday, November 7th. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Shelton at kathyshelton@swbell.net.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Chuck Knoll	6
Gwendolyn Brooks	9
Linda Kammerer	9
Richelle Fischer	9
Harry Jennings	12
Claire Vogt	12
Samuel Vogt	12
Doug Stevenson	17
Betty Moore	17
Andrea Tukin	19
Sharon Jackman	20
Linda Boucher	22
Bruce Eason	25
Jamie Kotthoff	26
Patrick Moran	29
Pam Kelly	29

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Our Advent project will again focus on Feed My People's Adopt a Family Program. Given continued concerns about covid, Feed My People suggests donations of gift cards for family members to select their own gifts.

Last year contributions covered purchase a \$50 gift card for each family member, a \$100 grocery card, and funds for the family to pay down overdue utility bills. As you may remember, we received a lovely note expressing gratitude. Contributions can be made during Advent. If you write a check, please put "Adopt a Family" on the subject line.

Our traditional Cap, Mitten and scarf tree will appear in the Gathering Space on the Day of Hanging of the Greens. Please help us "decorate" it throughout Advent. Thanks in advance for your generosity.



Spaghetti Take-Out

Friday, November 12 - 4:00-6:00 pm

Let us cook for you! We're hosting a Take-Out Dinner on the second Friday of every month. Our November is a Spaghetti Cook-Out on November 12th. Orders are due **Friday, November 5th**. Purchase tickets in advance and your meal will be ready for pick-up. Please cut the ticket portion below and return it along with your money to ECC.

Jr. Dinner \$5.00

Spaghetti, applesauce, a piece of bread, juice, and one dessert

Adult Dinner \$7.00

Spaghetti, salad, a piece of bread, water, and one dessert

*Orders must be placed in advance, **by Friday, November 5th.***

Dinner is: Friday, November 12th, 4:00-6:00 pm

_____ Adult Tickets @ \$7 each

_____ Junior Tickets @ \$5 each


Please indicate a time you would like to pick up:

4:00 pm 4:15pm 4:30pm 4:45pm

5:00 pm 5:15pm 5:30 pm 5:45 pm



Family Name _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person Stewardship Pledge cards due	1 November 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	2	3 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	4	5 Spaghetti Dinner Orders due	6 Fall Back! Daylight Saving Time ends Check smoke detectors
7 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook Stewardship Pledges Due 9:45 Sunday School In-person Stewardship Pledge cards due 11:00 Youth Hike @ Castlewood State Park	8 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg 7:00 Church Council Mtg	9	10 noon Lunch Bunch @ Cafe Telegraph 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	11	12 4:00-6:00 Spaghetti Take-out Dinner	13
14 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:30 Member Orientation Session	15 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	16 4:30 ECC Bpard Mtg	17 5:30-7:00 LOGOS 4:00-8:00 Panera Fundraiser	18	19	20
21 Memorial Sunday 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:15 Book Club Meeting	22 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	23 December CRIER Articles due	24 No LOGOS	25 	26	27



Our Vision Statement

St. Philip's Vision Statement

We are called to the body of Jesus Christ, with:

Minds to study God's word,

Mouths to proclaim the Gospel,

Eyes to see the needs of others,

Arms to welcome all,

Hearts big enough to share God's love with all God's children.



Judy Hickman

Russ Hickman

Deb Hudson

Harry Jennings

Pam Kelly

Brian Malin

Marilyn Milne

Jered Nagle

Janet Remmers

Wendy Remmers

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