

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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First Sunday of Advent



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(text in bold read in unison)

First Sunday of Advent

Lighting the Candles

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Prelude

* Call to Worship (Responsively)

A voice from the wilderness: Make ready the way of the Lord!

Make a good path so all may walk with kind steps and happy hearts.

One is coming who signals the dawning of forgiveness.

The advent of hope is the beginning of peace. Our Savior come!

* Opening Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" # 119

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's deep shadows put to flight.

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go.

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; and cause us in her ways to go.

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel!

* Centering Prayer (Together)

The longings of our heart, O God, are deep and profound. The season of Advent awakens our yearning for meaning and purpose. Mystery and transcendence enfold our lives and we need a savior that cannot be contained. We hunger for you. Come to us anew and satisfy our restless hearts. Amen.

* Response: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" # 119
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that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel!

The Lighting of The First Advent Candle

Children's Time

Prayer of Preparation (Together)

**As we wait for love that breaks in and light that brightens the dark - we
open your Word, O God. As we enter this time of preparation - dwell
among us. Thank you for Advent that makes the waiting all
worthwhile. Amen.**

Scripture: Luke 3:2-6

During the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to
John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around
the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,
as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Scripture: Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every
one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from
the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good

work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Hymn: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" # 124

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood.
He will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish as the shadows clear away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence, as the ceaseless voice they cry,
"Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, God most high!"

Sermon: "Prepare: Full Insight in Love"

Rev. Mike Krewson

Anthem: "Emmanuel"

Mission Moment: Barbara Barnes

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)

As we prepare our hearts in eager waiting, O God, we dedicate these offerings to you. May our hopes be sustained through the dark days of winter by the assurance of the bright day of the coming of our Lord. Amen.

* Closing Hymn: "Come, O Long-expected Jesus" # 125

Come, O long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free.

From our fears and sins release us; Christ, in whom our rest shall be.

You, our strength and consolation, come salvation to impart;
dear desire of every nation, Joy of many a longing heart.

Born your people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king,

Born to reign in us forever, born your gracious realm to bring.

By your own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;

by your all-sufficient merit raise us to your glorious throne.

Benediction - Postlude

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.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Olivia Witte	1
Scott Remmers	3
De'Ana Holdener	9
Sarah Bobmeyer	15
Jan Freese	15
Rob Harvey	15
Shirley Jennings	28
Jamie York Schubert	30

LOGOS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The youth from our LOGOS program are presenting the Christmas Story on Wednesday, December 15. ALL ARE WELCOME! We would love to have you join us!

We plan to share a meal and Christmas themed games at 5:30. The children will present their nativity play at 6:30 and we will end the evening with a craft and dessert.

If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Andrea Tukin at 314-566-8633 or andreatukin@gmail.com.

We hope to see you there!

Peace & Blessings,

The LOGOS Team Christmas Program

HANGING OF THE GREENS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Celebrate with us as we start the Advent season. Bring your Christmas Spirit and Joy to this annual event as we decorate St. Philip's after the November 28 worship service.

All ages are welcome to join in the fun. Lunch provided if you wish to stay. Contact Carole Armistead if you are joining us for this event.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:30 Hanging of the Greens	29 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	30	1 December 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	2	3 6:30-8:00 Cookies with Santa	4
5 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	6 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg 7:00 Church Council Meeting	7	8 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	9	10	11
12 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	13 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg 4:30 ECC Board Meeting	14	15 5:30-7:00 LOGOS Christmas Program	16	17	18
19 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	20 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	21	22	23	24 7:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25



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.

*In our
Thoughts
and
Prayers*



Chrysanthemum

Judy Hickman
Russ Hickman
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Harry Jennings
Pam Kelly
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