

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

10708 Lavinia Drive St. Louis, Missouri 63123 314-843-5100
www.stphilipsucc.com

December 26, 2021
First Sunday After Christmas



Pastor: Rev. Michael (Mike) Krewson
Administrative Assistant: Carol O'Shea

Council President: Sandy Stevenson
Youth Director: Andrea Tukin

Music Director: Mike Orzel

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

First Sunday After Christmas

Lighting the Candles

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Prelude

* Call to Worship (Responsively)

Light will return, God's glory will rise upon us.

God with us, God in us, revealed to us.

Our souls rejoice in the salvation of the Lord.

The Lord will be our everlasting light.

* Opening Hymn: "Joy to the World" # 143

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

* Centering Prayer (Together)

**You have shone yourself, mighty God, in the Holy Child of Bethlehem. We
kneel beside the manger full of faith that you will be born in us here
and now. Help us share in a new birth of faith. Amen.**

* Response: "Go, Tell it on the Mountain (refrain)" # 167

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

Children's Time

Prayer of Preparation (Together)

**Enter into our world and our lives, O God, as we open your word. May it
spark hope in the midst of despair, shine light into the dark and kindle
holy love in our hearts. Amen.**

Scripture: Luke 2:21-33

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

Hymn: "Angels We Have Heard on High" # 155

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Glo- -ri-a, in excelsis De-o! Glo- -ri-a, in excelsis De-o!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?

Glo- -ri-a, in excelsis De-o! Glo- -ri-a, in excelsis De-o!

Message: Rev. Mike Krewson

Special Music: "Silent Night"
Cara Schamburg

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)

**For the gift of love born to us on Christmas, we thank you, O God. With
these offerings we seek to enable justice for all and peace for more
as we follow in the footsteps of the maker of peace who came to us
as a babe in Bethlehem. Amen.**

* Closing Hymn: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" # 167

(Refrain)

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light

(Refrain)

The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth,
rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth.

(Refrain)

Benediction - Postlude

OUTREACH MINISTRY COLLECTION THRU END OF YEAR

We will be collecting gift cards during Advent for the "Adopt a Family" program through Feed My People. Contributions can be made in the Church Offering plate or by mail. Please specify funds are for "Adopt a Family". The gift cards allow family members to shop for Christmas presents for each other. Our contributions truly make a difference!

Our Traditional Cap, Mitten and Scarf tree is set up in the Gathering Area. Please help us "decorate" it during Advent. Items donated will go to Caroline Mission after the first of the year.

Thanks in advance for your generosity.
Outreach Ministry

JANUARY LUNCH BUNCH

We are having a luncheon,
You'll have such a blast,
As we ring in the New Year and
Say good-bye to the last!

Please join the Lunch Bunch on
Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at noon
for the January gathering.

We will meet at Helen Fitzgerald's in
their Board Room at 3650 S.
Lindbergh Blvd. 63127.

Reserve a spot by signing up on the
hall bulletin board sheet or contacting
Mary Dykstra by Sunday, January 9th.

All are welcome and encouraged to
come. Hope to see you soon!

SALVAGING UNWANTED CHRISTMAS CARDS

Instead of recycling or throwing away your unwanted, used or new Christmas cards, I will again be collecting for craft projects.

You can dropoff your unwanted cards in the labeled boxes on the table just inside the church doors or in the church office.

Boxes will be out thru the middle of January.

Thank you,
Carol O'Shea

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Sunday in December we plan on having lots of Christmas fun learning about the Christmas Season. Make sure to join us for some special crafts and treats!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Linda Kotthoff	5
Kim Tangeman	7
Sarah Witte	9
Carla Moran	11
Robyn Mikusch	15
Markus Brooks	19
Devin Coleman	21
Middy Ruffino	21
Chloe Armistead	24
Karen Nickel	26
Katie Eason	28
Ashley Henson	30
Scott Stevenson	30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	27 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	28	29	30	31	1 January 2022!
2 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	3 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg 7:00 Church Council Meeting	4	5	6	7	8
9 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	10 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	11	12 noon Lunch Bunch @ Helen Fitzgerald's	13	14	15
16 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	17 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	18	19	20	21	22



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
Paul Shrout
Dottie Vinyard
Paula Williams



www.stphilipsucc.com
www.facebook.com/stphilipsucc
admin@stphilipsucc.com
www.ucc.org

