

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Third Sunday of Advent



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

Third Sunday of Advent

Lighting the Candles

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Prelude

* Call to Worship (Responsively)

Longing for peace, Yearning for lasting joy, Hoping to find inspiration;

We connect to worship God.

Songs of Advent hope, prayers, scripture and message.

We connect to feel God's presence and love anew.

* Opening Hymn: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" # 140

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!

Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression, to set the captives free,
to take away transgressions, and rule in equity.

He comes with justice speedy to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong,
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth.
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring, in his path to birth.
Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend,
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

The tide of time shall never his covenant remove.

his name shall stand forever; that name to us is Love.

* Centering Prayer (Together)

Be with us, O God, as we worship. Come in all your healing and compassionate power to reveal yourself to us through word, image and song. Welcome us as we offer ourselves in adoration and service. 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.

The Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Children's Time

Prayer of Preparation (Together)

Show us, O God, as we read your word, love that breaks down hostile walls, and light that brightens darkened minds. Show us peace that brings truth and justice: the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. Open your word. Amen.

Scripture: Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Scripture: Luke 3:8, 10-16

Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Hymn: "Away in a Manger" # 147

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray,
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Sermon: "Emmanuel: peace and contentment"
Rev. Mike Krewson

Anthem: "On Jordan's Bank"

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 strive to be faithful in you, O God, we give thanks for your faith
in us. As we seek to make our home in you, we hope that you will
find a home in us, so that all we have, all we say, all we do, may be
to your glory. Amen.**

* Closing Hymn: "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" # 164

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!

Listen now to what we say; News! News! Jesus Christ is born today.

Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.

Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!

Now you hear of endless bliss. Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!

He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest for evermore.

Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Now you need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was
born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all, to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Benediction

Postlude

OUTREACH MINISTRY

We are again participating in the "Adopt a Family" program through Feed My People. Because of Covid, Feed My People has requested Gift cards instead of food baskets and gift items. 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.

Thanks in advance for your generosity.
Outreach Ministry

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



Christmas Poinsettias

Back again this year are beautiful poinsettia plants in your choice of red or pink, and mums in either white or yellow.

The poinsettias will decorate the sanctuary on Friday, December 24 during the Christmas Eve service. You may take your plants home after the Christmas Eve service.

The cost is \$11.00 each plant.
Make check payable to 'Walter Knoll Florist'

Name _____

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Color</u>
_____	Red Poinsettia
_____	Pink Poinsettia
_____	White Mum
_____	Yellow Mum

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

You can drop your order form and payment in the offering plate or give to Carol O'Shea in the church office **by Sunday, December 19th.**

BOOK CLUB NEWS

On December 19 after Church, we will discuss The Book That Matters Most.

Our next selection, Behold the Dreamers by Imbolo Mbue will be discussed on Sunday January 16. It explores the experiences of immigrant families in their quests for the American Dream.

Consider joining book club! Books come in kits from St. Louis County Library, and are available for pick up on the Sundays that Book Club meets, or at other times by contacting Barbara Barnes. We meet after church, share a potluck lunch, and always have a good time.

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!

MEMORIAL BRICKS

Just a note that we had 14 new bricks installed this year. Stop by our Memorial Brick Garden just outside the main entrance to church.

A big thanks to Mike & Kathy Shelton for installing them and thanks to the St. Philip's members who ordered the bricks in memory of friends and family.

If you are interested in ordering a memorial brick, contact Carol in the church office. They are \$65 each and will need a minimum of 4 to place an order.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

OPPORTUNITY TO HELP

Paul Shrout of Art & Paul has recently undergone the amputation of his second leg. His medical needs are high and equipment and care have been expensive. A GoFundMe Page has been set up. You can access it at:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/helping-hands-for-paul-shrout?utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_source=customer

or go to:

gofundme.com

Click Search in the upper left

In the blue box, type Paul Shrout

Select "Helping Hands for Paul Shrout
by Lindsey Rawlings"

If you would like to contribute without going on-line, you can give or sent a check to church, with Paul Shrout written on the subject line.


CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT TRADITION

It has been a St. Philip's tradition for all families attending St. Philip's to bring an ornament from home to hang on our tree in the sanctuary. If you are new to St. Philip's or have not had an opportunity to hang an ornament on the tree, feel free to do so before or after church any time during Advent.



*Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service*

*Friday, December 24
7:00pm*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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
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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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