

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Fourth Sunday of Advent



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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Lighting the Candles

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Prelude

* Call to Worship (Responsively)

Let our spirits rejoice in God, who has done great things for us!

God scatters the proud in the imagination of their hearts and raises up those who humble themselves.

God fills the hungry with good things and satisfies those who thirst for goodness.

Glory be to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and goodwill to all!

* Opening Hymn: "What Child Is This" # 162

What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste, to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste, to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, rich and poor, to own him,
the King of Kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him,

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste, to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

* Centering Prayer (Together)

Spirit of the Lord, you bring good news and liberty, bind up the brokenhearted, and release prisoners. As you shower your people with gladness we will greatly rejoice. Amen.

* Response: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" # 144

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

The Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Children's Time

Prayer of Preparation (Together)

O God, like eager soon-to-be parents we wait with you. In awe we seek meaning in your words and strive to fully comprehend the depth of your love. May our thoughts, prayers and songs of praise be pleasing to you. Amen.

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-3, 6-9

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord.

Scripture: Luke 1:38, 46 - 55

Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Hymn: "The First Noel" # 151

The first Noel, the angel did say,
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star,
shining in the east, beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it look its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there, in his presence,
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Sermon: "Lion and Lamb Together"
Rev. Mike Krewson

Anthem: "See How the Virgin Waits"

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)

**God only Wise, accept these offerings, the fruit of our labor and lives.
We give in obedience of our faith, that others may enjoy your grace
as we do. Amen.**

* Closing Hymn: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" # 153

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth good will to all, from heaven's all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

And you beneath life's crushing load whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way, with painful steps and slow,
look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing;
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!

For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,
when with the evercircling years shall come the time foretold;
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

Benediction

Postlude

*** **LOGOS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - RESCHEDULED** ***

The LOGOS Christmas program had to be postponed this last week and **has been rescheduled for Wednesday, December 22**. The youth from our LOGOS program are presenting the Christmas Story and 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.

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

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!



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!

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



*Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service*

*Friday, December 24
7:00pm*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>19</p> <p>9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook</p> <p>9:45 Sunday School In-person Poinsettia Orders Due</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>5:30 LOGOS Christmas Program</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</p>	<p>25</p> 
<p>26</p> <p>9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook</p> <p>9:45 Sunday School In-person</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1 January 2022!</p>
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**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
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Harry Jennings
Pam Kelly
Brian Malin
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