

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Second Sunday After Christmas



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

Second Sunday After Christmas

Prelude

Lighting the Candles

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Birthday Celebrations

* Call to Worship (Responsively)

Come and refresh without money and without price.

Our hunger is not slight. We thirst for harmony and hunger for integrity.

We listen together for words of life. Our yearning shall be filled; our longing shall be touched.

Grant us, O God, the ability to be attentive, that our eyes may see your love.

Grant us imagination, that we may see the signals of your promise.

**Grant us warmth of heart, that companionship may bind all within this house in peace and love so that we may enjoy your wonder and grace.
Amen.**

* Opening Hymn: "As With Gladness" # 173

As with gladness sages bold did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
so, true Morning Star, may we evermore your splendor see.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed,
there to bend the knee before One whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet ever seek your mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at the manger plain and bare,
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you from whom they spring.

* Prayer of Confession (Responsively)

O God, you are wise;

You know our thoughts before we reveal them to you.

O God, you are compassionate;

You know our joys and fears before we name them to you.

O God, you are just;

You offer us mercy while we cringe at the expectation of judgment and punishment.

O God, you welcome every one of us;

In spite of our weaknesses, our failures, our doubts, you invite each one of us into your presence. Forgive us, O God, and grant us insight to live free from past mistakes. Amen.

* Assurance of Grace (Pastor)

* Response: "Glory Be to the Father" # 35

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Children's Time

Prayer of Preparation (Together)

O God, open us to the challenge of your word, the power of its healing, and the opportunity to labor alongside you as friend. Amen.

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:10-13

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young

women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

Scripture: John 1:1-5, 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Hymn: "We Three Kings" # 172

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

(Refrain)

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. (Refrain)

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high. (Refrain)

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. (Refrain)

Glorious now behold him arise; Christ and God and sacrifice:
alleluia, alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. (Refrain)

Sermon: "A new paradigm: Word becomes Flesh"

Rev. Mike Krewson

Anthem: "Of The Father's Love Begotten"

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)

**O God, you are a light dawned that cannot be extinguished. We give in
reverence. Please receive our gratitude for Christ, for life, for family,
for friends and for the privilege of worshiping you. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION (Responsively)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

PRAYER (Responsively)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no
secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration
of your Holy Spirit, that we may love you with our whole selves.

We see your goodness in heaven and earth and in Jesus.

We remember when you showed your risen self to the disciples and we remember the loaf you broke. The bread you give, is your body.

Break into our lives, O God, and transform these gifts, that they may be for us your substance, and that as we receive, we may be restored as his body for the world. Amen.

THE BREAKING and THE POURING

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Together)

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

* Closing Hymn: "Fairest Lord Jesus" # 97

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down;
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my souls glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry hosts:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

Benediction

Postlude

OUTREACH MINISTRY UPDATE

We purchased five \$50 gift cards for our "Adopted" family at Feed My People. We collected \$125 over the cost of the gift cards, a box of chocolates and a greeting card. That amount any any more contributions received will be sent to Feed My People to help our family pay down utility bills. The cap and Mitten tree looked wonderful, and items will go to Caroline Mission.

Thanks, St. Philip's, for your generosity! We have no new projects planned at this time.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

On Sunday, **January 9th** we expect to have 5 new members: Missy Ruffino, Samuel & Holly Slavic, Paul Shrout and Art Kuhn. Plan to stay after worship to briefly welcome them.

'UN-DECKING THE HALLS' JANUARY 9 AFTER WORSHIP

Please join us immediately after church on January 9 to take down all of the Christmas decorations in the Sanctuary.

Thanks in advance for your help.

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!

BOOK CLUB NEWS

We will meet after church on **January 16** to discuss Behold the Dreamers. As usual, we will share a potluck lunch and have a good time! Our next selection is The Children's Act by Ian McEwan a short novel in which a judge's ruling decides the fate of a teenage boy in ways she never intended or imagined.

Consider joining book club. Books are checked out in a "kit" from the St Louis County Library, and are available at church. It's not necessary to have read the book to attend the meeting! We are always looking for new members.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

**Happy Birthday to our members
who will be celebrating this month.**

We will sing on the 1st Sunday
of each month.

*"Happy Birthday to You!,
Happy Birthday to You!,
Happy Birthday Everybody!
and God Bless You!"*



Joel Knoll	1
Charles Zikes	2
Walter Knoll	3
John Mikusch	3
Carl Schillinger	4
Libby Coleman	6
Caylie Jean Armistead	7
Emily Coleman	8
Paula Williams	9
Andrew Knoll	12
Hannah Schillinger	17
Robin Knoll	17
Jeff Stevenson	18
Jane Eason	19
Jeremy Decker	22
Marilyn Eason	23
Lois Decker	28
Beth Hickman	29
Joyce Brand	31

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

are available for you to pickup in the Gathering Space. If delivery is needed, please call Kathy Shelton at 314-606-8127.

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 drop off 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, but you can drop off cards in my office anytime.

Thank you,
Carol O'Shea

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 New Member Sunday 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:30 'Un-decorate the Halls'	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 10:15 Book Club	17 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	18	19	20	21	22
23 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	24 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	25	26	27	28	29



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
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