

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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January 9, 2022 The Baptism of Christ



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(text in bold read in unison)

The Baptism of Christ

Prelude

Lighting the Candles

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

* Call to Worship (Responsively)

We are God's work of art,

Each one a precious gem, a marvelous tapestry, a potter's delight.

We are God's handiwork, reborn in Jesus to be a blessing,

Every one of us, woven together and shaped with compassion.

We are God's creation,

Touched by grace, saved by faith and beckoned to praise.

* Opening Hymn: "Blessed Assurance" # 543

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born on his Spirit, washed in his blood.

(Refrain)

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;

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Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

(Refrain)

* Centering Prayer (Together)

Make us aware, O God, of your great Spirit here in this moment.

**Touch and heal our brokenness, and lift us out of despair and
doubt. Dry our tears and nourish us that we may flourish in the
warmth and compassion of your healing love and grace. Amen.**

* Response: "Halle-Halle-Halleluja" Hymn # 41
Halle-Halle-Halleluja. Halle-Halle-Halleluja.
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Children's Time

New Members - Sam & Holly Slavik, Missy Ruffino, Paul Shrout, Art Kuhn
Congregational Response: **We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

Prayer of Preparation (Together)

We listen for you, O God, as best we know how. By the power of your Spirit quiet the storms, doubts and fears that block your voice. Create in us a calm center from which we will do the hard and expectant work of listening. Amen.

Scripture: Acts 8:14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Scripture: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been

baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.

Hymn: "I Am the Light of the World" # 469

(Refrain)

I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!"

If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery of
what you were meant to do and be.

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,
when the magi and the shepherds have found their way home, the work of
Christmas is begun: (Refrain)

To free the pris'ner from all chains, to make the powerful care,
to rebuild the nations with strength of good will, to see God's children
everywhere! (Refrain)

To bring hope to every task you do, to dance at a baby's new birth,
make music in an old person's heart, and sing to the colors of the earth! (Refrain)

Sermon: "Receive the Holy Spirit"

Rev. Mike Krewson

Anthem: "O Love How Deep"

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)

We offer our gifts to you, O God of new beginnings. We dedicate our lives to walking your holy path in all that we do. We bring to you our love and our skills. We bring to you our devotion and our time. Take all of this and take all of us for your work. Amen.

* Closing Hymn: “For All The Saints” # 637

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith be-fore the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might:
their strength and solace, in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the dark-ness drear, the one true light.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

O blest communion, company divine!
We live and struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

And when the strife is fierce, the conflict long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Benediction

Postlude

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Holly, Sam, & Sloane Slavik
Hi! We are the Slavik family.
We reside in the Affton area
and will soon be moving to
Oakville! We welcomed our
first child, Sloane, in August of
2021 - - she is the light of our
life!

Holly is a special education
teacher in the Lindbergh
school district, while Sam is a
stock broker and trade
manager at Charles Schwab
in St. Louis. As a family we
enjoy spending time with
family and friends, watching St. Louis Blues hockey, & playing with our English
bulldog, Phoebe.



Holly grew up and was baptized in the UCC church as a child. As a young adult, she was confirmed in the UCC church and was very active in youth ministries. Sloane is now attending St. Philips ECC and we are excited to be a part of your church community!

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.

RECYCLE INKJET CARTRIDGES

Save your used computer inkjet cartridges. Bring them to church and they'll be converted to cash for St. Philip's.

At the present time only Hewlett Packard and Canon cartridges are being accepted and they must be original inkjets – not generic, refilled, or damaged. What is accepted may change from time to time but these are the current requirements.

So please bring only Hewlett Packard or Canon as outlined above. It will keep the cartridges out of the landfill and earn cash for St. Philip's as well.

Look for the marked box in the Gathering Space.

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
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
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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
Paul Shrout
Dottie Vinyard
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