

# St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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February 20, 2022  
Seventh Sunday After Epiphany



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

## Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

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.**

With what shall we come before the Holy One?

**God has shown us what is good.**

What does the Holy One require of us,

**But to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly.**

\* Opening Hymn: "God of Grace and God of Glory" # 464

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;

crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,

for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us, scorn thy Christ, assail thy ways!

From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,

for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;

shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,

lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; fill our lives that they may be

strengthened with all Christlike graces, pledged to set all captives free.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we fail our call from thee,

lest we fail our call from thee!

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

\* Centering Prayer (Together)

**The light of a candle is enough to chase away the darkness. Burn bright in us, O God. A song can drive despair away. Sing your song, O God, in us and through us, again and again. A Word of truth can prevail and heal. Plant your truth, O God, deep in us. May we feel your love to refresh us. Amen.**

\* Response: "Here I Am, Lord" # 452

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sing my hand will save  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright,  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Children's Time

Prayer of Preparation (Together)

**Guide us, O Lord, as we hear your word. Amidst the trials and conflicts of our lives, fill us with your presence. As we listen, grant us insight into your design and show us the dignity you have assigned to all your beloved. Amen.**

Scripture: Luke 6:27-38

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.

Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

Scripture: Genesis 45:3-9, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer.

He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.

For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.

So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay.

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Hymn: “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” # 16

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise to thee an altar; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, how I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Sermon: “Unreasonable Love”

Rev. Mike Krewson

Anthem: “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

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 bring our offering to you today, O God, we ask that it may do  
your work in the church, the community and the world. Fill us with  
your Spirit so that we may reflect you to all whom we meet. Amen.**

\* Closing Hymn: “Be Thou My Vision” # 595

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## Benediction

## Postlude

## **BOOK CLUB TODAY**

We will meet on February 20 to discuss *The Children Act*. Due to Covid numbers, we will not share a potluck lunch this month. We will just discuss the book in the Gathering Space.

Our next selection is *Arrowood* by Laura McHugh. It is a Psychological suspense mystery.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP AND LENT BEGINS!**

**March 2, 2022**

**6:30pm**

Join us for our Ash Wednesday service as we mark the beginning of Lent, a 40-day period where we prepare for the celebration of Easter. The imposition of ashes will start about 7:10pm.

The Theme this year will be Good Enough: giving up Perfectionism. Plan to attend!

## **IN CASE OF SNOW...**

If worship services are canceled due to inclement weather, please watch for the announcement on Channel 2 or 11. We will be listed as:

St. Philip's UCC

As a courtesy, please call anyone you know who might need this information.

Cancellations will also be posted on Facebook.

## **RECYCLE INKJET CARTRIDGES**

We are still collecting original Hewlett Packard and Canon inkjet cartridges (no generic, refilled, or damaged). 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.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

Please note the upcoming dates:

Ash Wednesday - March 2 (Service to begin 6:30pm)

Daylight Saving Time begins - March 13

Girl Scout Sunday - March 13

Palm Sunday - April 10

Easter Lily Flower Orders Due - April 11

Good Friday - April 15

Easter - April 17

## FEBRUARY 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!"*

JoAnn Leber	1
Rachel Fischer	3
Lily Swanson	3
Elizabeth Vogt	9
Heather Harvey	12
Dustin Knoll	14
Kathy Vogt	17
Wes Cummings	18
Harrison Fischer	18
Gavin Armistead	20
Cara Holdener	21
Virginia Hladnick	23
Emily Mikusch	27
Joan Hemingway	28
Dave Schiele	28





## LOGOS RESUMES FEBRUARY 23

Hello friends,

I hope everyone is healthy, safe, and warm! I've missed you all very much. Our team has looked at the declining positivity rate and set a date to begin meeting again. It looks like by February 23 we should be back down to about the level we were at before Christmas if things keep going the way they are going.

I know everyone is SO TIRED of Covid (I am too). I'm thankful that you all have stuck by our side while we tried to navigate things and keep everyone safe. It's much appreciated.

Anyhow, I CAN'T WAIT to see you all and be in community on February 23. I'm also including our schedule for the rest of the year. Yay!

### Winter/Spring 2022 LOGOS Dates

March

2

9 No LOGOS

16 St. Patrick's Day Celebration - Wear Green

23 No LOGOS (Spring Break)

30

April

6

13 No LOGOS (Holy Week)

20

27

May

4 "May the 4th Be With You" - Wear Star Wars!

11 Last LOGOS for the School Year

### Summer LOGOS Family Nights

Wednesday, June 15

Wednesday, July 13

Wednesday, August 3



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 <b>9:30</b> Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook <b>9:45</b> Sunday School In-person	21 <b>10:00</b> Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	22	23 <b>5:30-7:00</b> LOGOS	24 March CRIER Articles Due	25	26
27 <b>9:30</b> Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook <b>9:45</b> Sunday School In-person	28 <b>10:00</b> Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	1 March	2 <b>6:30</b> Ash Wednesday Worship <b>5:30-7:00</b> LOGOS	3	4	5
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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.

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Grace Heady  
Judy Hickman  
Russ Hickman  
Deb Hudson  
Harry Jennings  
Pam Kelly  
Brian Malin

Marilyn Milne  
Jered Nagle  
Janet Remmers  
Wendy Remmers  
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