

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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October 30, 2022
Twenty-First Sunday
after Pentecost

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

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GATHERING MUSIC - “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

PRELUDE and LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

I will sing a new song to my God.

O Lord, you are strong and glorious!

You have never been defeated.

Let all your creatures serve you.

You gave the command, and all of them came into being.

You breathed on them, and all of them were created.

The mountains and the seas tremble.

And the rocks melt like wax when you come near.

But there is mercy for all who obey you.

The Lord is more pleased with those who obey him than with all the choice meat on the altar, or with all the most fragrant sacrifices.

(from Judith’s song, Judith Chapter 13)

* OPENING HYMN: “O God of Every Nation” # 680

O God of every nation, of every race and land,
redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us, and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.

From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station that lures us from your way,
deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray.

Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

OPENING PRAYER: "Prayer of St. Francis" (Together)

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.**

**O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

RESPONSE: "Dona Nobis Pacem/Grant Us Peace" # 297 (Refrain)

**Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem.
Dona nobis pacem. Dona nobis pacem.
Dona nobis pacem. Dona nobis pacem.**

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART (Together)

**Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.**

SCRIPTURE: John 14:25-27 (New King James Version)

“These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, who is the Holy Ghost whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

SCRIPTURE: Book of Judith 1:12, 2:4-9, 10:1-4, 14-17, 12:16-20, 13:6-11
(Good News Bible)

(Pastor’s Comment)

This made Nebuchadnezzar so furious that he vowed he would risk his entire kingdom to take revenge on all those people. He vowed that he would put to death the entire population of Cilicia, Damascus, Syria, Moab, Ammon, Judah, and Egypt—everyone from the Mediterranean Sea to the Persian Gulf.

(Pastor’s Comment)

At the close of the meeting, Nebuchadnezzar gave the following command to Holofernes, who was the general in command of his armies and second in command to the king: I, Nebuchadnezzar, the great king and ruler of all the earth, command you to choose some experienced soldiers: 120,000 infantry and 12,000 cavalry. Then attack the lands to the west because they refused to respond to my appeal for help. Warn them that they must prepare their offerings of earth and water to show that they have surrendered unconditionally. I will make them feel the full force of my anger and completely destroy them. My armies will march over every foot of their land and plunder it as they go. I will fill the valleys with their dead bodies and will choke up every stream and river with so many corpses that they will all overflow. I will take captive all those who are left alive and carry them off to the ends of the earth.

(Pastor’s Comment)

When Judith had finished her prayer to the God of Israel, she stood up, called her slave woman, and went down into the house as she always did on Sabbaths and festival days. She took off the sackcloth and her widow’s clothes, took a

bath, and put on rich perfumes. She brushed her hair, tied a ribbon around it, and dressed herself in the fine clothes she used to wear on joyful occasions when her husband Manasseh was still alive. She put on sandals and all her finest jewelry: rings and earrings, and bracelets on her wrists and ankles. She made herself so beautiful that she was sure to attract the attention of any man who saw her.

(Pastor's Comment)

The men stared at her because she was so beautiful. They listened to her story and said, You have saved your life by coming down here to see our general. Some of us will take you to his headquarters and present you to him. Do not be afraid of him. Just tell him what you have told us, and he will treat you well. They assigned a hundred men to escort Judith and her slave to the headquarters of Holofernes.

(Pastor's Comment)

Judith came into the tent and sat down there. Holofernes was aroused when he saw her and had an uncontrollable desire to make love to her. From the first day he had seen her, he had been waiting for a chance to seduce her. Join us for a drink and enjoy yourself, he said to her. I'll be glad to, sir, Judith replied; this is the happiest day of my life. But even then Judith ate and drank only what her slave had prepared. Holofernes was so charmed by her that he drank more wine than he had ever drunk at one time in his whole life.

(Pastor's Comment)

Judith went to the bedpost by Holofernes'; head and took down his sword. She came closer, seized Holofernes by the hair of his head, and said, O Lord, God of Israel, give me strength now. Then Judith raised the sword and struck him twice in the neck as hard as she could, chopping off his head. She rolled his body off the bed and took down the mosquito net from the bedposts. Then she came out and gave Holofernes'; head to her slave, who put it in the food bag. Then the two women left together, as they always did when they went to pray. After they had walked through the Assyrian camp, they crossed the valley and went up the mountainside until they came to the gates of their village. When they were a short distance away, Judith called out to the guards at the gate, "Open the gate! Open the gate! Our God is still with us. Today he has once again shown his

strength in Israel and used his power against our enemies.”

(Pastor's Comment)

HYMN: “This is my Song” # 722

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine.
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Ruler of all nations:
let thy reign come; on earth thy will be done.
In peace may all earth's people draw together,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all nations;
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

SERMON: “What Do We Do With All This Violence?”

Rev. Dori Hudson

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 thy name.
Your kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

***Doxology #46**

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 Lord God, as we bring this offering, we pray for Peace. We pray
for Peace in our homes, peace in our community, peace in our
state, peace in our nation, and peace in your world. May this
church be an instrument of your peace, and so we give these
gifts with hope in our hearts, So Be It.**

*** CLOSING HYMN: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" # 677 - Sing Twice**

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;

let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;

to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

*** BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE**

FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The 2022 fall congregational meeting is scheduled for **October 30** immediately after church. As you know, the purpose of this meeting is to act upon the recommendations of the Finance Ministry relating to the general fund budget for the coming year. These recommendations, along with the agenda, are available on the credenza at church. If you are unable to come to church, you may call or email Carol in the church office and arrange to receive a copy.

You are encouraged to attend the meeting in person but, if you prefer, you may attend on-line. Either way you will hear the presentations of Carl Philips and Mike Shelton. Those viewing on-line will need to use the comment section on your screen to ask questions and/or to vote.

As always, you are encouraged to listen, ask questions, state your opinions, respect the opinions of others, vote your conscience and then support whatever the majority of those attending approve. Be a part of the decision-making process as we perform this important work of the church.

LUNCH BUNCH WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Lunch Bunch will meet at **noon** on
November 9 at

Delany's Grille & Bar
9940 Kennerly Road

in the Kennerly Center shopping plaza just across 21 from Mercy South. They're a few doors down from BreadCo and the WKF shop.

Please see the GOLD signup sheet on the bulletin board, and signup or call Virginia at 843-3605 by Tuesday, November 8.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Chuck Knoll	6
Richelle Fischer	9
Harry Jennings	12
Claire Vogt	12
Samuel Vogt	12
Doug Stevenson	17
Betty Moore	17
Andrea Tukin	19
Kevin Mahoney	20
Linda Boucher	22
Bruce Eason	25
Jamie Kotthoff	26
Patrick Moran	29
Pam Kelly	29

ST. PHILIP'S - YOUNG ADULT AND FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENTS

We would like to invite families and/or young adults to several events this fall and winter. Please see what's already on the calendar. More events will be sent out soon. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Tukin at 314-566-8633 or andreatukin@gmail.com

(See Bulletin email for links for underlined RSVPs and Tickets below)

Young Adult Brunch: Sunday, November 13 at 3 King's Pub in South County. We will go after church (around 10:45 am). Childcare is provided as needed.
[RSVP HERE](#)

Wild Lights @ St. Louis Zoo: Saturday, December 17. Official details to come, but tentatively planning to meet at 4:30pm @ South Entrance. For more info and to [RSVP CLICK HERE](#). Tickets are not on sale yet, but if you rsvp we will notify you when they go on sale.

CHOIR REHEARSAL AFTER WORSHIP

Anyone interested in joining the Choir please join us for another rehearsal. For now, **we will meet every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month**. Next month we will meet on **November 6 and 20**.

The Choir rehearses the Anthem and Hymns for the upcoming Sunday worship service. New members are always welcome. There is no audition – anyone with a love for music and a desire to sing is invited to join. Rehearsal lasts usually about an hour and we always have fun! Contact Mike Orzel, our Music Director, for more information.

LOGOS FALL SCHEDULE

Hello all,

Here are our meeting dates through the end of the year. Feel free to invite friends and let me know if you have any questions.

November 9, 16, 30

December 7, 14

Andrea

Daylight Saving time
will end at
2:00am on
Sunday, November 6
Set clocks back 1 hour
before you go to bed

MEMORIAL SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20

Memorial Sunday, November 20, is a day for us to remember all of our loved ones, family and friends, who have passed on during the year. Names and prayers will be lifted up and candles will be lit for loved ones who have died the past year.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Advent is almost here!!! We will again participate in Feed My People's Adopt a Family Program. Since the onset of Covid, they have focused on providing families with gift cards rather than actual items. We will soon be getting first names and ages of members of our Family, and that information will be shared in an email and in church announcements.

In the past, we have had families with four or five members, and we are hoping to collect enough money for a \$50 gift card for each, and a \$50 grocery gift card for a holiday meal. Contributions can be made in regular donation envelopes, with the amount specified to go to "Adopt a Family".

Our traditional Hat, Mitten and Scarf tree will appear in the gathering area during Hanging of the Greens, so start looking for warm fuzzy items to buy, or start knitting. Items donated will go to Caroline Mission, so children's items are appreciated. Since the children have parents and older siblings, all sizes can be used.

HANGING OF THE GREENS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Celebrate with us as we start the Advent season. Bring your Christmas Spirit and Joy to this annual event as we decorate St. Philip's **after the November 27 worship service.**

All ages are welcome to join in the fun. Lunch provided if you wish to stay. See the **GREEN** signup sheet and please indicate if you will be joining us for lunch.

BOOK CLUB

We will meet on **November 20** to discuss Exit West. Our next selection is American Marriage by Tayari Jones. which won the 2019 Women's Prize for fiction.

Consider joining to read this book. We meet after Church, share a potluck lunch, and always have a good time. Books are checked out of the library in kit forms, and can be obtained from Barbara Barnes.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:15 Fall Congregational Meeting	31	1 November	2 NO LOGOS	3	4	5 Daylight Saving Time ends (set clocks back)
6 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:15 Choir Rehearsal	7 7:00 Church Council Mtg	8	9 noon Lunch Bunch @ Delany's 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	10	11	12
13 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:30 Young Adult Brunch	14 4:30 ECC Board Meeting	15	16 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	17	18	19
20 Memorial Sunday 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:15 Book Club	21	22	23 NO LOGOS	24 Thanks giving	25	26
27 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:15 Hanging of the Greens	28	29	30	1 December	2	3



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.



Gail Avery
Joyce Brand
Grace Heady
Pam Kelly
Marilyn Milne
Sue Myers
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