

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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November 13, 2022
Twenty-Third 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)

Praise the eternal God,

He sends us down to the world of the dead

Then he brings us up from the grave,

No one can escape his power.

Turn to him with all your heart and soul,

Live in loyal obedience to him,

Then God will turn to you to help you. And will no longer hide himself.

Remember what God has done for you

And give thanks with all your heart.

Praise the righteous Lord; honor the eternal king.

(excerpted from Tobit's Song of Praise, Tobin Chapter 13)

* OPENING HYMN: "I Need Thee Every Hour" # 578

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;

No tender voice like thine can peace afford.

(Refrain)

I need thee, oh, I need thee; every hour I need thee;

O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

I need thee every hour; stay thou near by;

Temptations lose their power when thou art nigh. (Refrain)

I need thee every hour in joy or pain;

come quickly, and abide or life is vain. (Refrain)

I need thee every hour; teach me thy will,

and thy rich promises in me fulfill. (Refrain)

*** OPENING PRAYER (Together)**

Loving and Present God, we give you thanks in the good times and in the bad, in the glad times and in the sad. We know that whatever we experience in life that you experience it with us, holding us, sustaining us, and carrying us when we need. You are our strength and our courage, our delight and our joy. May we always walk in your Way, the Way of Jesus, our Savior, Amen.

*** RESPONSE: "Give Thanks" # 528**

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"

Let the poor say, "I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us"

Give thanks

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

RESPONSE: "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

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 : Psalm 46 (New Revised Standard)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God will help her right early.

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge, Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has wrought desolations in the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, he burns the chariots with fire!

“Be still, and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth!” The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

SCRIPTURE : Tobit 12: 8-12a, 15-22 (Good News Bible)

It is better to pray sincerely and to please God by helping the poor than to be rich and dishonest. It is better to give to the poor than to store up gold. Such generosity will save you from death and will wash away all your sins. Those who give to the poor will live full lives, but those who live a life of sin and wickedness are their own worst enemies.

I have already told you that a king's secret ought to be kept, but the things God does should be told to everyone. Now I will reveal to you the full truth and keep nothing back. Tobit, when you and Sarah prayed to the Lord, I was the one who brought your prayers into his glorious presence. I am Raphael, one of the seven angels who stand in the glorious presence of the Lord, ready to serve him.

Tobit and Tobias were terrified and fell to the ground, trembling with fear. But Raphael said to them, Don't be afraid; everything is all right. Always remember to praise God. He wanted me to come and help you; I did not come on my own. So sing God's praises as long as you live.

When you thought you saw me eating, I did not really eat anything; it only seemed so. While you are on this earth, you must praise the Lord God and give him thanks. Now I must go back to him who sent me. Write down everything that has happened to you.

Then Raphael disappeared into the sky. Tobit and Tobias stood up, but they could no longer see him. They began to sing hymns of praise, giving thanks for all the mighty deeds God had done while his angel Raphael had been with them.

HYMN: “Be Still My Soul” # 566

Be still, my soul; for God is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.

Trust in your God, your savior and your guide,

who through all changes faithful will remain
Be still, my soul; your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a peaceful end.

Be still my soul; for God will undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my sou; the waves and winds still know
the voice that calmed them in this world below.

SERMON: “ ‘Life’s full of stickers’ ”
Rev. Dori Hudson

ANTHEM: “Abide With Me”

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 of Dedication (Together)

God, Grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot Change, the courage to change the things, I can, and the wisdom to know the difference, and so I bring this offering. Amen.

(Serenity Prayer by Reinhold Niebuhr, professor at Eden Seminary)

* CLOSING 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.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

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.

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.

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.

If you would like to submit a name of a loved one who passed away this year, please send the person's name, your name, and how they are related to you (family member or friend) to Patty Siewing. She will give that information to Pastor Donna. Please give Patty the information by November 13th.

Patty's contact info:

314-974-4498

pattysiewing@charter.net

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Olivia Witte	1
Scott Remmers	3
De'Ana Holdener	9
Sarah Bobmeyer	15
Jan Freese	15
Rob Harvey	15
Samantha Mahoney	19
Shirley Jennings	28
Jamie York Schubert	30

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**. This month we will meet on **November 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 16, 30

December 7, 14

Andrea

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.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we all have much to be thankful and grateful for. Isaiah 58 Ministries has a **"Buy a Bird" Thanksgiving program** that provides families with Thanksgiving Holiday Baskets with ingredients for Thanksgiving Dinner. For a contribution of \$30 you can feed one family, for \$300 you can feed 10 families. For details see the Poster on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space.

Please join us for

COOKIES & Cocoa w/ Santa

Friday • December 2nd • 6:30 – 8:00 pm

\$10/child

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Email Ms. Jacqueline to
purchase tickets
jfechter@stphilipsucc.com



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:45 Young Adult Brunch	14 4:30 ECC Board Meeting	15	16 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	17 7:00 Quilters in MPR	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 December CRIER Articles Due	29	30 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	1 December	2 6:30-8:00 Cookies with Santa	3
4 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	5 7:00 Church Council Mtg	6	7 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	8	9	10
11 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	12	13	14	15	16	17



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.

*In our
Thoughts
and
Prayers*



Chrysanthemum

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

Jered Nagle
Shirley Nottelmann
Janet Remmers
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