

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent



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

First Sunday of Advent
Hanging of the Greens

GATHERING MUSIC - "O Come All Ye Faithful"

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

The people who walked in Darkness have seen a great light,

Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

For unto us a child is born,

Unto us a son is given.

And the government shall be upon his shoulder,

and his name will be called. Wonderful,

Counsellor,

The Mighty God,

The Everlasting Father,

The Prince of Peace.

* OPENING HYMN: "Come, O Long-Expected Jesus" # 125

Come, O long expected Jesus, born to set your people free.

From our fears and sins release us; Christ, in whom our rest shall be.

You, our strength and consolation, come salvation to impart;
dear desire of many a nation, joy of many a longing heart.

Born your people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, born your gracious realm to bring.

By your own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;

by your all-sufficient merit raise us to your glorious throne.

* OPENING PRAYER (Together)

O God our Father and our Mother, you have brought us again to this glad season when we celebrate the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that his Spirit may be born anew in our hearts this day, this season, and this year that we may joyfully welcome him to reign over us. All glory be to you, O God in the highest, and on earth, peace goodwill toward all. Amen.

* RESPONSE: "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" Hymn # 134

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

THE MEANING OF ADVENT

RESPONSE: "The First Noel" Hymn # 151 Verse 1

The first Noel, the angel did say, was certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel Noel, born is the King of Israel.

THE MEANING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND 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.

BRINGING UP THE PARAMENTS AND THE HOPE BANNER

RESPONSE: "What Child is This" Hymn # 162 Verse 1

What Child is this who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

BRINGING UP THE CROSS AND CANDLES

SOLO: "Mary Did You Know"

Cara Schamburg

BRINGING IN THE CANDLES FOR THE ADVENT WREATH

RESPONSE: "Joy to the World" Hymn # 143 Verse 1

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

THE MEANING OF THE GREENS

ANTHEM: "Oh Tannenbaum"

BRINGING UP THE POINSETTIAS

RESPONSE: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" # 144 Verse 1

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.

Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;

the hope and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

BRINGING UP THE NATIVITY

RESPONSE: "Away in a Manger" # 147 Verse 1

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

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.

RESPONSE: "Go Tell it on the Mountain" # 167 Verse 3

Refrain

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)

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)

O Lord God, as we prepare ourselves for the coming of your Son, as a human baby, Fill our hearts and lives with praise. Grant that we may be just and merciful, ready to help in the needs of our neighbor and conscious of your great love for all the world. As we bring forth these gifts, fill us with your spiritual gifts of forgiveness, patience, mutual love, and unending joy. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is HOPE.

The candle is lit.

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 33:20

We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

PRAYER:

O Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" # 164

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!

Listen now to what we say: News! News! Jesus Christ is born today.

Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.

Chris is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!

Now you hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!

He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest for evermore.

Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!

Now you need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save!

Calls you one and calls you all, to gain the everlasting hall.

Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

INTRODUCING OUR NEW PASTOR

Your church council is excited to tell you that effective December 1, Laura Mignerone will be our new pastor. She will be with us half time, and with St. John in St. Clair, Missouri the other half. A brief biography follows.

Rev. Laura Mignerone was born into and nurtured in faith at Ivy Chapel UCC (Chesterfield), graduated from Elmhurst University in 2008, graduated from Eden Theological Seminary in 2011, and is currently enrolled in the doctoral program at Eden. Fresh out of seminary, she served Zion UCC (Troy, MO) for 3.5 years, and then found St. John UCC (St. Clair, MO), where she has served as pastor and teacher since 2015. Pastor Laura lives in Eureka, MO with her 8 year old son, Gabe. She enjoys theatre, bicycling, camping, having all the fun adventures she can with her child, and getting mixed up in all manner of shenanigans along the way. She's the endearing kind of quirky (she's got references), geeks out about the nerdiest stuff, has a compassionate and caring heart, and listens deeply for the whispers of the Spirit. And, she can't wait to get to know you and share in ministry together with you!

We hope you will come to meet Pastor Laura in person on December 4, her first day to preach at St. Philip's. We think you'll see why council is so pleased to have her with us!

CANDY DONATION FOR ISAIAH 58 MINISTRIES

The children and youth in LOGOS will be learning about the mission of Isaiah 58 Ministries on November 30 and putting together Christmas Bags for people who visit the food pantry. They have asked that we include an ornament, a candle and some individually wrapped candies.

The families in LOGOS will be donating money towards the purchase of ornaments and candles.

I am hoping that some of you may be willing to donate some individually wrapped Christmas candy for the bags. If you head to the store and are willing, we will collect it this Sunday, November 27!

You are all so giving and I know this is short notice and you already give so much. So please only do what you can.

Thank you so much,
Andrea

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.

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.** December's rehearsals will be on the 4th and 18th.

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.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Advent is almost here!!! We will again participate in Feed My People's **Adopt a Family Program**.

We have received the names of our Feed My People "Adopt a Family" family members. They are Zemfira (47), Kasim (52), Leyla (24), Vasilya (20), Songyul (17) and Aseyra (14). Given their first names, it is likely they are an immigrant family, and our gifts will surely be appreciated. Since the onset of covid, Feed My People has suggested gift cards rather than gifts in kind. We hope to collect enough to provide each family member with a \$50 gift card, and a \$50 grocery card for a special meal. If we have items on the hat mitten and scarf tree in time, I will select an item for each family member and wrap it to go along with the gift cards. If not, I will purchase a large box of Candy and wrap that to go along with the gift cards. Thanks in advance for your hospitality.

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.

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

We would like to invite families and/or young adults to several events. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Tugin at 314-566-8633 or andreatugin@gmail.com

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.

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



Christmas Poinsettias

Back again this year are beautiful poinsettia plants in your choice of red or pink, and mums in either white or yellow.

The poinsettias will decorate the sanctuary on Saturday, December 24 during the Christmas Eve service. You may take your plants home after the Christmas Eve service.

The cost is \$11.00 each plant.

Make check payable to *'Walter Knoll Florist'*

Name _____

Quantity

Color

Red Poinsettia

Pink Poinsettia

White Mum

Yellow Mum

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

You can drop your order form and payment in the offering plate or give to Carol O'Shea in the church office **by Tuesday, December 13th.**

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
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 4:30 ECC Board Meeting	13 Poinsettia Plant Orders Due	14 noon Lunch Bunch @ Sandy's	15	16	17
18 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	19	20	21	22	23	24 7:00 Christmas Eve Worship
25 No Worship Service	26	27	28	29	30	31



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
Sandy Ganz
Grace Heady
Virginia Hladnick
Pam Kelly
Marilyn Milne

Sue Myers
Jered Nagle
Shirley Nottelmann
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