

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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January 1, 2023

First Sunday after Christmas Day



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

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PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways(Responsively)

Let all of creation praise the name of the Holy One!

The rhythms of life praise the Everlasting God through the markings of time.

Let all of creation praise the name of the Holy One!

The flowers, land, and trees praise the Divine Gardener through rest and renewal.

Let all of creation praise the name of the Holy One!

Living creatures praise the Spirit of God through our breathing, living, and being. Praise God!

* OPENING HYMN: "We Three Kings" # 172 Verses 1, 2, & 5

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. (Refrain)

Glorious now behold him arise; Christ and God and sacrifice:
alleluia, alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. (Refrain)

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

Holy Love, you make us a community. You gather us as your offspring and knit us together with grace and mercy. In your presence, there is fullness of love, joy, hope, and peace. Thank you for being among us this day and with us in every moment of our being. Receive our praise, dwell in our midst, and create in us a heart that yearns for you and your kingdom. In the name of Emmanuel, we pray. AMEN.

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.

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 63:7-9

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not act deceitfully," and he became their savior in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and pity it was he who redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:13-23

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod.

This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and

around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi.

Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead."

Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazarene."

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,
Christ 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!

SERMON: "Wise Ones"
Rev. Laura Mignerone

ANTHEM: "What Star is This"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silent Prayer

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

Offertory

* Doxology #46 "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)

**Generous Love, bless these offerings. Stir up the gifts within for your
glory, show your provision through the sharing of our resources, and
empower us to steward our days as precious and holy. AMEN.**

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING, POURING, SHARING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Together)

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior, AMEN.

* CLOSING HYMN: "As With Gladness" # 173

As with gladness sages bold did the building star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
so, true Morning Star, may we evermore your splendor see.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed,
there to bend the knee before One whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet ever seek your mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at the manger plain and bare,
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you from whom they spring.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

BOOK CLUB

We will meet after church on Sunday, January 29 to discuss Beartown by Fredrick Backman. We enjoyed reading several of his earlier books, and expect we will like this one as well.

There is plenty of time to read it by January 29! We share a potluck lunch, and we always have a good time. Please feel free to join us, even if you have not read the book! Also, it is not necessary to bring food, as we always seem to have more than enough! Barbara Barnes has extra copies of this book, and you can pick one up at church on Sundays or arrange for home delivery.

LUNCH BUNCH

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 11, 2023

The next Lunch Bunch outing will be held on Wednesday, January 11 at noon at Joe Boccardi's located at 8556 Watson Road near Rockhill Road. Their phone number is 314-849-7976. Please see the BLUE signup sheet on the bulletin board and signup by Sunday, January 8. If you have any questions, contact Lois Decker at 314-843-0183.

Please wear your name tag during worship.

Thank you!

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.** The January dates are 1, 15, and 29.

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.

JOINT WORSHIP MEETING

St. Philip's Spiritual Life Committee and St. John's Worship Team will meet together on Sunday, January 29 at 1:30pm at Pastor Laura's home in Eureka (halfway for both churches) to discuss all things worship related: what's working/not, planning ahead, and what creative possibilities we might imagine together.

Thank you!

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 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

OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS

Adopt a Family

Thanks for your generosity for funding the "Adopt a Family" program sponsored by Feed My People. As of last count, we collected \$575.

Each of the six family members received a \$50 gift card and a homemade scarf from our Hat, Mitten and Scarf tree. We also sent a \$50 grocery card for a special holiday meal. This left an excess balance of \$225. The Outreach Ministry voted to send the \$225 and the \$200 remaining in our budgeted Miscellaneous fund to Feed My People to help our family with utility bills, for a total of \$425 which can be used for utility relief. I am sure this will be a wonderful surprise for our family!!

Hat, Scarf, Mitten Tree

As you have no doubt noticed, our Hat, Mitten and Scarf Tree is beautiful. Soon, we will untrim the tree, and take the items to Caroline Mission. Totals below include contributions from ECC's Mitten Mania.

Hats 87
Scarves 34
Gloves/Mittens 92
Socks 8

I am sure many children and adults will be warm and toasty because of your generosity.

WORSHIP LISTENING DEVICES

Listening devices used during worship are now available in the Admin Assistant Office as you walk in the door to the right.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 January 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:15 Choir Rehearsal	2 7:00 Church Council Mtg	3	4	5	6	7 2:00 Memorial Service
8 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	9	10	11 noon Lunch Bunch @ Joe Boccardi's	12	13	14
15 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:15 Choir Rehearsal	16 4:30 ECC Board Meeting	17	18 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	19	20	21
22 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	23	24	25 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	26 6:30-9:00 Quilters	27	28
29 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:15 Choir Rehearsal	30	31	1 February	2	3	4



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.



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

Jered Nagle
Shirley Nottelmann
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