

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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The Baptism of Christ



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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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways - inspired by Psalm 29 (Responsively)

Give glory to the Creator and bow in holy splendor!

The voice of the Creator renews and rebirths.

Give glory to the Holy One and bow in holy splendor!

The voice of the Holy One redeems and restores.

Give glory to the Living Water and bow in holy splendor!

The voice of the Living Water refreshes and revives. Glory to God!

* OPENING HYMN: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" # 5

O for a thousand tongues to sing, My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

My lovin gSavior and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Glory to God and praise and love be ever, ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

Voice, Body, and Spirit, you make your presence among us. We receive your love and affirmation. We cherish your guidance and direction. We follow your path and example. Remind us of our connection to you and your covenantal relationship with us. Wash us in the baptized life for renewal and revitalization. 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 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

HYMN: "Sing of God Made Manifest" # 176

Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,
magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound;
myrrh and frankincense and gold grave and God and king foretold.

Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,
"I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do."
Then from heaven a double sign - - dove-like Spirit, voice divine -
hailed the true Anointed One; "This is my beloved Son."

Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding guest
and at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine;
further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave, and healed,
bringing light and life to all who would listen to God's call.

Sing of God made manifest on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,
where the Law and Prophets waned so that Christ alone remained;
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, given as Jesus set his face
toward the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

SERMON: "The Beloved"

Rev. Laura Mignerone

ANTHEM: "Come to the Water"

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)

Giver of Gifts, we thank you for providing in abundance and allowing us to participate as co-givers with you. We dedicate our offerings in your many names. AMEN.

* CLOSING HYMN: "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" # 434 Verses 1-3

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus feet;
till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings, protecting, hide you,
daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)

God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you; God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)

God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you,
smite death's threatening wave before you; God be with you till we meet again.
(Refrain)

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

'UN-DECKING THE HALLS'
JANUARY 8 AFTER WORSHIP

Please join us immediately after church on January 8 to take down all of the Christmas decorations in the Sanctuary.

Thanks in advance for your help.

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!

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!

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 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.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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
Pairs of 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
8 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:15 Undecking the Halls	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 February CRIER Articles Due	25 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	26 6:30-9:00 Quilters	27 	28
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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.



*In
our
Thoughts
and
Prayers*

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

Jered Nagle
Shirley Nottelmann
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