

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Second Sunday after Epiphany



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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 (Responsively)

There are no words for what this testimony means, only the wonder at how it feels like grace.

We celebrate the prophets and visionaries; in story and song, we awaken to the sound of one voice.

There is no way to know what this following will take, only the hope that it is leading us deeper into the heart of love.

We cherish the risk-takers and the tide-turners: in prayer and praise, we witness to the sound of voices too.

There is no telling when the struggle will end, only the faith in a future we cannot yet behold.

We become the movement and the liberation: in worship and wrestling, we create the sound of all of us.

* OPENING HYMN: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" # 261 Sing Twice

There's a sweet sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us,
Filling us with Your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

To the revelation and the wonder, open us. With the vision and the possibility, convict us. For the recognizing and the following, equip us.

In the struggle and the seeking, be with us. Holy One, manifest your love, make your justice known in and among us. 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: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

SCRIPTURE: John 1:29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”

And John testified “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen

and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.”

They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

HYMN: “Come and Find the Quiet Center” # 575

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we’re shrinking, finding, scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other’s pain,
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:
there’s a place for deepest dreaming, there’s a tie for heart to care,
in the Spirit’s lively scheming there is always room to spare!

SERMON: “Pointing to Jesus”

Rev. Laura Mignerone

ANTHEM: "You Have Called Me"

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)

Gracious and loving God, thank you for the abundant blessings in our lives. Thank you for the gifts you give to us, and the opportunity we have to share those gifts with others. Bless all that we give today, that your kingdom might grow on earth through us. AMEN.

* CLOSING HYMN: "I Love to Tell the Story" # 480

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet,
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard,
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

* 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.

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.

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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
29 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:15 Book Club 1:30 Joint Spiritual Life Mtg	30	31	1 February	2	3	4
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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
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