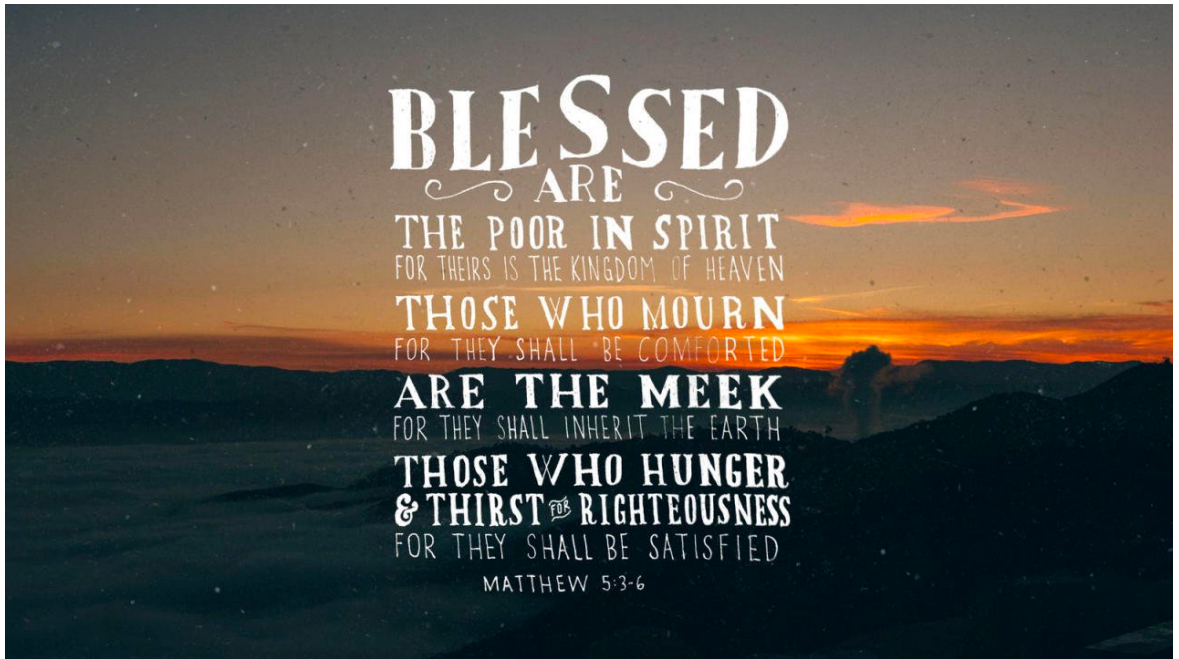


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January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



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

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways-inspired by Psalm 15 (Responsively)
Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary? Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

Those who do justice. Those who confront inequities and uplift the oppressed.

Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary? Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

Those who love kindness. Those who love neighbor, friend and foe.

Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary? Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

Those who walk humbly with you. Those who follow your lead and answer your call.

* OPENING HYMN: "What Is This Place" # 289 1-3

What is this place where we are meeting? Only a house, the earth its floor
walls and a roof sheltering people, windows for light, an open door.
Yet it becomes a body that lives when we are gathered here,
and know our God is near.

Words from afar, stars that are falling, sparks that are sown in us like seed.
Names for our God, dreams, signs, and wonders sent from the past are what we need.
We in this place remember and speak again what we have heard;
God's free redeeming word.

And we accept bread at this table, broken and shared, a living sign.
Here in this world, dying and living, we are each other's bread and wine.
This is the place where we can receive what we need to increase;
God's justice and God's peace.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

Just and Loving God, we enter into your sacred spaces, in sanctuaries and homes, in public gatherings and private places. You bridge time and space to forge us as a beloved community. You, O Sovereign, make plain the way of life for us. Encourage us to join your journey, to love your children and creation, and to contribute to your kingdom on earth. AMEN.

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART:
THE BAPTISM OF JC RAWLINGS

Welcome

Members and friends in Christ, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us.
There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of us all.

Address

Jesus came to John to be baptized by him. But John tried to make him change his mind. "I ought to be baptized by you," John said, "yet you have come to me!"

Jesus said, "Let it be so for now. For in this way, we shall do all that God requires." So John agreed.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he came up out of the water. Then heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and lighting on him.

Then a voice said from heaven, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am well pleased."

...and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.

Questions of the Candidate

Congregational Assent

Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as he lives and grows in Christ?

We promise our love, support, and care.

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe in God?

I believe in God.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Prayer

Act of Baptism

Prayer

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: Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you

may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the
Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of
my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but
to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his
disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed
are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for
they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute
you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and
be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they
persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

HYMN: Hymn: “Blessed Assurance” # 543 1-3

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born on his Spirit, washed in his blood.
(Refrain)

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love.(Refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
(Refrain)

SERMON: "Blessed are You"
Rev. Laura Mignerone

ANTHEM: "I Need Thee Every Hour"

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)

**Just God, we share our humble offering in hope and trust that,
through these gifts, your kingdom comes and your will is done.
AMEN.**

* CLOSING HYMN: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" # 677 (Sing Twice)

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;

to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

YOUNG(ER) ADULTS NIGHT OUT

We would like to invite all those interested in coming to the “Young(er) Adults Night Out” over to our house for Fellowship & Planning of the 2023 Year. The evening will include:

Appetizers, Drinks, & Discussion on upcoming events

All are welcome!

Friday, January 27, 2023

7pm *Kid Free Evening*

7806 Sunray Lane, St. Louis, MO 63123

call Lindsey with any questions: 314.629.0549

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!

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.

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.** Our next meeting is January 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

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!

LUNCH BUNCH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2023

The next Lunch Bunch outing will be held on Wednesday, January 11. Come join us at noon at Three Kings Pub located at 40 Ronnie's Plaza, close to Ronnie's Theater.

See the PINK signup sheet on the bulletin board and signup by Sunday, February 5 or contact Jan Freese at 636-256-9488 for reservations.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook, Rawlings Baptism 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
5 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:15 Choir Rehearsal	6 7:00 Church Council Mtg	7	8 noon Lunch Bunch @ Three Kings Pub 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	9	10	11
12 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	13	14	15 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	16	17	18
19 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	20	21	22 Ash Wednesday 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	23 7:00 Quilters	24 March CRIER Articles Due	25
26 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	27 4:45 ECC Board Meeting	28	1 March	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
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