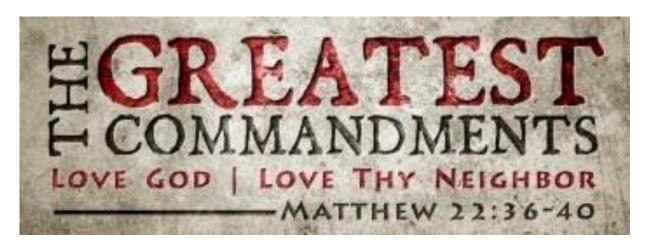
# St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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October 29, 2023 Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost



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

### Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

**PRELUDE** 

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYER CONCERNS

\* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways - adapted from Psalm 106 The Holy One has been our hope and our home.

God has been with us from generation to generation.

We flourish and fade, bloom and renew in God's time.

Our lives are temporal and precious and glorious.

May the compassion and favor of the Holy One be with us.

May we be glad and prosperous in our work for our God!

\* OPENING HYMN: "Sweet Hour of Prayer" # 570 Verses 1-3
Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return! With such I hasten to the place where God, my Savior shows his face, and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless. And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

Righteous God, your law is love. Your message is love. Your presence is love. May love fill our atmosphere and our interactions as we gather together in your name. May love transform us, renew us, and revive 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: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar.

The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day.

Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired, and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him, and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharoah and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

#### SCRIPTURE: Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?"

They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The word of God, for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

### Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" # 517

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown; Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit, let us find thy promised rest; take away our love of sinning; alpha and omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive, suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

SERMON VIDEO: "Love God, Love Your Neighbor"

Rev. Laura Mignerone

ANTHEM: "The Gift of Love"

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silence

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 OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

\* 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, the heavenly host:

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\* Prayer of Dedication - Worship Ways (Together)

Giving God, we follow your example of the ministry of presence in the sharing of our resources. Prosper the work of our hands and minds and enable us to make a difference and participate in your kingdom through generosity. AMEN.

\* CLOSING HYMN: "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" # 606 God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son; all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone, born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure too you have entrusted, gain thru powers your grace conferred; ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word. Open wide our hands, in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

#### **LUNCH BUNCH**

Please join the Lunch Bunch on **Wednesday, November 8** at **noon**. We will meet at **Bob Evans** located at 6528 S Lindbergh.

See the GREEN signup sheet on the bulletin board or call Lois Decker at 314-843-0183 by Sunday, November 5th to signup.

#### FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that Rev. Laura Mignerone was elected unanimously as the permanent, part-time pastor of St. Philip's UCC. We're so happy to make it official and look forward to our continuing ministry together. In other business, the budget for 2024 was approved as requested.

#### **FALL BOOK STUDY - UPDATE**

Please consider joining our Book Study which will be held on **Tuesdays at 2:00pm**, **thru November 21**. We will gather via Zoom to work our way through "Living the Kin-dom: Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation" by Riva Tabelisma.

To join from smartphone/tablet/computer: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8352544400">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8352544400</a>

To dial in from cell phone/landline: 1-312-626-6799 and then 8352544400#

You do not need a copy of the book and there is no need to read anything ahead of time. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Laura.

If Zoom is an issue for you, please reach out to Pastor Laura. (This winter, after Christmas, we plan to do an evening "Beer and Bible" style gathering - - so if Tuesdays at 2:00pm don't work in your schedule, fear not - - we're trying to balance schedule needs with an evening option after the first of the year!).

#### **VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR**

## Friday, November 3 3:00pm - 7:00pm Saturday, November 4 9:00am - 3:00pm

Mark your calendar! Many items will be for sale at the Vendor and Craft Fair here at St. Philip's. The Friday sale runs at the same time as the Friday evening Spaghetti Dinner. Booths are available - - contact Carole Armistead for a reservation form or if you have any questions.

# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Chuck Knoll	6
Richelle Fischer	9
Claire Vogt	12
Samuel Vogt	12
Doug Stevenson	17
Betty Moore	17
Andrea Tukin	19
Kevin Mahoney	20
Linda Boucher	22
Rev. Laura Mignerone	23
Bruce Eason	25
Jamie Kotthoff	26
Patrick Moran	29

#### **LOGOS HAS RETURNED!**

We would LOVE to see you there!! LOGOS is a laid back, intergenerational ministry where families come together to grow in their relationship with God and each other. Every other Wednesday from 5:30-7:00 pm, join us for dinner, family centered games, a simple bible study, crafts and more. It's a great opportunity for faith and family during a busy week. Anyone is welcome! All ages!

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Andrea Tukin, St. Philip's Youth Director, at <a href="mailto:andreatukin@gmail.com">andreatukin@gmail.com</a> or (314) 566-8633.

#### LOGOS MEAL SIGN UP

Would you be interested in making a meal for our LOGOS ministry? If so, we'd <u>love</u> to try your cooking (and have you join us for an evening)! Receipts may be turned in for reimbursement.

Meals that have worked for our group in the past include: chili & hotdogs, spaghetti, tacos, ham & swiss sliders, baked potatoes, etc. We'd love to try your ideas too!! See the October CRIER for details.

#### LOGOS FALL SCHEDULE

November 1, 15, 29 December 13

# **SAVE THE DATES - Details to Follow**

December 2	Breakfast with Santa	9:00-10:30am
December 3	Hanging of the Greens	after worship
December 9	Family Christmas Party	5:00-7:00pm
December 17	Youth Christmas Program	during worship
December 24	Christmas Eve Service	8:00pm

Monday
30 31 4:45 ECC 2:00 Fall Board Meeting Book Study (Zoom)
6 7.00 Church 2:00 Fall Council Mtg Book Study (Zoom)
13 14 2:00 Fall Book Study (Zoom)
20 21 2:00 Fall Book Study (Zoom)
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# 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

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Prayers

Iveta Boyanchek

Joyce Brand

Bob Eillson

Grace Heady

Virginia Hladnick

Mary Ann Krewson

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