

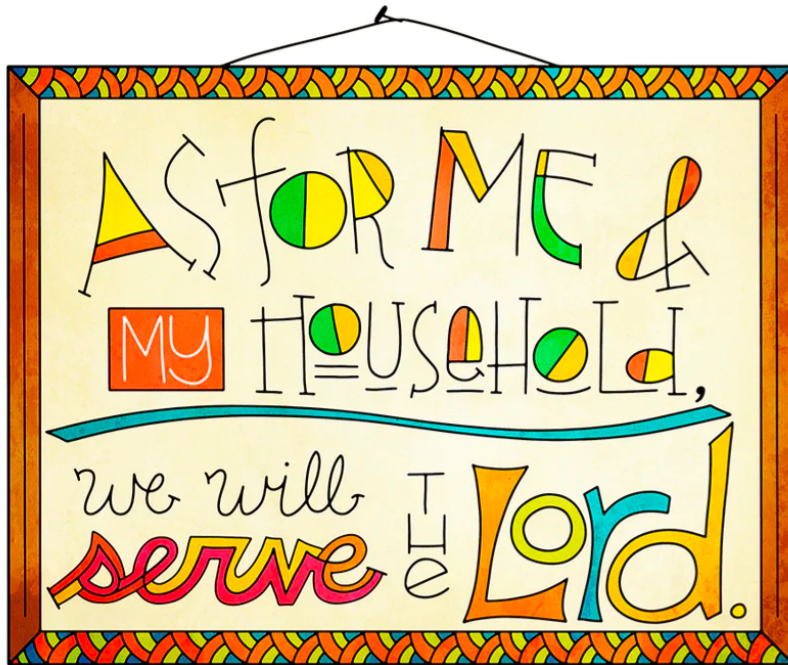
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Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost



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(text in bold read in unison)

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYER CONCERNS

* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways - Inspired by Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16
Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her.

We hear your Still Speaking voice. We come to you, Wisdom, seeking knowledge and understanding.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her.

We remember your marvelous acts and faithful instruction. We come to you, Wisdom, as you have been near to us!

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her.

We trust in your guidance and place our hope in you through feast and famine. We come to you, Wisdom, to worship and to serve.

* OPENING HYMN: "Holy Wisdom" # 258 1-3

Who comes from God, as Word and Breath? Holy Wisdom.

Who holds the keys of life and death? Mighty Wisdom.

Crafter and Creator too, Eldest, she makes all things new;

Wisdom guides what God will do, Wisest One, Radiant One, welcome, Holy Wisdom

Who lifts her voice for all to Hear? Joyful Wisdom.

Who shapes a thought and makes it clear? Truthful Wisdom

Teacher, drawing out our best, magnifies what we invest,

names our truth, directs our quest, Wisest One, Radiant One, welcome, Holy Wisdom

Whom should we seek with all our heart? Loving Wisdom,
Who, once revealed, will not depart? Faithful Wisdom.
Partner, Counselor, Comforter, love has found none lovelier,
life is gladness lived with her, Wisest One, Radiant One, welcome, Holy
Wisdom

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

Wisdom, your presence illuminates our path. Shine your light into dim spaces so that we do not stray from your teaching. Help us discern what you are calling us, your church, to do and be in this moment in time. Give us urgency to be good news in the world and for our neighbors. Let your glory reign among us and your Spirit lead us into truth, justice, and love. For your name and in your name, 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: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the

Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed, and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land.

Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.” But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.”

And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day and made statutes and ordinances for the at Shechem.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25:1-13

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’

Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! There will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’

And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I

tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision" # 595 Verses 1,2,4

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

SERMON VIDEO: "We Will Serve The Lord"
Rev. Laura Mignerone

ANTHEM: "Thy Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet"

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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

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)

Discerning God, receive our offerings and gifts for your kingdom. Let them be a blessing to those in need of encouragement, material goods, and evidence of your presence among us. Magnify them beyond our imagining and grant us insight into the possibilities before us for ministry and witness. We are grateful to give. AMEN.

* CLOSING HYMN: "Take My Gifts" # 381

Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shelter, gave me life and set me free,
now because your love has touched me, I have love to give away,
now the bread of love is rising, loaves of love to multiply.

Take the fruit that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
spiced with humor, laced with laughter flavor of the Jesus life,
tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.

Take whatever I can offer gifts that I have yet to find,
skills that I am slow to sharpen, talents of the hand and mind,
things made beautiful for others in the place where I must be;
take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

BOOK CLUB

We will meet after church on **Sunday, November 19** to discuss *Inheritance*.

Our next selection is *The Maid: A Novel* by Nita Prose. This New York Times bestseller has been described as a "cozy whodunit, with a one-of-a-kind heroine who will steal your heart."

Consider joining us to read this book! We share a potluck lunch, and always have a good time. New members are always welcome. You do not have to have read the book to join us!

OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS

As in recent past years, St. Philip's will participate in Feed My People's "**Adopt a Family**" Program. Since Covid, Feed My People has encouraged the giving of gift cards instead of food items and wrapped packages. We will collect funds for a gift card for each family member and a grocery card for a holiday meal. We have requested a family with school-age children this year, and LOGOS has expressed interest in buying one gift for each of the children in the family.

Since we need to take our package to feed my People well before Christmas, we will start collecting funds now. Contributions can be made in the offering plate or by mail. Please write "Adopt a Family" on the Lower left side of checks or specify "Adopt a Family" on the outside of your church contribution envelope.

Cap and Mitten Tree: a skinny little tree will appear in the gathering area during Hanging of the Greens on December 3. We will "decorate" it with scarves, mittens and gloves during advent, with items going to a charity, most likely Caroline Mission. All sizes, children's thru adult, are appreciated!

HANGING OF THE GREENS ~ KIDS & FAMILIES

Families...please plan to stay after church on **Sunday, December 3** to help decorate the church for Christmas. There will be Christmas crafts and activities for the kids, and lunch is provided!

[RSVP HERE](#) if you know you'll be there so we can plan ahead (you're still welcome if you don't). Or see the RED signup sheet on the bulletin board. Looking forward to getting into the Christmas spirit with you!

LOGOS

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 5:30-7:00pm**, 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 andreatukin@gmail.com or (314) 566-8633.

LOGOS MEAL SIGN UP

Would you be interested in making a meal for our LOGOS ministry? If so, we'd love 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 November CRIER for details.

LOGOS FALL SCHEDULE

November 15, 29

December 13

YOUNG(ER) ADULT BRUNCH

Sunday, November 19

11:00am

Location to be determined

Babysitting at church will be available

[RSVP HERE](#) or contact Andrea

Tukin at 314-566-8633 or
andreatukin@gmail.com

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 9

5:00-7:00pm

Potluck (bring a dish to share)

Christmas games, Christmas Karaoke,
Christmas Crafts and more!

Location at St. Philip's unless someone
wants to host!

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FALL BOOK STUDY - UPDATE

Please consider joining our Book Study which will be held on **Tuesdays at 2:00pm, thru November 21**. Even if you haven't participated in the first couple of gatherings, fear not, you can still jump in at any time! All are welcome to join the discussion!

To join from smartphone/tablet/computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8352544400>

To dial in from cell phone/landline:

1-312-626-6799 and then 8352544400#

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

NOVEMBER 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!”

Olivia Witte	1
Scott Remmers	3
De’Ana Holdener	9
Sarah Bobmeyer	15
Jan Freese	15
Rob Harvey	15
Samantha Mahoney	19
Shirley Jennings	28
Jamie York Schubert	30


Job Opening for a Buildings and Property Manager at St. Paul's United Church of Christ

5508 Telegraph Rd, St. Louis MO 63129

Job Description: Reporting to the Lead Pastor and in support of the mission and ministries of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, the Buildings and Property Manager will be responsible for the general maintenance and management of the St. Paul's UCC Church buildings, including the Treehouse Preschool and Baby House; as well as the church property, the cemetery, and church-owned equipment related to the maintenance of the church campus.

To Apply: Submit a resume and cover letter through Indeed.com, or mail a cover and either a resume or application to St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Attention: Personnel Committee, 5508 Telegraph Road, St. Louis, MO 63129. (Application can be found at www.sp4u.org).



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	13	14 2:00 Fall Book Study (Zoom)	15 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	16 6:30 Quilters	17	18
19 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Book Club 11:00 Young(er) Adult	20	21 2:00 Fall Book Study (Zoom)	22	23 	24	25
26 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	27	28	29 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	30	1 December	2 9:00-10:30 Breakfast w/Santa
3 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Hanging of the Greens	4 7:00 Church Council Mtg	5	6	7	8 6:00-10:00 ECC MPR	9 5:00-7:00 Family Christmas Dinner
10 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	11	12	13 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	14 5:00-6:00 Scout GS	15	16



**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*



Chrysanthemum

Iveta Boyanchek

Joyce Brand

Bob Eillson

Grace Heady

Virginia Hladnick

Mary Ann Krewson

Marilyn Milne

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Shirley Nottelmann

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