

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost



MATTHEW 23:1-12

“The exaltation of Christ is not
open to interpretation”

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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 and ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYER CONCERNS

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

- * CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways - Inspired by Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
Give thanks for the enduring love of the Holy One!
We've been gathered from all directions and in all spaces to declare the greatness of God.
Give thanks for the enduring love of the Holy One!
We have been redeemed by the abiding love of our Creator.
Give thanks for the enduring love of the Holy One!
Let the redeemed proclaim God's wondrous works. Great is the Holy One and greatly to be praised!
- * OPENING HYMN: "Gather Us In" # 284 1-3
Here in this place, the new light is streaming, shadows of doubt are vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in; our spirits inflame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young - our lives are a mystery; we are the old, who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in - the rich and the haughty, gather us in - the proud and strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we receive new life in the waters; here we receive the bread of new birth;
here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that true.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

God our Teacher, please instruct us in the ways of humility and love. Help us to be in community with one another rather than in competition with each other. Give us your heart for serving our neighbor. Assure us of your abiding presence and release us from the hierarchies of this world. May your kingdom come with power and gentleness in your name. 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 3:7-17

The Lord said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses. You are the one who shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, 'When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.'"

Joshua then said to the Israelites, "Draw near and hear the words of the Lord your God." Joshua said, "By this you shall know that among you is the living God who without fail will drive out from before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites: the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is going to pass before you into the Jordan.

So now select twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, come to rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from above shall be cut off; they shall stand in a single heap."

When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, the waters flowing from above stood still, rising

up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethen, while those flowing toward the sea of Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off.

Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firmly on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 23:1-12

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses's seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it, but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others, but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them.

They do all their deeds to be seen by others, for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers and sisters.

And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father, the one in heaven.

Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah.

The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

Hymn: "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" # 461 1,2,4

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.

As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

SERMON: "Exaltation"
Rev. Laura Mignerone

ANTHEM: "The Servant Song"

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)

**Generous God, thank you for the gifts you give and the privilege and
honor of bringing our gifts of time, talent, and treasure into your
kingdom. Receive our humble offerings and magnify them to meet
the needs of the community. AMEN.**

HOLY COMMUNION and the OBSERVANCE OF ALL SAINTS DAY
(Adapted from Worship Ways)

INVITATION

PRAYER

REMEMBERING

NAMING AND LIGHTING CANDLES

Janet Remmers

Pam Kelly

Russ Hickman

Jane Eason

Harry Jennings

PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

CONSECRATING THE ELEMENTS

BREAKING, POURING, SHARING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Together) Ministry Matters

Creative, connecting God, you have sent your Spirit and made us the body of Christ; from child-like faith, to youthful energy, from middle-aged mindfulness, to elder's wisdom. We thank you for this time, this remembrance. Increase our faith boldly! Help us to love boldly! Encourage us to act boldly! In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, AMEN.

* CLOSING HYMN: "It is Well With My Soul" # 561

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)

May God haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)

* 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!

[RSVP HERE](#) or contact Andrea Tukin at
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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 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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Standard Time Begins 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook - All Saints Day Observed 9:45 Sunday School	6 7:00 Church Council Mtg	7 2:00 Fall Book Study (Zoom)	8	9	10	11
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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
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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*



Chrysanthemum

Iveta Boyanchek

Joyce Brand

Bob Eillson

Grace Heady

Virginia Hladnick

Mary Ann Krewson

Marilyn Milne

Jered Nagle

Shirley Nottelmann

Paul Shrout

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