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Reign of Christ



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(text in bold read in unison)

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PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYER CONCERNS

* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways - Inspired by Psalm 90

Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Worship with gladness and singing!

God is Creator, Sustainer, Keeper, and Shepherd. Bless God's name.

Enjoy the presence of God! Give thanks and praise!

God is Sovereign and Holy. Bless God's name.

Know that God reigns! God's kingdom comes!

God is Healer, Redeemer, Restorer, and Friend. Bless God's name!

* OPENING HYMN: "O Worship the King" # 17 1-3

O worship the King, all glorious above, and gratefully sing God's wonderful love,

our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

How great is your might! How steadfast your grace!

Your robe is the light; your canopy, space; your chariots of wrath
the deep thunderclouds form, in majesty riding the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;

it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

God who cares, we flourish in your compassion. You search for us and find us. You, Holy One, surround us with the power of your abundant

love and utmost care. Be present among us as we praise your name, bring our burdens, and give thanks for all that you are and all that you do. 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: Ephesians 1:15-23

I Have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named; not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25:31-46

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to

drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’

And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’

Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

HYMN: “Jesus Shall Reign Where’re The Sun” # 95 1,4,5

Jesus shall reign where’er the sun, does its successive journeys run;
his love shall spread from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more

Blessings abound where’er he reigns; all prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise with song; honor and praise to Christ belong;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

**SERMON VIDEO: “Sheep, Goats, and the Least of These”
Rev. Laura Mignerone**

ANTHEM: “Whatsoever You Do”

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)

Gracious God, thank you for the gifts we have and the blessing of sharing. Use our gifts for your glory and to meet the needs and hopes of your kingdom. AMEN.

* CLOSING HYMN: "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" # 434 1-3

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus feet;
till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings, protecting, hide you,
daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)

God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you; God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

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!

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!

LOGOS

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 Tugin, 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.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

LOGOS FALL SCHEDULE

November 29
December 13

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



Christmas Poinsettias

Back again this year are beautiful poinsettia plants in your choice of red or pink, and mums in either white or yellow.

The poinsettias will decorate the sanctuary on Sunday, December 24 during the Christmas Eve service. You may take your plants home after the Christmas Eve service.

The cost is \$11.50 each plant.

Make check payable to *'Walter Knoll Florist'*

Name _____

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Color</u>
_____	Red Poinsettia
_____	Pink Poinsettia
_____	White Mum
_____	Yellow Mum

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

You can drop your order form and payment in the offering plate or give to Carol O'Shea in the church office **by Monday, December 11th.**

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH BUNCH
WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2023
NOON – AT SANDY’S HOUSE**

Join us for the annual pre-Christmas potluck lunch at Sandy’s house. Bring a dish to share and prepare for a time of food, fun and fellowship.

Don’t forget to bring a wrapped white elephant present for the much anticipated and highly competitive Rob Your Neighbor contest. You never know what treasure you might win!

See the GREEN signup sheet on the bulletin board to RSVP or contact Sandy Stevenson.

2024 STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

The Finance Ministry Team is asking that you prayerfully consider your support to St. Philip's and return your pledge card either in person or mail.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Kathy Shelton at:

kathyshelton@swbell.net

or

314-606-8127

Thank you!

CAMP MO-VAL SURVEY

There are plans in the works to do a possible spring retreat at Camp MoVal in 2024. We would love your input as to what the day (or weekend) might look like for those who are interested. You may fill out the survey online by [CLICKING HERE](#) or there ARE PINK printed copies on the credenza (at church just outside the sanctuary) that can be turned in to the church office.

We would like to have the information gathered by **Sunday, December 3** so we can get something on the calendar. Thank you!



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Enjoy breakfast, activities, & pictures with Santa

**DECEMBER
2ND
9:00- 10:30 AM**



**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:
A DELICIOUS BREAKFAST,
PHOTO WITH SANTA & GET PRINTED,
& ACTIVITIES IN SANTAS WORKSHOP**

**EMAIL Ms. JACQUELINE
@ JFECHTER@STPHILIPSUCC.COM**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 noon Christmas Poinsettia Orders Due	12	13 noon Lunch Bunch @ Sandy's 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	14 5:00-6:00 Scouts GS	15	16
17 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook - Youth Christmas Program 9:45 Sunday School	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 noon-6:00 MPR Rental 8:00p Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service	25 	26	27	28	29	30



**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

Ron Hemingway

Virginia Hladnick

Mary Ann Krewson

Marilyn Milne

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