

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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First Sunday after Christmas



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

First Sunday after Christmas

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYER CONCERNS

HYMN

* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and goodwill toward all.

For out of God's own being, Jesus has come to bring love and light to all people.

Jesus is our Emmanuel—God With Us—come to gather our tears and laughter, our work and play into God's love.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and goodwill toward all.

HYMN

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

We come before you in awe, O God, freshly aware of your glory and your love embodied in the midst of this world. Here amid dirt and straw, amid noise of cattle and labor of birth, we perceive your work. We dare to believe that it is you, God, coming to be among us in Jesus, and so we praise you with songs of joy. Glory be to you, O God, now and forever. 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.

HYMN

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my whole being shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a beautiful crown in the hand of the Lord and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the gentiles and for the glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined

for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him.

HYMN

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.

ANTHEM

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)

All good gifts around us come from you, O God. You have given us life and new life in Christ. As you have given us gifts, so we offer our gifts that we may be gifts to one another, even as Jesus so taught and lived. AMEN.

HYMN

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

LUNCH BUNCH BRUNCH

Please join us for a Lunch Bunch Brunch on **Wednesday, January 10** at **noon** at the Golden Oak Pancake House located at 7289 Watson Road, 63119.

See the PURPLE signup sheet on the bulletin board or call Dolores Zikes at 314-282-0197 by Sunday, January 7th.

YOUNG ADULT APPETIZER PARTY

Children are welcome too!
Join us for an evening of appetizers and fellowship at the Tukins! Bring an appetizer to share and BYOB. There will also be some kid friendly foods along with soda, lemonade, and tea.

Saturday, January 27
4-8pm

[RSVP HERE](#) or to Andrea Tukin

LOGOS MINISTRY

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.

Need ideas on feeding 30 people?

Here are some meals we've had in the past that have been successful for our group:

- Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad
- Baked potato bar with soup
- Chili & hot dogs
- Taco night! (beef, chicken or pork)
- Build your own sub/sandwich night
- Lasagna
- Ham or Turkey & Cheese Sliders
- Pulled pork & macaroni & cheese
- Enchiladas
- Chicken Alfredo
- We'd love to try your ideas too!!

If you are interested, please see the schedule on the Bulletin Board.

Thank you for your support,
Andrea Tukin

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Linda Kotthoff	5
Kim Tangeman	7
Sarah Witte	9
Carla Moran	11
Robyn Mikusch	15
Devin Coleman	21
Missy Ruffino	21
Chloe Armistead	24
Karen Nickel	26
Katie Eason	28
Ashley Henson	30
Scott Stevenson	30

PASTOR LAURA VACATION DECEMBER 25 - JANUARY 1

Pastor Laura will be taking some vacation time.

In case of emergency pastoral care needs during this time, please reach out to our Council President, Sandy Stevenson.

OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS

We are again participating in Feed My People's **"Adopt a Family"** Program. We will continue to collect funds during Advent. Excess funds will help pay utility bills.

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 has been placed in the gathering space that many have been "decorating" with hats, scarves, mittens and gloves during advent. Items will be going to Caroline Mission after the new year. All sizes, children's thru adult, are appreciated!

BOOK CLUB

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 10:15am

We will meet on **January 14** after church to share a potluck lunch and to discuss *Girl Waits with Gun*.

Our Next selection is *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver, which tells the story of a 28 year old woman who feels trapped by her role as a housewife, and difficult relationships with her in-laws. Then a miraculous experience changes everything.

Consider joining us to read this New York times best seller and nominee for Best Book of the Year. Books are available in kit form and can be picked up or delivered to you after January 14. We are always ready to welcome new members, and we always have a good time.

OUTREACH MINISTRY UPDATE

The cap and mitten tree is resplendent with many beautiful caps, scarves and mittens. They will be delivered to Caroline Mission as soon as they reopen after the holiday break. They will be shared by Caroline Mission Pre-school, and Unleashing Potential, an after-school program for grade school age children. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	1 January	2	3	4	5	6
7 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	8 4:45 ECC Board Mtg 7:00 Church Council Mtg	9	10 noon Lunch Bunch Brunch @ Golden Oak Pancake House	11 5:00-6:00 Scouts GS	12	13
14 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Book Club	15	16	17 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	18	19	20 11:00-4:00 Building Rental
21 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	22	23	24	25	26	27 8:30-3:00 Building Rental
28 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	29	30	31 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	1 February	2 6:00-9:00 MPR Rental	3

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.



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Joyce Brand
Lou Cherry
Grace Heady
Ron Hemingway
Virginia Hladnick
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