

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



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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 CELEBRATIONS

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Worship Ways - inspired by Psalm 51)

The Holy One is just and merciful, righteous and compassionate, wise and near.

O God, you desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach us wisdom. Enliven joy and gladness within our hearts.

We long for your presence and gather before you in gratitude and awe of your steadfast love.

O God, you desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach us wisdom. Enliven joy and gladness within our hearts.

Create just, righteous, and loving hearts within us. Renew our spirits as we declare your praise and seek you in prayer.

O God, you desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach us wisdom. Enliven joy and gladness within our hearts.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

Gracious God, we give thanks for your presence among us. In the chaos of our lives, you provide calm, healing, and sanctuary. Inspire us to be transformed as you immerse us in your everlasting love and relentless presence. Your Spirit fills the atmosphere as we gather in your name from pew to park and from sanctuary to sofa. Open our receptivity to your word and enflame our imagination of and participation in your kingdom on earth. May it be so. AMEN.

* OPENING HYMN: "What Is This Place" # 289 1-3

What is this place where we are meeting? Only a house, the earth its floor
walls and a roof sheltering people, windows for light, an open door.
Yet it becomes a body that lives when we are gathered here,
and know our God is near.

Words from afar, stars that are falling, sparks that are sown in us like seed.
Names for our God, dreams, signs, and wonders sent from the past are
what we need.

We in this place remember and speak again what we have heard;
God's free redeeming word.

And we accept bread at this table, broken and shared, a living sign.
Here in this world, dying and living, we are each other's bread and wine.
This is the place where we can receive what we need to increase;
God's justice and God's peace.

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: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation
for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house,
and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done
displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David.

He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich
and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds, but the poor
man had nothing but one little ewe lamb that he had bought. He brought it up,
and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare
and drink from his cup and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him.

Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own
flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the

poor man's lamb and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold because he did this thing and because he had no pity." Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your bosom and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah, and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more.

Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now, therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.

Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house, and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in broad daylight. For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and in broad daylight." David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

SCRIPTURE: John 6:24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?"

Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

SERMON: "Bread of Life"

Rev. Laura Mignerone

HYMN: "Break Thou the Bread of Life" # 321

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
beyond the sacred page I see thee, Lord
my spirit pants for thee, O living Word.

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

O send thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me;
touch thou my longing eyes that I may see;
Give me to eat and live with Thee above;
Teach me to love thy truth, for Thou art love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silence - Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy 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

Anthem: "I Am the Bread of Life"

* 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 these gifts and the privilege of giving.
Increase our collective resources that we might serve your kingdom
and bring honor to your name. AMEN.**

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING, POURING, SHARING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Together)

**We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table
by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith,
increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the
world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy
Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior, 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

FINAL FAMILY EVENT THIS SUMMER

Wednesday, August 7 ~ End of Summer Bonfire & Games

(Raindate will be August 14)

Join us for a fun evening at St. P's full of fellowship, fun and food. Dinner will be served along with s'mores for dessert.

Time: 5:30-7:00

[RSVP HERE](#) or to Andrea Tukin at andreatukin@gmail.com (314)566-8633

YOUNG ADULT & FAMILY EVENT PLANNING MEETING

The Young(er) Adults will have a brief planning meeting **after church on August 11** to get some things on the calendar for the remainder of the year. Please join! We will have some snacks as well.

HANDBELL POLISHING PARTY!

On **Sunday, August 25, immediately following worship**, all are invited to lend a hand as we dust off our handbells and polish them up.

We're hoping to organize a new handbell choir—all ages and musical abilities (or lack thereof!) are welcome to join the fun! Let Mike Orzel or Pastor Laura know if you're interested in participating or if you have questions.

LUNCH BUNCH

Please join us for the July Lunch Bunch on **Wednesday, August 14** at Bob Evans located at 6528 S Lindbergh. The restaurant does not take reservations, so please arrive between 11:30-11:45am. They will start combining tables once everyone is there, so we may have a few minutes to wait for tables to be setup. Please signup by Sunday, August 11. See the GOLD signup sheet on the bulletin board.

If you have any questions, contact Dave Schiele at 314-369-3450.

BOOK CLUB

We will meet after church on **August 18** to discuss Caste. Our next selection The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek is a historical novel which follows a packhorse librarian in her quest to bring books to the Appalachians.

Consider joining us to read this book! We meet after church, share a potluck lunch, and always have a good time. For details, contact Barbara Barnes (314-843-4157.)

BROWN BAG LUNCH WITH PAUL AND ART

NEW opportunity for fun, food and fellowship, "Brown Bag Lunch with Paul and Art". Our member Paul Shrout is housebound and is unable to attend church services and activities, so we will bring the fun and fellowship to him!

Members and friends are invited to bring a sandwich in a brown bag and share the lunch hour with Paul and Art on Tuesday, August 27 at 12:00 noon at 10360 Concord School Road, 63128, across from Concord School. Paul and Art can seat 6 people, but there are only 4 parking spots. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

For questions call Barbara Barnes (314)843-4157.

Jackie Thurmond	1
Ken Holdener	1
Terri Karcher	2
Peggi Werner	11
Chris Armistead	15
Megan Comstock	16
Sloane Slavik	17
Tammy Knoll	18
Hilda Leonard	19
Debbie Hudson	24
Luke Bobmeyer	25
Wally Knoll	28
Emma Mahoney	28
Paul Shrout	28
Joe Williams	30
Judy York	31

AUGUST 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!”

ALOHA SUNDAY

August 18, 2024

Get into the spirit of "Aloha" by wearing a Hawaiian shirt or any flowered or bright colored shirt to worship.

If you have a lei, wear that too! If not, we are happy to provide you with a lei. There will be a box of leis at church. We are asking you to choose a lei to wear, but not to return it to the box. Please take it home with you.

JOINT WORSHIP PLANNING MEETING!

St. Philip's Spiritual Life Committee and St. John's Worship Team will meet together on **Sunday, August 18 at 1:00pm** at Pastor Laura's home to discuss worship plans going forward.

If you are not an official member of these committees but would like to participate in the conversation, please let Pastor Laura know.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Fall and the Festival of Sharing are just around the corner! Festival of Sharing is a cooperative response to hunger, poverty and injustice, with projects to help our neighbors to live full and healthy lives. We will be collecting items in September. Stay tuned for details.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

St. Philip's will be taking a group of 10 people to work for Habitat for Humanity on **Saturday, August 24**. The work will begin at the worksite (we will get the address soon) at **7:45am and go until 3:00pm** at the latest.

We still have a few spots to fill, so if you are interested please let Andrea Tukin know at

(314)566-8633

or

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SUNDAY SCHOOL & BABYSITTING ON SUNDAYS

Babysitting is available during the church service in the first classroom on the right in the Early Childhood hallway.

If you are interested in teaching **Sunday School** or helping with the younger children, please contact Andrea Tukin or see the GREEN sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

There is also a PINK sign up on the bulletin board to do **Children's Time** during the service. Lessons can be provided for you.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	29	30	31 6:00 Beer & Bible @ Hessler's	1 August	2	3
4 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 3:00 Pastor Laura Installation Service & Reception	5 7:00 Church Council Mtg	6	7 5:30-7:00 Family Event- Campfire & Outdoor Fun	8	9	10
11 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Young Adult Planning Meeting	12	13	14 11:45 Lunch Bunch @ Bob Evans	15	16	17
18 Aloha Sunday 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Book Club 1:00 Joint Worship Plng Mtg	19	20	21	22	23	24 7:45-3:00 Habitat for Humanity
25 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Bell Polishing Party	26	27 noon Brown Bag Lunch w/Paul & Art	28	29 5:00-8:00 ECC Open House	30	31



**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.



LaDonna Kay Anderson

Brooke Bliss

Misty Bliss

Dave Boyanchek

Joyce Brand

Jennifer Clifton

Ron Hemingway

Virginia Hladnick

Ray Hoffstetter

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