

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Eighteenth 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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 54)

Let us humble ourselves as we seek the presence of the Sovereign God.

God is our helper, the upholder of life.

The Holy One saves and delivers, vindicates and redeems, listens and responds.

God is our helper, the upholder of life.

Give thanks to Holy Love and worship our Maker.

God is our helper, the upholder of life.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

Good God, make yourself known among us. We lift our voices in song, our hearts in prayer, our minds in consideration, our lives in adoration toward you. We acknowledge that your Spirit leads, comforts, and challenges us as we follow you. AMEN.

* OPENING HYMN: "Holy, Holy, Holy" # 4 1-3

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee;

casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

God everliving, through eternity.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see;
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

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: Proverbs 31:10-31

A woman of strength who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not harm all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from far away.

She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her female servants. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night.

She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with shashes.

Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband, too,

and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

SCRIPTURE: Mark 9:30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it, for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."

But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

Then he took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

SERMON VIDEO: "Servant of All"

Rev. Laura Mignerone

HYMN: "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" # 602 1-3

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward
way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company;
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

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: "The Servant Song"

* 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, we give you thanks for all the gifts we receive from you and pray you receive our gifts for your kingdom. May they be a blessing and gift in our extended community and the world. AMEN.

* CLOSING HYMN: "We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky" # 684 1-3

We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wildflow'rs growing,
for we are part of all that is within life's river flowing.

With open hands receive and share the gifts of God's creation,
that all may have abundant life in every earthly nation.

When bodies shiver in the night and weary wait for morning,
when children have no bread but tears, and warhorns sound their warning
God calls humanity to wake, to join in common labor,
that all may have abundant life in oneness with their neighbor.

God calls humanity to join as partners in creating
a future free from want and fear, life's goodness celebrating,
That new world beckons from afar, invites our shared endeavor,
that all may have abundant life and peace endure forever.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

THANK YOU!!!

A big thank you from Daisy Troop 495 to the congregation of St. Philip's for your donations of cakes and icing! We were able to make 30 kits that will be donated to the Affton Food Bank on Saturday.

Thank you,
Lindsey Rawlings

THANK YOU FROM PAUL & ART

Dear St. Philip's Church Family,

I want to say thanks to all of the folks who have attended the Brown Bag Lunch with Paul & Art.

You don't know what it means to me. We really have a good time together with fellowship. I always look forward to it. Even though I am unable to come to church, you come to me. You all are a loving and fine congregation.

May God bless and keep you all in his care. See you on October 6 for Blessing of the Animals.

Love and prayers,
Paul Shrout

ST. PHILIP'S UCC OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS AND WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY!

On Sunday, October 6, for our regular 9:30am worship, we will gather outside on the church grounds for an outdoor worship experience!

AND, all are invited to bring an animal to be blessed during our worship experience (leashed/restrained; please be prepared to clean up after your animal). Be as creative as you'd like as you think about an animal to bring (a pet, a picture of a pet or animal—past or present, a stuffed animal, etc.).

We'll celebrate God's magnificent creation and the animals that share it with us as we worship together outdoors! If possible, please also bring your own chairs. AND, this is also World Communion Sunday, which we will celebrate with human communion elements and treats for pets too!

ST. PHILIP'S OUTREACH MINISTRY

Festival of Sharing is upon us! We are collecting items for Student Dental Packs during the month of September. The packs will be distributed to schools, and social agencies throughout the state of Missouri, and will be given to children who do not have access to basic dental hygiene items.

Items needed include:

- Fluoride Toothpaste-Full size tubes, 6 ounces or more (not the sample size)
- Dental Floss or floss picks (any size)
- Child size toothbrushes (in original packages)
- Adult toothbrushes, soft, in single or two-packs (in original packages)

ST. PHILIP'S - LOGOS MEAL SIGNUP

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 & cheese, Turkey & cheese Sliders
- Pulled pork & macaroni & cheese
- Enchiladas
- Chicken Alfredo
- We'd love to try your ideas too!!

Desserts are also needed. If you have questions, please let Andrea Tugin know or sign up on the bulletin board!

LOGOS FALL SCHEDULE

October 2, 16, & 30

November 13

December 11

A BIG thank you to all who have signed up for the Fall dates!

FIRE & BRIMSTONE

Every other Wednesday, beginning September 25, all are invited to come for a time of fellowship and fun around a fire at St. Philip's!

From 5:30pm-7:00pm, there will be adult supervised playtime for the kids on the playground while the adults are invited to hang out around a fire. Pizza will be provided.

Bring your own chair, BYOB, and join us for some informal fellowship time! All are welcome! Contact Pastor Laura with questions.

BOOK CLUB - SEPTEMBER 22

We will meet on Sunday, September 22 to discuss "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek". We meet after church and share a potluck lunch. For details contact Barbara Barnes 314-843-4157.

FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The 2024 Fall congregational meeting is scheduled for October 20 immediately after church. As you know, the purpose of this meeting is to act upon the recommendations of the Finance Ministry relating to the general fund budget for the coming year. These recommendations, along with the agenda, will be available on the credenza at church two weeks prior to the meeting. If you are unable to come to church, you may call or email Carol in the church office and arrange to receive a copy.

As always, you are encouraged to listen, ask questions, state your opinions, respect the opinions of others, vote your conscience and then support whatever the majority of those attending approve. Be a part of the decision-making process as we perform this important work of the church.

BROWN BAG LUNCH WITH PAUL & ART
NEW opportunity for fun, food and fellowship, "Brown Bag Lunch with Paul and Art". Our member Paul Shroul 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, September 24 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 BLUE signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board. For questions call Barbara Barnes (314)843-4157.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Gabe Mignerone	9
Leona Gottschlich	10
Ollie Coleman	11
Jeannine Navratil	18
Ray Hoffstetter	20
Carole Armistead	20
George Brand	21
Cindy Lewis	21
Cara Schamburg	21
Sue Myers	23
Tom Nottelmann	23
Mary Dykstra	26
Susan Yung	26
Chris Fischer	28
Averi Henson	30
Hayden Henson	30

FLOOR WAXING AT ST. PHILIP'S

Floor waxing will take place in the building the weekends of October 11-13 and October 18-20. Access will be limited. More details coming.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Book Club	23 4:45 ECC Board Meeting	24 noon Lunch w/Paul & Art	25 5:30-7:00 Fire & Brimstone	26 October CRIER Articles Due	27	28
29 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	30	1 October	2 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	3	4 5:00-7:00 Young Adult Service Proj	5
6 9:30 Worship Outdoors, Pet Blessing, Worldwide Communion, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	7 7:00 Church Council Mtg	8	9 5:30-7:00 Fire & Brimstone	10	11 (Floor Waxing, Limited Access)	12 (Floor Waxing, Limited Access)
13 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	14	15	16 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	17 4:45-6:15 Girl Scouts	18 (Floor Waxing, Limited Access)	19 (Floor Waxing, Limited Access)
20 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Fall Congregational Meeting	21	22	23 5:30-7:00 Fire & Brimstone	24	25	26 3:00-5:00 Trunk R Treat



**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*

Aster

LaDonna Kay Anderson

Brooke Bliss

Misty Bliss

Dave Boyanchek

Joyce Brand

Jennifer Clifton

Ron Hemingway

Virginia Hladnick

Ray Hoffstetter

Shirley Jennings

Mary Ann Krewson

Marilyn Milne

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Paul Shrout

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TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 26TH

3:00 - 5:00 PM



JOIN US FOR TRICK-OR-TREATING, DJ DANCE PARTY, AND TO-GO
DINNERS FROM THE CHURCH
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DECORATE A CAR PLEASE ARRIVE BY 2:30 PM

Join us for...

**BLESSING OF
THE ANIMALS**

*Sunday, October 6
9:30 am*



FIRE & BRIMSTONE

Join us for fellowship around the fire and
playtime for the kids
every other Wednesday, beginning September 25,
5:30pm-7:00pm at St. Philip's UCC
Pizza provided, BYOB, bring your chair

*Kids will be supervised on the playground and
adults can connect around the fire.*

**ALL are
welcome!**



Questions? Reach out to Pastor Laura:
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