

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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September 29, 2024
Nineteenth 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)

It is a time of good rain, early and abundant, that renews and does not flood.

We are the gatherers of all that nourishes body and soul, for we work among a harvest of possibility.

It is a time of good trouble, bringing justice without violence, a time of unexpected spirit bringing new words and understandings.

We are the Everyone who receives God's Spirit, the Everyone who shares God's Spirit, in spoken word and sign, song and text, in hand-reaching.

You are gatherers, who are not washed away, the troublemakers of a trouble called love, the Anyone, dangerously open.

Let us worship our God of love.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

God, we come from years of losses and from broken days, wasted hours, painful moments. Yet our hands are out, expecting love so wide it seeps through our fingers. We hold only what we share. We receive only what is shared with us—worship blessings, life blessings, surprising blessings. AMEN.

* OPENING HYMN: "Blessed Assurance" # 543 Verses 1-3

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born on his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
(Refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
(Refrain)

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: Job 1:1, 2:1-10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and the accuser also came among them to present himself before the Lord.

The Lord said to the accuser, "Where have you come from?" The accuser answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to the accuser, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason."

Then the accuser answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that the man has he will give for his life. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to the accuser, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life." So the accuser went out from the presence of the Lord and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God and

die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive good from God and not receive evil?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

SCRIPTURE: Mark 10:13-16

People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

SERMON VIDEO: "Children and the Kingdom of God"
Rev. Laura Mignerone

HYMN: "Jesus Loves Me" # 113

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died, Heaven's gate to open wide,
He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in. (Refrain)

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. (Refrain)

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 Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

* 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)

God, you who have everything, we bring our offering and enter your spirit. This is your generosity to us—we can share with you in the giving and receiving of gifts. May these be blessed for each use, and may we be blessed by letting go of plenty and learning need. AMEN.

* CLOSING HYMN: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" # 431 1-3

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;

waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;

in my love's baptismal river I have made you mine for ever

go, my children, with my blessing you are my own.

Go, my children, since forgiven, at peace and pure,

here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure;

here you heard my Son's dear story, here you touched him, saw his glory,

go, my children, sins forgiven at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
grown in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here his tender comfort stilled you;
go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

ST. PHILIP'S OUTREACH MINISTRY

Our collection of Dental items for Festival of Sharing will end on Sunday, September 29. Items 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)

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 on Sunday, October 6. 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.

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!

TRUNK 'R' TREAT
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
3:00-5:00pm

Join us for Trick-or-Treating, DJ Dance party, and To-Go Food Fundraiser from the Younger Adults from church. If you would like to decorate a car, please arrive by 2:30pm. Contact Jacqueline Fechter in ECC for more info.

FIRE & BRIMSTONE

Every other Wednesday, (October 9 & 23) 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.

LUNCH BUNCH - OCTOBER 9

Join us for Lunch Bunch on Wednesday, October 9 at noon at Chili's Restaurant located at 1130 S. Kirkwood Rd. Please see the PINK signup sheet on the bulletin board and signup by Sunday, October 6 or call Dolores Zikes at 314-282-0197.

**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.

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!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 Chili Dinner Orders Due	9 noon Lunch Bunch-Chili's 5:30-7:00 Fire & Brimstone	10	11 4:00-5:30 Chili Dinner (Floor Wax, 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, Douglas Baptism 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 and ToGo Food Fundraiser
27 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	28	29	30 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	31	1 November	2



**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

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Virginia Hladnick

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Chili Dinner

Friday, October 11th

Let Ms. Annie cook for you! Dinner orders must be placed by **October 8th**. Return this form along with cash or check payable to St. Philip's ECC to guarantee your dinner.

Jr. Dinner: Cup of chili, cornbread muffin, and a cookie **\$7**

Adult Dinner: Bowl of chili, cornbread muffin, and a cookie **\$10**

** Dinner orders must be placed in advance, by Tuesday, October 8th.*

Chili Dine-In or Take-Out: Friday, October 11th

- _____ Jr. Dinner Tickets **\$7**
- _____ Adult Dinner Tickets **\$10**
- _____ Bowl of Chili Mac **\$5**



Family Name _____

Dine-In or Take-Out:

4:15 4:30 4:45 5:00 5:15 5:30





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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