

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



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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 11 and Deuteronomy 18:15-20

We come to worship....

Giving thanks with whole hearts...

In the company of this congregation.

We worship the One who is gracious and merciful...

Holy and awesome is God's name!

Let us worship God together!

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

Holy God, holy, gracious, and merciful we gather mindful of your covenant with us and all creation. We gather mindful of your wonderful deeds and your powerful work among us. Grant that we may be joined with all your creation in praising you in the name of the One who was, and is, and is to come. AMEN.

* OPENING HYMN: "We Gather Together" # 276 Verses 1-3

**We gather together to ask for God's blessing,
to turn to a wisdom surpassing our own;
the pow'rs that oppress us now cease to distress us.
O God, be present with us, and make your will known.**

**Beside us to guide us, O God, we perceive you
ordaining, maintaining the power of life.**

Yes, yours be the glory; let all tell the story.
Our God, be ever with us, in gladness and strife.
May all sing your praises, Redeemer triumphant,
defend us, befriend us, whatever may be.
May your congregation escape tribulation.
Your name be praised forever. O God, make us free!

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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

"The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.'

Then the Lord replied to me, 'They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command.

Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'"

SCRIPTURE: Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. Just then there was in

their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God."

But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

SERMON VIDEO: "Demons"

Rev. Laura Mignerone

HYMN: "Amazing Grace" # 546 Verses 1-3

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.**

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

Anthem: "Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord"

* 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)

We worship with our whole hearts, and give with our whole hearts, remembering your covenant with us, O God. As we share these gifts, may they be for the work of faithful justice and gracious mercy through your church and in your world. AMEN.

* CLOSING HYMN: "On Eagle's Wings" # 77 Verses 1-3

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

"And I will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear,

under God's wings your refuge, God's faithfulness your shield. (Refrain)

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that files by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. (Refrain)

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE Announcing the Willing Workers

CONSIDER JOINING OUR ALTAR COMMITTEE TEAM

We are looking for a few more Altar Committee members. You can volunteer for 1 or 2 months out of the year or as a helper. It usually takes approximately 30-45 minutes a week or less. Tasks consist of getting the sanctuary ready for our Sunday worship service which includes:

- Changing the banner and paraments
- Replacing candles
- Checking pew supplies

For more information, please contact Patty Siewing at 314-974-4498.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ST. PAT'S DINNER

Samuel United Church of Christ
320 N. Forsyth Boulevard
Clayton, MO

Saturday, March 9
4:00 - 7:30pm

Call 314-727-9540 or 314-374-4183 for tickets or reservations.

Suggested Donation
\$20 Adults / \$6 children.

All proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity.

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

FEBRUARY LUNCH BUNCH

Come enjoy Valentine's Day with the Lunch Bunch at **Joe Bocard's** on Watson and Elm (8556 Watson Road 63119) at 12 noon on **February 14, 2024!**

Sign up by February 11 on PINK sign up sheet on the bulletin board, or call Lois Decker at 314-843-0183.

JOINT WORSHIP PLANNING MEETING

St. Philip's Spiritual Life Committee and St. John's Worship Team (and any other interested folks!), will meet at Pastor Laura's home on **Sunday, February 18 at 2:00pm.**

We'll talk all things worship, coordinate between both churches, and plan for the coming months.

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

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.

Save the Date! St. Philip's and St. John will be hosting a spring retreat at Camp Mo-Val Saturday May 18-May 19. Day only or overnight options are available. Stay tuned for more information!

**YOUNG ADULTS
LUNCH GET-TOGETHER
SATURDAY, MARCH 9**

The Young Adults group will be getting together at The Armory on **Saturday, March 9th at 11:00am** for lunch and to hang out for anyone who wants to join! The Armory is located at 3660 Market Street, 63110.

If you can't find a sitter for this kid-free event, the Armory is kid-friendly until 6:00pm.

No need to make reservations or RSVP....folks can just show up and we'll be there!

Contact Cara Schamburg at 501-265-9677 if you have any questions.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Leo Ruffino	1
Charles Zikes	2
Walter Knoll	3
John Mikusch	3
Carl Schillinger	4
Libby Coleman	6
Caylie Armistead	7
Emily Coleman	8
Paula Williams	9
Andrew Knoll	12
Robin Knoll	17
Jeff Stevenson	18
Marilyn Eason	23
Lois Decker	28
Beth Hickman	29
Joyce Brand	31

SPRING RETREAT PLANNING MEETING

Laura and I have decided we will do a St. John UCC/St. Philip's Spring Retreat Planning meeting for anyone who would like to join us for lunch and discussion.

**Spring Retreat Planning Meeting for St. Philip's & St. John
Meet at Freestyle Brewing Company in Eureka
Sunday, March 3 - Noon**

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes are available for pickup from the table just outside the Sanctuary. Please pick up your neighbors too, as it is costly to mail the envelopes.

Pickup hours during the week are Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 10:00-2:00. Call Carol in the Church Office at 314-843-5100 to notify her you're stopping by.

WILLING WORKERS

Dear Church members,

The group of ladies, who have worked on Vacation Bible School projects for many years, are resuming our get-togethers for just 'lunch and conversations' - - or 'lunch and work on a project'.

We now have named ourselves the Willing Workers, taking on the name of a group from years ago. What a great way to foster the spirit of helpfulness!

Our meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at my house. We will meet on **February 8th at noon**. Please bring your own lunch, etc. I will have tea and coffee.

After lunch we will work on 2 projects. We will bag beans and bags of rice that will go to the Isaiah 58 food pantry and the VA's food pantry. My granddaughter will set up the supplies for us since at this time I am unable to. We will also be writing notes in Valentine's cards to send to shut-ins and people who are sick on St. Philip's prayer list.

Future projects will be discussed at our February 8th meeting to help people throughout our community. One idea is to prepare craft project parts to be assembled by the children at upcoming LOGOS meetings.

If you have any questions and/or would like to join us, please call me at 314-843-3605. **We hope you will join us.**

Thanks,
Virginia

P.S. If you know of someone to add to the Valentine's card list, contact Virginia with their name and address. The group would be happy to send a card to a shut-in or sick person that may be on **your** prayer list.

BOOK CLUB

Join the Book Club on **Sunday, February 18 at 10:15am** for a pot-luck lunch to discuss "Flight Behavior".

CAMP MO-VAL
SATURDAY, MAY 18 - SUNDAY, MAY 19
(DAY ONLY and OVERNIGHT OPTIONS)

Join us for an outdoor getaway and spend some time in God's creation with your church family! Activities for the day will include bible study, group games, crafts, outdoor activities and games along with meals and snacks. There will be whole group activities along with options for adults to enjoy other adults while the kids get to be kids! Stay for the day or consider spending the night in one of Mo-Val's updated, climate controlled cabins complete with more evening fun. The following morning we will have a beautiful outdoor worship on the lake.

For more information or to register, you will find registration form links and/or attachments in this email. The same forms and information will be found on our website, stphilipsucc.com and available on the credenza in the gathering space.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Laura or Andrea Tukin at (314) 566-8633 or andreatukin@gmail.com

IN CASE OF SNOW...

If worship services are canceled due to inclement weather, please watch for the announcement on Channel 2 or 11. We will be listed as:

St. Philip's UCC

As a courtesy, please call anyone you know who might need this information.

Cancellations will also be posted on Facebook.

**SALVAGING UNWANTED
CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Instead of recycling or throwing away your unwanted, used or new Christmas cards, I will be collecting them. They will be repurposed for craft projects. Old vintage or newer cards are welcome.

You can drop-off your unwanted cards in the marked box on the credenza just outside the Sanctuary during the months of January and February.

Thank you,
Carol O'Shea

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School noon Parsons Memorial Service	29	30	31 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	1 February	2 6:00-9:00 MPR Rental	3
4 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	5 7:00 Church Council Mtg	6	7	8 noon Willing Workers 5:00-6:00 Girl Scouts	9	10 6:00-10:00 Parents Nite Out
11 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	12	13	14 noon Lunch Bunch @ Joe Bocard's 5:30 LOGOS	15	16	17
18 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Book Club 2:00 Joint Worship Planning Meeting @ Pastor Laura's	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	26 4:45 ECC Board Meeting	27	28 5:30 LOGOS	29	1 March	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*

Iveta Boyanchek
Joyce Brand
Lou Cherry
Grace Heady
Ron Hemingway
Virginia Hladnick
LaDonna Kay

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Marilyn Milne
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