

# First Sunday of Advent

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church Classic Worship, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. November 30, 2025

\*The asterisk indicates to stand, as you are able.

Magnifying readers are available in the narthex. Hearing devices are available at the Welcome Desk.

**GREETING** Dr. John Robbins

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** Lord Christ, the Only Son of God (BWV 601)

J.S. Bach

Sungyun Kim, organ

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;

People: from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
Pastor: The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him;
People: with righteousness he will judge the needy,

with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

Pastor: The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat,

People: the calf and the lion and the yearling together;

and a little child will lead them.

Pastor: Let us sing with praise as we look towards the coming of the Lord.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 196 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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\* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(9:00) Susan & John Robbins (11:00) Debbie & Brad Clark

Leader: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope.

May the light sent from God shine in the darkness

to show us the way of salvation.

People: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

All Sing: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

## \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Dr. Jeffery Hampton

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* Gloria Patri 70

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Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen. Amen.

**ANTHEM** Prep

Prepare the Way of the Lord
Chancel Choir

Michael Larkin

Chancel Ch

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

Rev. Katye Chambers

#### **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

Ever-present God, you taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand. Grant that we may always be watching for the coming of your Son. Save us from undue love of the world, that we may wait with patient hope for the day of the Lord, and so abide in him, that when he shall appear, we may not be ashamed; for it is in Jesus' name we pray:

# THE 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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### **CHORAL AMEN**

#### **GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERING**

Dr. Hampton

OFFERTORY O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr. Jay Rouse

Dr. Frode Gundersen, piano

\* DOXOLOGY 95 OLD 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\* SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 24:36-44

Dr. Robbins

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON At the Ready

\* CLOSING HYMN 202 People, Look East BESANÇON

# \* WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We rejoice to recognize you as a member of Christ's holy church, and we welcome you to Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

# \* BENEDICTION

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Postlude Douglas Wagner
Sungyun Kim, organ

Communion is available immediately following this service in Shamblin Chapel.

#### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Dr. John Robbins, Senior Pastor
Rev. Katye Chambers, Pastor of Missions, Justice, and Emerging Ministries
Dr. Jeffery Hampton, Pastor of Spiritual Care and Visitation
Dr. Frode Gundersen, Director of Music, Worship & Arts
Sungyun Kim, Associate Music Director & Organist

#### **USHERS**

(9:00) Darlette Ellis (*Lead*), Amanda Edwards, Jesse Gibson, Will Green, James Higgins (11:00) Pat Crane (*Lead*), John Jones, Will Jones, Marilyn Micheletti

# **ACOLYTES**

(9:00) Raina Haynes

#### **ALTAR GUILD**

Sylvia Borchert

# **SOUND**

**Bob Worthington** 

#### **COLUMBARIUM FLOWERS**

The flowers in the Columbarium Garden are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eve Yancey by her family.

#### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The Sanctuary flowers are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ro Moery by Robert, SaraCate, and Mary Trent Moery.

# INSPIRE LOVE, EMBRACE CHRIST, ENGAGE THE WORLD.











