

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church Classic Worship, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. December 21, 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 Noel Huron Denis Bedard

Sungyun Kim, organ

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Show us your unfailing love, O God, our Savior,

People: and grant us your salvation.

Pastor: Listen to what the Lord our God says: **People:** He promises peace to his people,

who are his beloved saints.

Pastor: The Lord will indeed give what is good. **People: Righteousness goes before him**

and prepares the way for his steps.

Pastor: May the Lord make his holy face to shine upon us

in this time of Advent worship.

May we see God's face and know his peace.

All: Amen.

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 213** Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(9:00) Rebecca & Bailey Moll

(11:00) Laura & Jason LaRue, Grant & Lee

Leader: We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace.

May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God,

make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy.

People: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

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

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Katye Chambers

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 MEINEKE

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 The First Noel Michael Larkin
Handbell Ensemble

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

O God, you so loved the world as to give your only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Grant to us the precious gift of faith, that we may know that the Son of God is come, and may have power to overcome the world and gain a blessed immortality; through Jesus Christ, and in whose 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

Rev. Chambers

Rev. Ellen Rowland

OFFERTORY Infant Holy, Infant Lowly arr. Jay Rouse
Handbell Ensemble

* 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.

* **HYMN 218** It Came upon the Midnight Clear CAROL

* SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 1:18-25 Dr. Robbins

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON God With Us

* CLOSING HYMN 224 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice IN DULCI JUBILO

* 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

Il est né, le divin Enfant

Sungyun Kim, organ

Denis Bedard

Communion is available immediately following this service in Shamblin Chapel.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. John Robbins, Senior Pastor
Rev. Ellen Rowland, Pastor of Youth & Families
Rev. Katye Chambers, Pastor of Missions, Justice, and Emerging Ministries
Dr. Frode Gundersen, Director of Music, Worship & Arts
Sungyun Kim, Associate Music Director & Organist

USHERS

(9:00) Brandon Mazander (*Lead*), Lee Archer, Nancy Archer, Bill Mann, Laura Spradley, Mark Spradley (11:00) Anne Laidlaw (*Lead*), Richard Bright, Amy Ezell, David Ezell, Keith Gober

ACOLYTES

(9:00) Isabel Adams & Thompson McGrath (11:00) Jane Bright & Will Daugherty

ALTAR GUILD

Cathy Bozynski

SOUND

Charles Cole

SANCTUARY & COLUMBARIUM FLOWERS

This morning's flowers are placed to the glory of God in loving memory of John Roberts by Kathy Roberts.

INSPIRE LOVE, EMBRACE CHRIST, ENGAGE THE WORLD.









