

+All may stand as able.

10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

CALL TO WORSHIP BELL PEAL

GREETING

Dr. John Robbins

PRELUDE “Adagio, Allegro, Adagio” *Christmas Concerto, Op. 6, No. 8* Arcangelo Corelli (1653-1713)
Andrew Irvin, Violin I, Sandy McDonald, Violin II, Joanna Klett, Cello

+HYMN 220 “Angels from the Realms of Glory” REGENT SQUARE
**Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;
ye who sang creation’s story now proclaim Messiah’s birth:**

*Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.*

**Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light: Refrain**

**Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star: Refrain**

**Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear;
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear: Refrain**

+LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES AND SHARING OF CHRIST’S PEACE Rev. Kathleen McMurray
Isaiah 9:6-7
We light these candles as a symbol of Christ our Peace.
May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready
for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy.
O come, O come, Emmanuel.
Let us share signs of peace with one another in honor of Christ, the Prince of Peace by saying,
the peace of Christ be with you.
The peace of Christ be with you. Amen. Amen.

+SUNG RESPONSE 213 vs. 4 TRURO
**Thy Holy Spirit lead us on
until our glorious goal is won;
eternal praise, eternal fame be
offered, Savior, to thy name!**

SCRIPTURE Romans 16:25-27 Dr. Jeffery Hampton

SOLO Recitative “Then shall the eyes of the blind” *Messiah* G.F. Handel (1685-1759)
Air “He shall feed His flock like a Shepherd”
Mary Ann Robinson, Soprano

LESSON FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS Ms. Burns
HYMN 219 vss. 1 and 3
**What child is this who, laid to rest,
on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?**

Refrain
**This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him. Refrain**

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM
Mary Louise Holt, child of Caroline and Mark Holt

Dr. Hampton

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ’s holy church, for we are all one in Christ Jesus, our Lord. We promise to love, encourage, nurture and support you, and to help you know and follow Christ.
All singing Hymn 611 vs. 1 as the family returns to their seat.
**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit’s sign;
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Dr. Hampton
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us 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.

+HYMN 224 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” IN DULCI JUBILO
**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul, and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: News, news! Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today, Christ is born today!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: News, news! Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened the heaven’s door, and ye are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: News, news! Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all, to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!**

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. McMurray

OFFERTORY “Largo” *Pastoral al Libitum* Arcangelo Corelli (1653-1713)

+PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS WITH 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.**

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “Lost in Wonder, Love, & Praise” by John R. Killinger Dr. Hampton
I believe that Christmas is more than a time for parties and ornaments; it is a time for remembering Christ and the incarnation of God’s love in human flesh.
I believe there are gifts more important than the ones under the Christmas tree, such as the things we teach our children, the way we share ourselves with friends, and the industry with which we set about reshaping the world in our time.
I believe that the finest carols are often sung by poorest voices, from hearts made warm by the wonder of the season.
I believe in the angels’ message that we should not be afraid—that the Child of Bethlehem is able to overcome all anxieties and insecurities.
I believe in prayer and quietness as a way of appropriating Christmas—that if I wait in silence, I will experience the presence of the One born in the stable, for he lives today as surely as he lived then.
I believe in going away from Christmas as the wise men went—“another way.” I want to be different when these days are past—more centered, more thoughtful, more caring. And I believe God will help me. Amen.

Connect Card

December 20, 2020, Sanctuary
Please register your attendance and place in offering plate.

10:30 a.m.
 first time guest repeat guest member

Ages: under 18 18-25 26-29
 30-39 40-49 50-59 60 plus

Name(s): _____

Please check if your information has changed.
Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

E-Mail: _____

Name(s) of Children & Youth present with me today: _____

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

- Are you interested in knowing how to begin a relationship with Jesus Christ?
- Are you interested in knowing more about the ministries of the church?
- Are you interested in becoming a member of the church?

Join Us for Membership Matters

Please contact me with more information.

WHO CARES? WE DO! IN-TOUCH MINISTRY

- I am interested in receiving Spiritual support from Caring Ministries.
- Divorce (Adults & Children)
- Family
- Finances
- Health & Healing
- Marriage
- Pet Illness
- Relationships
- Other
- Please pray for (Concerns/Joys):**

Please contact me: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

(For detailed Confidential Requests use Prayer Card in Pew and place in Prayer Box at either exit.)

Registrations

Sanctuary - Sunday, December 20, 2020
Please register for opportunities below.
Please print clearly.

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

WANT TO KNOW THE LATEST WITH THE PET MINISTRY?

Name _____

E-mail _____

Type of pet (dog,cat,etc) _____

PHUMC SUPPORT MINISTRIES. I would like to receive more information:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Al-Anon | <input type="checkbox"/> Helping Hands Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce (Adults & Children) | <input type="checkbox"/> Memory Loss |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grief (Adults & Children) | <input type="checkbox"/> The Loss of a Pet |

TOWER NEWSLETTER. If you would like to receive the church newsletter hot off the press via email, please complete info below or send your email address to pr@phumc.com.

Name: _____

Email: _____

+GLORIA PATRI 70
*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.*

MEINEKE

+GOSPEL Luke 1:46-56
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "And Mary Said"

Dr. Robbins

+INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Dr. Robbins

+HYMN 238 "Angels We Have Heard on High"
*Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.*

GLORIA

Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

*Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song? Refrain*

*Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Refrain*

*See him in a manger laid,
whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while our hearts in love we raise. Refrain*

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Robbins

RESPONSE FOR 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

Dr. Robbins

Assisting in Worship:
Organist: Stanley Cox

The flowers in the Columbarium Garden are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Roberts by Kathy Roberts.



The Holy Family, Serigraph Orthodox Icon

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New, easy ways to support PHUMC!

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