

+All may stand as able.

10:30 a.m.

# First Sunday after Christmas

CALL TO WORSHIP BELL PEAL

GREETING

PRELUDE "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

+HYMN 245 "The First Noel"

*The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

Refrain:  
*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.*

*They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east, beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.* Refrain

*And by the light of that same star  
three Wise Men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.* Refrain

*This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;  
and there it did both stop and stay,  
right over the place where Jesus lay.* Refrain

*Then entered in those Wise Men three,  
full reverently upon the knee,  
and offered there, in his presence,  
gold and myrrh and frankincense.* Refrain

+SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

God of Life and Love, holy Mystery of wildness and order,  
prolific Giver of everything,  
*today we come to celebrate the mystery of your  
gift of life, the wonder of your gift of consciousness,  
the great joy of your gift of Christ among us.*

Let us know deep down in our bones that we are not alone,  
That you are here with us on the Way,  
*For we've gathered to sing and pray and celebrate  
in the name of Jesus, newborn again among  
us as the Messiah.*

People of Christ, let us share the peace with those  
around us by saying, peace be with you, glory to God!  
*Peace be with you, glory to God! Amen, Amen.*

+SUNG RESPONSE 245 refrain

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.*

SOLO "Sweet Little Jesus Boy"

LaSheena Gordon, Soprano

LESSON FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

HYMN 217 vss. 1 and 3

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*

Rev. Jay Clark

arr. Aaron D. Miller

THE FIRST NOEL

Rev. Kathleen McMurray

THE FIRST NOEL

Robert Mac Gimsey

James Maase

*Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay  
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.*

CAROL SING 228 "He Is Born" vss. 1 and 3

Refrain:  
*He is born, the holy Child,  
play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!  
He is born, the holy Child,  
sing we all of the Savior mild.*

*Thru long ages of the past,  
prophets have foretold his coming;  
thru long ages of the past,  
now the time has come at last!* Refrain

*Jesus, Lord of all the world,  
coming as a child among us,  
Jesus, Lord of all the world,  
grant to us thy heavenly peace.* Refrain

221 "In the Bleak Midwinter" vss. 1 and 4  
*In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.*

*What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.*

237 "Sing We Now of Christmas" vss. 1 and 2  
*Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here!  
Hear our grateful praises to the babe so dear.  
Refrain: Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!  
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!*

*Angels called to shepherds, "Leave your flocks at rest,  
journey forth to Bethlehem, find the child so blest."* Refrain

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY "Some Children See Him" Alfred Burt Carols  
Ollie Burrow, Baritone

+PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS WITH DOXOLOGY 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

+SCRIPTURE Luke 2: 22-40

The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Rev. McMurray

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FRENCH CAROL

Rev. McMurray

Alfred Burt

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Rev. Clark

## Connect Card

Sunday, December 27, 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 27, 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            |
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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MESSAGE

“The Rest of the Story”

+INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Rev. Clark

+HYMN 218 “It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

CAROL

*It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven’s all-gracious King.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.*

*Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.*

*And ye, beneath life’s crushing load, whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,  
look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.  
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!*

*For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold  
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,  
and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.*

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Clark

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 “Lost In Wonder, Love, & Praise” by John R. Killinger

Rev. Clark

*Now may God, who was celebrated by angels’ songs and  
worshiped by shepherds from the hillsides, anoint us with  
the true spirit of Christmas, that we too may sing and worship,  
now and forever, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

+BENEDICTION RESPONSE 251 refrain

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.*

**Assisting in Worship:**

Organist: Stanley Cox

The flowers in the Columbarium Garden are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wayne Jackson by Patti, Mike, Mark, Jennie, Julie, Greg and grandchildren.



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