

+All may stand as able.

# First Sunday of Advent

9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Chancel Choir

Mark A. Miller

CALL TO WORSHIP BELL PEAL

WELCOME

Dr. John Robbins

PRELUDE "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying," BWV 645

arr. Johann Sebastian Bach

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN 211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vss. 1-3 and 7

VENI EMMANUEL

+LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

9:00 Anna-Lee & Sam McSpadden 11:00 The Krowski Family

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 60: 2-3

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.

**O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

In celebration of our Christian hope, let us say together,  
may the love and hope of Christ be with us.

**May the love and hope of Christ be with us.**

Amen, **Amen.**

+SUNG RESPONSE 213 vs. 1

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
behold, the King of glory waits;  
the King of kings is drawing near;  
the Savior of the world is here!**

TRURO

SOLO "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Jean Caroline Freitas, Soprano

Tune: Michael Praetorius, 1609

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung.*

*It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.*

*Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.*

*To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.*

*O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.*

*True man yet very God, from sin and death now save us, and share our every load.*

LESSON FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

HYMN 229 vss. 1 and 2

**Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.**

**Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.**

**Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.**

**Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you**

Cindy Burns

+PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Rev. Jay Clark

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.**

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+PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS WITH DOXOLOGY 95

**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.**

OLD 100TH

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "Lost In Wonder, Love, & Praise" by John R. Killinger

9:00 Rev. Kathleen McMurray 11:00 Rev. Clark

**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.**

+GLORIA PATRI 70

**Glorify 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

+SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:6

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Dr. Robbins

+GREETING

MESSAGE

"A Child Shall Lead Them"

Dr. Robbins

+INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

+HYMN 206 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

HOUSTON

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

Dr. Robbins



+BENEDICTION RESPONSE 206 *refrain*  
*In him there is no darkness at all.*  
*The night and the day are both alike.*  
*The Lamb is the light of the city of God.*  
*Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

HOUSTON

POSTLUDE "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

arr. Christopher Tambling

Assisting in Worship:

Dr. John Robbins, Senior Pastor  
 Rev. Jay Clark, Executive Pastor  
 Rev. Kathleen McMurray, Pastor, Connecting Ministries  
 Kayren Baker, Chancel Choir Guest Conductor  
 Cindy Burns, Minister to Children & Families  
 Stanley Cox, Associate Minister of Music & Arts/Organist  
 Chancel Choir

Acolytes: 9:00 Leslie Wallace, Henry Wallace, Charlie Wallace  
 11:00 Eleanor Messersmith, Millicent Messersmith, Gresham Messersmith

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birth of grandson's Deacon Joe and Raylan Lee Chambers by Robert and Susan Dunn.

The flowers placed in the Columbarium Garden are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jeannine & Bill Sessions and Bob Shannon by Jennifer & Mike Shannon & family.



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*A Child Shall Lead Them*  
 Dr. John Robbins