

+All may stand as able.

9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

CALL TO WORSHIP BELL PEAL

WELCOME

Dr. John Robbins

PRELUDE "Adagio" *Trio Sonata in G Major, BWV 1039*

J.S. Bach

Barry McVinney, Flute; Diane McVinney, Flute

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN 220 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

REGENT SQUARE

+ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

9:00 Sarah Argue & Matthew Anderson; 11:00 Jean Phillips & Carole Wilson

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

**Thy Holy Spirit lead us on
until our glorious goal is won;
eternal praise, eternal fame
be offered, Savior, to thy name!**

TRURO

ANTHEM "How Far Is It to Bethlehem?"

Chancel Choir

arr. Mack Wilberg

LESSON FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

HYMN 217 vs. 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.**

Cindy Burns

**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.**

11:00 SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Rev. Jay Clark, Dr. Hampton

Jacks Thomas Kane, child of Rachel and Matthew Kane

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

9:00 Rev. Kathleen McMurray, 11:00 Dr. Jeffery 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY on "Greensleeves"

Joanna Klett, Cello

Ralph Vaughan Williams

+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

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

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.

+SCRIPTURE Isaiah 11:1-10

Dr. Robbins

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

+GREETING

MESSAGE

"Prince of Peace"
Sermon Series: We Shall Call Him

Dr. Robbins

+INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

+HYMN 238 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

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

HOUSTON

*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.*

POSTLUDE "People, Look East"

arr. Rebecca Groom te Velde

Assisting in Worship:

Dr. John Robbins, Senior Pastor
Dr. Jeffery Hampton, Pastor, Caring & Families
Rev. Kathleen McMurray, Pastor, Connecting Ministries
Rev. Jay Clark, Executive Pastor
Cindy Burns, Minister to Children & Families
James Maase, Minister of Music, Arts & Worship
Stanley Cox, Associate Minister of Music & Arts/Organist
Chancel Choir
Acolytes: 9:00 Sadie Harris, Scarlett Harris, Kate Kostopulos
11:00 Catherine Daugherty, Mary Carol Daugherty, Will Daugherty

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

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

PULASKI HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO WORSHIP
DECEMBER 24, 2021

Christmas Eve

Contemporary Worship
Wesley Hall + 2:00 pm
Rev. Kathleen McMurray Preaching

Family Worship
Great Hall + 4:00 pm
Rev. Jay Clark Leading

Traditional Worship
6:00pm + Sanctuary + 8:00 & 11:00pm
Rev. Jay Clark Preaching Dr. John Robbins Preaching

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Sunday, Dec. 26

Contemporary Worship
Wesley Hall - 10:30 am

Traditional Worship
Sanctuary - 10:30 am
Streaming live on KATV

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