

+All may stand as able.

# First Sunday after Christmas Day

10:30 am

CALL TO WORSHIP BELL PEAL

WELCOME

PRELUDE “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN 245 “The First Noel”

+CALL TO WORSHIP

It is over now: the shopping and wrapping,  
the baking and celebrating.

**The Christmas rush is behind us.**

But the meaning of Christmas lives on and on.

**The Lord of Christmas is here among us!**

Let us worship and be glad!

Amen, **Amen.**

+SUNG RESPONSE 245 refrain

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

SOLO “The Infinite Shining Heavens”

Kyle Forehand, Baritone

*Text: The infinite shining heavens rose, and I saw in the night uncountable angel stars showering sorrow and light.*

*I saw them distant as heaven, dumb and shining and dead, and the idle stars of the night were dearer to me than bread.*

*Night after night in my sorrow the stars looked over the sea, till lo! I looked in the dusk and a star had come down to me.*

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**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Dr. John Robbins

Aaron D. Miller

THE FIRST NOEL

James Maase

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Ralph Vaughan Williams

Text: Robert Louis Stevenson

Cindy Burns

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.**

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**

230 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” vss.1 and 3

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;**

**above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.**

**Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;**

**the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given;**

**so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.**

**No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,**

**where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.**

237 “Sing We Now of Christmas” vss. 1 and 3

**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!*

**In Bethlehem they found him; Joseph and Mary mild, seated by the manger, watching the holy child. Refrain**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Clark

OFFERTORY “I Wonder as I Wander”

arr. Benjamin Britten

Kyle Forehand, Baritone

+PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS WITH DOXOLOGY 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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!**

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “Lost in Wonder, Love, & Praise” by John R. Killinger

James Maase

**I believe in the spirit of Christmas, for it is the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose birth it celebrates;**

**I believe in the lights of Christmas, for they remind me of him who is the Light of the world;**

**I believe in the greenery of Christmas, for it symbolizes the eternal life of those in Christ;**

**I believe in giving gifts at Christmas, for it is in keeping with the greatest gift the world has ever known;**

**I believe in being childlike at Christmas, for Jesus said we must become as children to enter the kingdom of heaven;**

**And I believe in the angels’ song about peace on earth among persons of good will, for when my will is good,**

**as it is at Christmas, I feel a peace and joy in my heart that is unlike anything else in all the world.**

**It has to be the peace and joy of God! Amen.**

+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

+SCRIPTURE Colossians 3:12-17  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
*Thanks be to God.* Dr. Robbins

+GREETING

MESSAGE "Looking Inward" Dr. Robbins

+INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

+HYMN 378 "Amazing Grace" vss 1-3 and 6 AMAZING GRACE

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 238 refrain  
Refrain: *Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

POSTLUDE "Joy to the World" arr. Mary Beth Bennett

Assisting in Worship:  
Dr. John Robbins, Senior Pastor  
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  
Ushers: Boo Jennings, Arline Jackson, Ray Porter, Cher Dupuy

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