

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church
Classic Worship, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
December 18, 2022

*Please silence all cell phones prior to the service.
The asterisk (*) indicates to stand, as you are able.*

BELL PEAL

WELCOME

Dr. John Robbins

OPENING VOLUNTARY

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks
Frode Gundersen, piano

arr. Jay Rouse

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Philippians 4:4-5, NIV)

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always.

People: I will say it again: Rejoice!

Pastor: Let your gentleness be evident to all.

People: The Lord is near.

Pastor: We rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming.

All: Let us worship God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 220

Angels from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(9:00) Libby Smith
(11:00) Linda Powell

Leader: We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace.
May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God,
make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy.

People: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

All Sing: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR ADVENT – by Nathan Nettleton

Rev. Jay Clark

We believe in God, creator and lover of the earth, origin and destiny of us all.

We believe in Jesus the Christ—God coming to us in the fragile promise of a baby yet unborn—who emerges as the herald of hope, God's laughter in the face of despair. Plunged into death and hell, he broke free the captives, and is leading the way to the land of promise where justice and peace will flourish.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who implants the seed of truth, brings us to birth as the body of Christ, and empowers us to confront and transform all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful.

We believe in the coming reign of God. Announced by the Baptist, it has drawn near to us in Jesus, and will be consummated in the glorious marriage of earth and heaven, when all who have passed through the world's deep sorrow will be raised from the waters, robed in righteousness, and gathered into the joyous fulfilment of God's desire.

For the coming of that day, we work and pray: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

* 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.

(11:00) SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Eleanor Joan Nolen & Alice Catherine Nolen

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.

ANTHEM

Joy to the World
PHUMC Handbell Ensemble

arr. Valerie Stephenson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Abbey Maynard

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

O God, you so loved the world as to give your only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Grant to us the precious gift of faith, that we may know that the Son of God is come, and may have power to overcome the world and gain a blessed immortality; through Jesus Christ, and in whose name we 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.**

CHORAL AMEN

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERING

Dr. Jeffery Hampton

OFFERTORY

It Came upon the Midnight Clear
Susan Antonetti, flute

arr. William Hines

* 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.**

* HYMN 218

It Came upon the Midnight Clear
(Verses 1 & 4)

CAROL

* SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

* GREETING

SERMON

Peace with Justice

Dr. John Robbins

* CLOSING HYMN 238

Angels We Have Heard on High
(Verses 1 – 3)

GLORIA

*** WELCOME TO 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.

*** SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CLOSING VOLUNTARY** *Toccata on 'Of the Father's Love Begotten'* *David Cherwien*
Betty Cohen, organist

Communion is available immediately following this service in the Chapel.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. John Robbins, *Senior Pastor*; Rev. Jay Clark, *Executive Pastor*
Dr. Jeffery Hampton, *Pastor, Caring Ministries*; Rev. Abbey Maynard, *Pastor, Community Ministries*
Dr. Frode Gundersen, *Director of Music, Arts & Worship*; Betty Cohen, *Guest Organist*

ACOLYTES

(9:00) Charlotte Stotts (11:00) Preston Holsclaw & Whitman Holsclaw

USHERS

(9:00) Cindy Simpson, Ann Bortz, Arline Jackson, Nancy Bartlett
(11:00) Ray Porter, Keith Gober, John Jones, Cher Dupuy, Nancy Leonhardt

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

COLUMBARIUM FLOWERS

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

BAPTISM

This morning Andrea Stokes and Jacob Nolen present their children, Eleanor Joan Nolen and Alice Catherine Nolen, for Christian Baptism.