

Second Sunday of Advent

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church
Classic Worship, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
December 4, 2022

WELCOME (9:00) Dr. John Robbins (11:00) Rev. Kathleen McMurray

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Noel Nouvelet* arr. Dale Wood

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: 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 203** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* ELLACOMBE

* **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH** (9:00) Chuck Massey
(11:00) Jim Mark Ingram

Leader: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ the Way.
May the Word sent from God through the prophets
lead us to the way of salvation.

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 Dr. Jeffery Hampton

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.

ANTHEM *Veni, Veni, Emmanuel* arr. Joseph Martin
Chancel Choir

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Abbey Maynard

Prepare the way of the Lord! Let us make our confession to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

O promised Christ: we are a world at war. Our peace depends on your coming.

We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on your coming. We are full of good intentions, but weak at keeping promises. Our only hope of doing God's will is that you should come and help us do it. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the good news.

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven,

All: Glory to God. Amen.

HYMN 216 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* ES IST EIN ROS

* **SCRIPTURE LESSON** Matthew 1:18-25

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

* GREETING

SERMON God's Word in a Dream (9:00) Dr. John Robbins
(11:00) Rev. Kathleen McMurray

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Dr. Hampton

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Coventry Carol/What Child Is This* arr. Jay Rouse

* **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.

* **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (9:00) Dr. Robbins (11:00) Rev. McMurray

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might. Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

As the congregation is seated, the pastor continues the thanksgiving and concludes:
And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:
All honor is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.



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.**

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

* **CLOSING HYMN 213** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* TRURO

* 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.

* BENEDICTION

* **CLOSING VOLUNTARY** *The Heavens Declare* *Benedetto Marcello*

(* The asterisk designates to stand, as you are able)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. John Robbins, *Senior Pastor*
Dr. Jeffery Hampton, *Pastor, Caring Ministrie*
Rev. Kathleen McMurray, *Pastor, Connecting Ministries & Worship*
Rev. Abbey Maynard, *Pastor, Community Ministries*
Dr. Frode Gundersen, *Director of Music, Arts & Worship*

ACOLYTES

(9:00) George Cox & Julia Dempsey
(11:00) Mary Carol Daugherty & Will Daugherty

USHERS

(9:00) Grant Cox, Caroline Beauchamp, Chery Dupuy, Rick Fleetwood
(11:00) Boo Jennings, Andy Agar, Chery Dupuy, Jim Moody

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Vadena Lunsford by Dickie Lunsford.

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The Columbarium Garden flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Vadena Lunsford by Dickie and Dixon Lunsford.



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