

First Sunday after Christmas

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church
Classic Worship, 9:00 a.m.
December 31, 2023

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

WELCOME Dr. John Robbins

OPENING VOLUNTARY *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* arr. Jacob Weber

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

**People: on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.**

Pastor: Jesus Christ is our life and light.
In his name and in his power, let us worship God!

*** OPENING HYMN 154** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* CORONATION

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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.**

SOLO *Sleeping Adonai* Heather Sorenson
Kathryn Howell, soloist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Kathleen McMurray

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**O Lord, our God, as we celebrate the season of Christmas, we ask you to make us humble
and loving like Jesus, who did not come to be served but to serve, and who said that it is
better to give than to receive, so that in his name we may devote ourselves to the care
and service of all who are in need. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who taught us to 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.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERING

OFFERTORY *In the Garden* arr. Dan Miller

*** 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 254** *We Three Kings* KINGS OF ORIENT

*** SCRIPTURE LESSON** Matthew 2:1-12 Dr. Robbins

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

*** GREETING**

SERMON What Gift Can We Bring?

*** CLOSING HYMN 87** *What Gift Can We Bring* ANNIVERSARY SONG

*** 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** *Toccata Brevis* Daniel Gawthrop

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. John Robbins, *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Kathleen McMurray, *Pastor, Connecting Ministries & Worship*
Sungyun Kim, *Associate Music Director & Organist*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are in memory of Kearney and Floy Jean Dietz on their wedding anniversary by Dee and Susan Dietz.

COLUMBARIUM FLOWERS

The Columbarium Garden flowers are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Floy Jean and Kearney Dietz,
by Amanda and Joey Scott.

USHERS

(Lead) Arline Jackson, Dickie Lunsford, Amanda Edwards, Darlette Ellis

ALTAR GUILD

Sandra De Luca

SOUND

Bob Worthington

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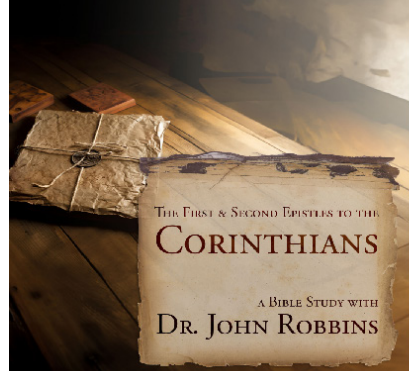
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- 6PM
 - In-Person in Wesley Hall
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