

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church
Classic Worship, 9:00 a.m.
December 24, 2023

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

Dr. John Robbins

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Of the Father's Love Begotten
Dr. Frode Gundersen, piano

arr. Jay Rouse

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Show us your unfailing love, O God, our Savior,

People: and grant us your salvation.

Pastor: Listen to what the Lord our God says:

**People: He promises peace to his people,
who are his beloved saints.**

Pastor: The Lord will indeed give what is good.

**People: Righteousness goes before him
and prepares the way for his steps.**

Pastor: May the Lord make his holy face to shine upon us
in this time of Advent worship.

May we see God's face and so know peace.

All: Amen.

* OPENING HYMN 196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Lisa & Bob Althoff

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. Abbey Maynard

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 John 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.**

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Isabelle Helen 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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

O Come, All Ye Faithful J.D. Meyers & Kristian Stanfill
Brooke Sanchez-Hobbs & Trenton Teegarden

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dr. Jeffery Hampton

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.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERING

Rev. Maynard

OFFERTORY

Emmanuel Fox & Foal
Brooke Sanchez-Hobbs & Trenton Teegarden

* 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 221

In the Bleak Midwinter CRANHAM
(Verses 1 & 4)

* SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:46-55

Rev. Daniel Curry

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

* GREETING

SERMON

A Different Christmas Carol

* CLOSING HYMN 224

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

* 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

In Dulci Jubilo

arr. Wilbur Held

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. John Robbins, *Senior Pastor*; Rev. Jay Clark, *Executive Pastor*; Dr. Jeffery Hampton, *Pastor of Caring Ministries*
Rev. Abbey Maynard, *Pastor of Community Ministries*; Rev. Daniel Curry, *Associate Pastor of Caring Ministries*
Dr. Frode Gundersen, *Director of Music, Worship & Arts*; Trenton Teegarden, *Minister of Modern Music & Phkids Worship*
Brooke Sanchez-Hobbs, *Modern & Phyouth Worship Coordinator*

ACOLYTES

Isabel Adams & Sydney Faulkner

ALTAR GUILD

Kathy Roberts

SOUND

Bob Worthington

USHERS

Ann Bortz (*Lead*), Jennie Cole, Geoff Gwinn, Arline Jackson, Cindy Simpson

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory to God by Louise and Andre Rollefson.

COLUMBARIUM FLOWERS

The Columbarium flowers are placed to the glory of God in loving memory of Wayne Jackson by Patti, Mike, Julie, Mark, Ahmed, Jennie, Greg, Grace, Mary Kate, Caleb and Sarah.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This morning Rachel and Matthew Kane present their child, Isabelle Hellen Kane, for baptism.



PULASKI HEIGHTS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31
HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 9:00AM | Classic Worship | Sanctuary
- No Children's Sunday School & Limited Adult Sunday School
- 10:30AM | KATV Classic Service
- 11:00AM | Modern Worship | Wesley Hall

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9:00 am Christmas Eve