

Classic Worship
Sanctuary

December 7, 2025

All *Earth* Is Waiting



PULASKI
HEIGHTS

United Methodist Church

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Second Sunday of Advent

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church
Classic Worship, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
December 7, 2025

**The asterisk indicates to stand, as you are able.*

Magnifying readers are available in the narthex. Hearing devices are available at the Welcome Desk.

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Gigue
Sungyun Kim, organ

Douglas Wagner

* 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.

People: Let us worship God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 203

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

ELLACOMBE

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(9:00) Sarah & Jens Boyd Family
(11:00) Cathy & Lee Sing

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

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. 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.

* SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10

(9:00) Dr. John Robbins
(11:00) Rev. Jay Clark

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

SERMON

A Kingdom of Peace

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Daniel Curry

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dr. Jeffery Hampton

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

CHORAL RESPONSE

STEPHEN MINISTRY COMMISSIONING

Because you have promised faithfully to serve God and the people of Christ as Stephen Ministers, we commend you to the care and guidance of the Holy Spirit, as you, in turn, care for others. Act boldly and without fear, for Christ is with you. And, “May the God of peace sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Amen.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Make My Life a Bethlehem
Karen Clark, soloist

Craig Courtney

*** 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**

Rev. Curry

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give 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.

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.



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a gain!

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.



A - men, a - men a - - men.

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

COMMUNION ANTHEM

One Bread, One Body
Chancel Choir

John Foley

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

Intrada
Sungyun Kim, organ

Christopher Tambling

COMMISSIONED STEPHEN MINISTERS

Mary Catherine Armstrong, David Briscoe, Corey Villines Brooks, Heather Doherty, Harriet Farley, Karen Greenlee, Keith Hughes, Bruce Murchison, Debbie Murchison, Virginia Porta, David Reckert, Laura Spradley, Victoria Spradley, Emily Argue Stotts, Larry Yancey

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. John Robbins, *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Jay Clark, *Chief of Staff*
Rev. Daniel Curry, *Pastor of Caring Ministries*
Dr. Jeffery Hampton, *Pastor of Spiritual Care & Visitation*
Dr. Frode Gundersen, *Director of Music, Worship & Arts*
Sungyun Kim, *Organist & Associate Music Director*

ACOLYTES

(9:00) Collins Shivley & Hendrix Shivley
(11:00) Jane Bright & Willa Noland

USHERS

(9:00) Jill Spradlin (*Lead*), Caroline Beauchamp, Rick Fleetwood, Jeff Gwinn, Jeff Stotts
(11:00) Ryan Eppinette (*Lead*), Jennie Cole, Boo Jennings, Jim Moody

ALTAR GUILD

Stephanie Haynes, Sandra De Luca, Cathy Bozynski, Tomye Moldin

SOUND

Bob Worthington

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. George K. Mitchell by his wife Martha Mitchell and by his son and his family Adam, Kristie, Quinn, and Peri.

COLUMBARIUM FLOWERS

The Columbarium Garden flowers are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents LaNell & Chesney Haney by Linda Haney Muldrow. "We always miss you at Christmas!"

INSPIRE LOVE. EMBRACE CHRIST. ENGAGE THE WORLD.