

*Classic Worship*  
Sanctuary

December 14, 2025

All *Earth* Is Waiting



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HEIGHTS

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# *A Festival of Lessons and Carols*

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Classic Worship, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
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*The asterisk (\*) indicates to stand, as you are able.*

## WELCOME

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**     *Savior of the Nations, Come (BMV 659)*     *J.S. Bach*  
Sungyun Kim, organ

## BIDDING PRAYER

**Pastor:** Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas, it is our duty and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, to go in heart and mind to Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass and the Babe lying in a manger.

*The pastor continues, and concludes with:*

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words that Christ himself has taught us:

**People:** **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.**

**HYMN 250**     *Once in Royal David's City*     IRBY

\*The congregation will remain seated until directed to stand prior to the third stanza.

1. Soloist
2. Choir

Congregation:

3. **Jesus is our childhood's pattern: day by day, like us he grew;  
he was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew;  
and he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.**
4. **And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;  
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;  
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.**

**FIRST LESSON**     Isaiah 9:2, 6-7  
The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.

**ANTHEM**     *How Far Is It to Bethlehem*     *arr. Mack Wilberg*

**SECOND LESSON**     Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9  
The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

**ANTHEM**     *My Dancing Day*     *Mark Burrows*

**THIRD LESSON**     Luke 1:26-35, 38  
The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**ANTHEM**     *Fantasia on 'Greensleeves'*     *Ralph Vaughan Williams*  
Instrumental Ensemble

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*The Wexford Carol*  
Karen Clark, soprano

*arr. Mark Hayes*

**\* DOXOLOGY 95**

OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

**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 229**

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

W ZLOBIE LEZY

**Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging, angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.**

**Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you.**

**\* FOURTH LESSON**

Luke 2:1, 3-7

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

**\* HYMN 240**

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

**Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th' incarnate Deity,  
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**FIFTH LESSON**

Luke 2:8-16

The shepherds go the manger.

**HYMN 242**

*Love Came Down at Christmas*

GARTAN

**Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.**

**Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine;  
worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign?**

**Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine;  
love to God and all men, love for plea and gift and sign.**

**SIXTH LESSON**

Matthew 2:1-11  
The Magi are led by the star to Jesus.

**ANTHEM***The First Noel**arr. Dan Forrest***\* SEVENTH LESSON**

John 1:1-14

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

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

**Thanks be to God.****\* HYMN 234***O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;**

*(Refrain)* **O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

**True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;  
Son of the Father, begotten, not created; *(Refrain)***

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; *(Refrain)***

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given.  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *(Refrain)***

**\* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

**Pastor:** May the Christ who by his Incarnation gathered into One things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

**People: Amen.****Pastor:** Go forth in peace and joy.**Amen: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!****\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying*  
Sungyun Kim, organ

*Aaron Shows*

*Communion is available immediately following this service in the Chapel.*

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Dr. John Robbins, *Senior Pastor*; Dr. Jeffery Hampton, *Pastor of Spiritual Care & Visitation*; Rev. Jay Clark, *Chief of Staff*  
Rev. Katie Chambers, *Pastor of Missions, Justice, & Emerging Ministries*; Dr. Frode Gundersen, *Director of Music, Arts & Worship*  
Sungyun Kim, *Organist/Associate Music Director*; The Pulaski Heights UMC Chancel Choir

**INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE**

*Violin:* Sandra McDonald, Leanne Day-Simpson, Trisha McGovern Freaney, Magdalena Ryszkowski  
*Viola:* Katherine Reynolds, Tim MacDuff; *Cello:* David Gerstein; *Bass:* Sara Neilson; *Oboe:* Lorraine Duso Kitts  
*Flute:* Kristen Grant & Cassy Karp

**USHERS**

(9:00) Grant Cox (*Lead*), Ann Bortz, George Cox, Arline Jackson, Cindy Simpson  
(11:00) Scott Clement (*Lead*), Andy Agar, Edith Bowman, John Jones, Nancy Leonhardt

**SOUND**

Bob Worthington

**ALTAR GUILD**

Tomye Modlin

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The Sanctuary flowers are placed in honor of the PHUMC Chancel Choir by Dr. Frode Gundersen.

**COLUMBARIUM FLOWERS**

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