

# Welcome to Philadelphia UMC

November 19, 2023

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Bob Branch

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the midst of difficulty, the Lord sets a table of rejoicing for us.

P: **Though the world seems focused on turmoil, yet will we praise God!**

L: Our lives should be witnesses to God's goodness and power.

P: **Our hearts should encompass compassion and service to God's people.**

L: Help us to be your workers and witnesses in today's world, O Lord.

P: **Enable us to be faithful and strong for you.**

L: Open our hearts today, O Lord, to hear your words of redeeming love.

P: **Open our lives today, O Lord, to help us become your disciples.**

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

(J. M. Todd, England, 20<sup>th</sup> Cent., ALT.)

Most gracious God, you crown the year with your goodness; while earth remains, seedtime and harvest shall not cease. We bless you for the order and constancy of nature, for the beauty of the earth and sky and sea, and for the providence that year by year supplies our needs. And with our thanksgiving for these blessings, accept our praise, O God, for the eternal riches of your grace in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

HYMN

*"We Gather Together"*

UMH #131

THE APOSTLES' CREED

UMH #881

**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 "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."**

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 136:1-9, 26

Linwood Littlejohn

PRAYERS, PRAISE AND 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

*"Give Thanks"*

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*THE DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer. Amen.

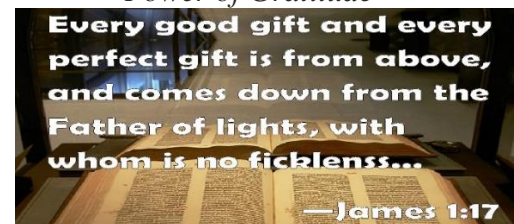
SCRIPTURE READING

James 1:16, 17

SERMON

*"Power of Gratitude"*

Rev. Kathy Pryor



HYMN

*"Come Ye Thankful People Come"*

UMH #694

(The altar is always open for prayer.)

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

- C3 is today in the Fellowship Hall for children. Jennifer Jackson and Cathy Carson are hosting the children today.
- **Administrative Council meeting tonight at 5:00 p.m.**

**Reminder:** Masks are in the front vestibule and available for use while inside the buildings.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship at Philadelphia United Methodist Church!  
We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us this morning!

## Opportunities This Week

<b>Today</b>	<b>C3 in Fellowship Hall</b>	<b>9:30am</b>
	<b>Church Council Meeting</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
	<b>Children Practice for Cantata</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>
	<b>Choir Practice</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>

## Upcoming Events

November 26<sup>th</sup> – 5:00pm, Youth Group Bible Study @ Rainbow Donuts!  
Bring money  
5:30pm, Children Practice for Cantata  
6:00pm, Cantata Rehearsal (everyone)

December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5:30pm, UMW/UMM Christmas Party at the home of Carol and Randy Sandifer; Bring an appetizer to share.

December 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6:00pm, Christmas Cantata

December 13<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm, Blue Christmas Service

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**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** meets in the Fellowship Hall at Philadelphia UMC on Tuesdays and Fridays each week at 7:00pm.

**Yoga/Pilates** classes are offered each week on Mondays and Thursdays at 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall at Philadelphia UMC. There is a \$5 charge per class.

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**2023 Weekly Budget Needs \$1,938.00    Received 11/12/2023 \$3,040.00**

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	<u>November 19<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>November 26<sup>th</sup></u>
Liturgist	Linwood Littlejohn	Helen Lewis
Ushers	Maddox Dover & Gerin Knight	Bobby Carson & Chuck Ramsey
Greeter	Mike & Carol Reeves	Chuck & Kelly Ramsey
Communion Assistant	<u>November</u> Wayne Sandifer	<u>December</u> Janice Ramsey

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