

Welcome to Philadelphia UMC

December 15, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, the arrival of the Promised One is almost here!

We wait as people of God's promise.

The message of the prophets and the expectation residing in Mary's womb call to us today.

We listen as people of God's promise.

Mary's "yes" and Elizabeth's faithfulness guide our path, showing us that we too have a role to play in bearing God's good news into the world.

We follow as people of God's promise.

This is the promise Mary, Elizabeth, and the prophets bore that we continue to carry even today—God is with us!

God is with us! We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2024

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Joseph Monologue

*HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

UMH #230

*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."**

CHOIR ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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, forever and ever. Amen.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*THE DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

CHOIR ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-5; John 1:1-5, 9, 14

SERMON

"The Journey"

Rev. Melissa Shortridge

*HYMN

"The First Noel"

UMH #245

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Weekly Prayer List

Gerri Goforth (Nancy Sandifer's mother), Kayla Brooke Cook, Gabe, Victims of the storms, Darrell Barrentine, Amy Ramsey - Carole Ramsey's daughter-in-law, Jarod McCormick, Billy Harden, Christian Vecchio, Bill McKown, Ben Yost - Cathy Miskelly's son, Carol Sandifer, Bob Branch, Jake Raine, Lewis Hicks, Marty Jenkins, Blaine Robbins, Eddie Cribb, Amanda Branch, Shaina Spring (knee surgery) - daughter of Sue Saltarelli, and our church.

Families To Pray For This Week: Joan & Lamont Powell, Blake, Amber, Colt & Axel Peterson, Suzanne & Joey Henson, Margaret Henson, Stephen, Sabrina, Thomas & Tyler Moore, Hugh Moore, Whit, Heather, Merritt & Murphy Mitchell

****Sign-up Sheet for 2025 Sunday Servants in vestibule. Please sign-up to serve as a greeter, liturgist, usher, and/or communion assistant. Please sign-up whether you are a returning or new volunteer. New lists will be made for 2025.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Opportunities This Week

TODAY	Advent Bible Study	10:45am
Tuesday	Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service	9:00pm

*We will be collecting items for the Humane Society of York County for the month of December. List of items needed in the vestibule.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 8th – 6:00pm, UMW/UMM
 **Moved to 2nd Wednesday due to 1st Wednesday being New Year's Day

Jan. 12th – 4:00pm, Church Council Meeting and Planning Session

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

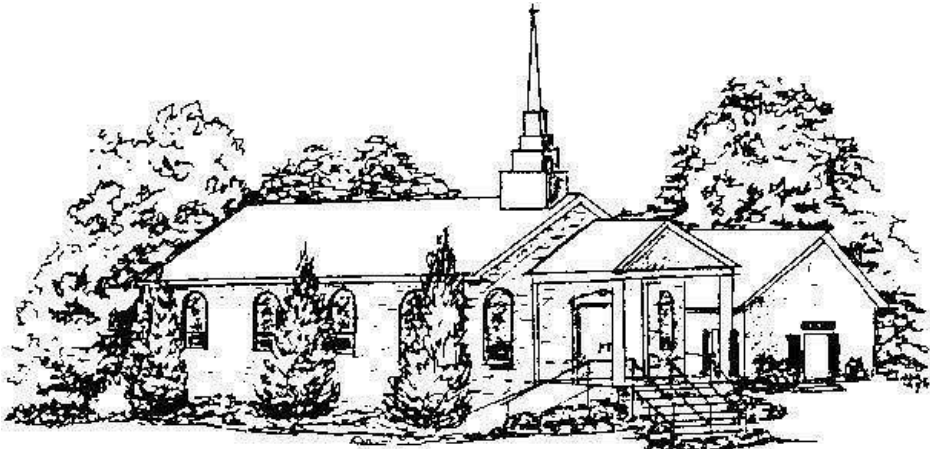
Yoga/Pilates classes are offered each week on Mondays and Thursdays at 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall at Philadelphia UMC. There is a \$5 charge per class.

GIVING – Philadelphia UMC provides Online Giving – a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring tithes and offerings. Visit our website, www.philadelphiayork.org, and click our Online Giving link.

2024 Weekly Budget Needs \$1,895.00 Received 12/15/2024 \$828.00

	<u>December 22nd</u>	<u>December 29th</u>
Liturgist	Maddox Dover	Buck Miskelly
Ushers	Jamie Knight & Randy Sandifer	Maddox Dover & Gerin Knight
Greeter	Janice Ramsey	Doris Thomas
Communion Assistant	<u>December</u> Wayne Sandifer	<u>January</u>

**Please send any announcements for the bulletin and/or calendar to Katie Knight, katieknight719@gmail.com or (803)627-9458 by Wednesday of each week.



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Our Mission:
**Knowing, Loving, Serving God
 and Neighbor**