

Welcome to Philadelphia UMC

December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: This is the fourth Sunday of Advent, a time to rejoice in the wondrous things that God is doing.

P: Our hearts are filled with the hope that is coming into the world.

L: The time is fast approaching, not for parties or presence, but for the awareness of God's loving gift to us--the gift of the Christ child.

P: Help slow us down, Lord, that we may realize that your gift of love is at the center of our lives and our celebrations.

L: Thanks be to God who again reminds us of God's eternal love.

P: Open our hearts, O Lord, to receive your blessed gift. Amen.

CANDLE LIGHTING

"LOVE"

Marion Peterson

The Candle of Love is sometimes called the Angel Candle. The fourth Sunday calls attention to the angels. The angels announced the good news of a Savior. God sent His only Son to earth to save us, because He loves us.

*HYMN

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

UMH #234

*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."**

CHILDREN'S TIME

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Psalms 80:1-7

Ken Spaulding

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

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

Luke 1:39-45

SERMON

"The Blessing of Home"

Rev. Kathy Pryor

*HYMN

"The First Noel"

UMH #245

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Food Drive Giveaway yesterday. The youth gave out hams, turkeys and vegetables to fifty families! Also, thank you to those who donated money, purchased hats, prayed for the youth and the families that came to make this event fruitful! To God be the glory!

December 21 - Christmas Caroling adults and youth, meet at church at 6:00 pm.

December 24 - Christmas Eve Worship Service at 9:00 pm.

Candlelight and Communion

December 25 - Christmas Day Worship Service at 9:30 am.

Reminders:

Masks are available for anyone while inside the church buildings. If anyone present at in-person worship should test positive for COVID 19 please notify Rev. Kathy Pryor immediately. If anyone has been exposed to someone who has tested positive to COVID 19; if someone feels like they have COVID 19 symptoms; if someone is awaiting test results for COVID 19; the individual and their immediate family should not attend in person worship or other church activities for 5 days until they receive a negative COVID 19 test.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Opportunities This Week

Monday	Yoga/Pilates	4:00pm
Wednesday	“The Patriarchs” Bible Study	10:00am
	Christmas Caroling!	6:00pm
	All are invited to go with us!	
Saturday	Christmas Eve Service	9:00pm
	“Welcome Home”, Candlelight and Communion	

Ushers, Greeters, Liturgists, Communion Assistants - There are sign-up sheets in the vestibule for volunteers to be Ushers, Greeters, Liturgists and Communion Assistants. If you were already on a list this year, there is no need to sign-up again. If you would like to be removed, please see Mary Miskelly.

Upcoming Events

December 25th – 9:30am, “A Soul at Home” Christmas Day Worship Service

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.

2022 Weekly Budget Needs \$1,839.34 Received 12/11/2022 \$2,131.00

	<u>December 18th</u>	<u>December 25th</u>
Lay Reader	Ken Spaulding	
Ushers	Buck Miskelly & Doug Peterson	
Greeter	Louise Moss	
Communion Assistant	<u>December</u> Helen Lewis	<u>January</u>

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