

Welcome to Philadelphia UMC

February 18, 2024

First Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Discipleship Ministries 923)

L: Lenten travelers, who is this Jesus that we follow?

P: He is the Messiah.

L: What kind of Messiah is Jesus?

P: He is the Messiah who teaches that he will lose his life and who calls us to lose our lives, in order to save our lives.

L: How does it feel to follow a Messiah whose teachings and call are so hard and uncomfortable?

P: Some feel fear and anger, while others feel uncertain and anxious, and still others feel resolute and ready to follow.

L: Lenten travelers, we are not alone in our feelings about following Jesus as our Messiah. It is a hard road. The blessing is that we do not travel it alone.

P: Thanks be to God that we share this journey with Jesus and one another as we lose our lives for the sake of the gospel to save our lives through Jesus, our Messiah. Amen.

*HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" UMH #127

*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 MOMENT

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 91:9-16

Gerin Knight

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.

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.

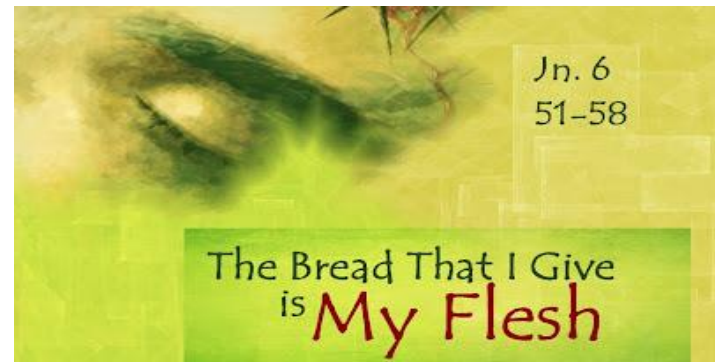
SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:35, 52, 61-68

SERMON

"We Are Not Deserters"

Rev. Kathy Pryor



*HYMN "Take My Life and Let It Be" UMH #399

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

**Those who are able, please stand.*

- Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make the Fish Fry a wonderful and inviting mission outreach!
- Thank you to everyone who donated to "Little Debbie Cakes" project by the youth. A total of \$309 was collected. We spent it all on "sweets" donated to the Homeless in Rock Hill on Valentines Evening!
- YOUTH meeting tonight cancelled.

Reminders: Masks available while inside the church 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

Thank You to everyone who helped with the Fish Fry yesterday. It was a success! Whether you donated your time, baked goods, bought plates, advertised, etc., you are very much appreciated.

Upcoming Events

February 25th – 5:00pm. Church Council Meeting

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 2/11/2024 \$2,599.00

February 18th

Liturgist Gerin Knight
Ushers Jamie Knight & Hugh Moore
Greeter Louise Moss

February 25th

Linwood Littlejohn
Wayne Sandifer & Mike Wiley
Mike & Carol Reeves

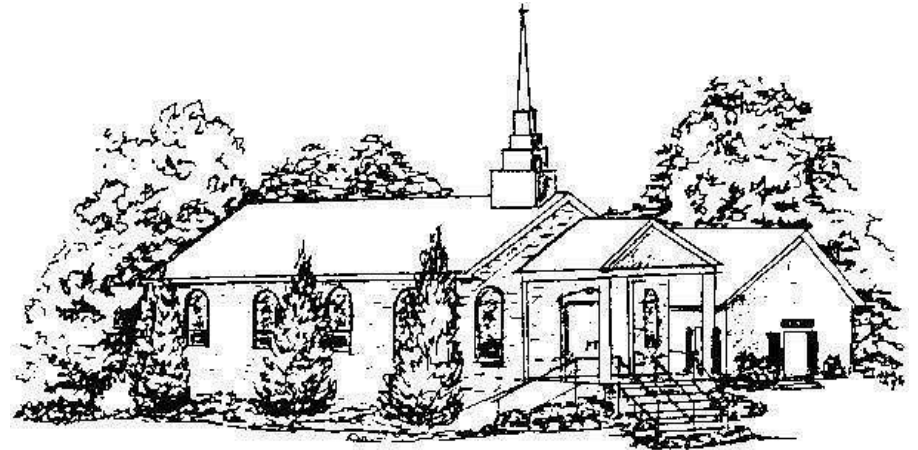
February

Communion February
Assistant Helen Lewis

March

Wayne Sandifer

**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**