

# Welcome to Philadelphia UMC

January 7, 2024

Epiphany Sunday, Baptism of the Lord Sunday

## PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God whose spirit moved over the waters,

**P: you have washed us in your mercy, claimed us as your own, bound us in community, and called us to lives of baptismal grace.**

L: Forgive us, O God, for we have not lived as if we were your baptized people.

**P: We stumble over opportunities for forgiveness.**

L: We prioritize our own selfish interests.

**P: We are slow to disrupt the status quo, even when it means ignoring our neighbors' suffering.**

L: Forgive us, O God, and by your forgiveness, lead us back to your waters of transformation.

**P: Come Holy Spirit and pour over us today.**

\*HYMN      *"O God Who Shaped Creation"*      UMH #443

\*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."*

## 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.

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

OLD TESTAMENT      Genesis 1:1-9      Katie Knight

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*THE DOXOLOGY      UMH #95

*"He is Everything"*      Anna Kate Dover

## 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 2:25-35

SERMON      *"Now Dismiss Me"*      Rev. Kathy Pryor

## HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation – All are Welcome  
Confession and Pardon  
The Great Thanksgiving  
Giving the Bread and the Cup  
Prayer after Communion

\*HYMN      *"My Master, See, the Time Has Come"*      UMH #226

## \*THE BENEDICTION

## \*THE POSTLUDE

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

**Epiphany Sunday** means a *"manifestation or appearance."* This holiday celebrates the visit of the wise men to see baby Jesus. It is sometimes called *"Three Kings Sunday."*

**Baptism of the Lord** is a feast day celebrating the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the Jordan River. On this day, we too, remember our baptism and new life with Christ.

## Reminders:

Masks are available for everyone 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

Today                  Youth Bible Study                  6:00pm

**Children's Sunday School** during Worship will begin Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Children, ages 2 – fifth grade, will go out to the Fellowship Hall following the Children's moment during Worship each Sunday for bible lessons, crafts, and snack; 2 adult volunteers are needed each Sunday. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. Please see Jennifer Jackson or Cathy Carson for questions.

## Upcoming Events

January 21<sup>st</sup> – 5:00pm, Church Council/Planning Session  
 6:00pm, Youth Bible Study

January 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> – Youth to Revolution in Columbia; Meet at church at 4:30pm on Friday 1/26; should return around 1:00pm Sunday, 1/28

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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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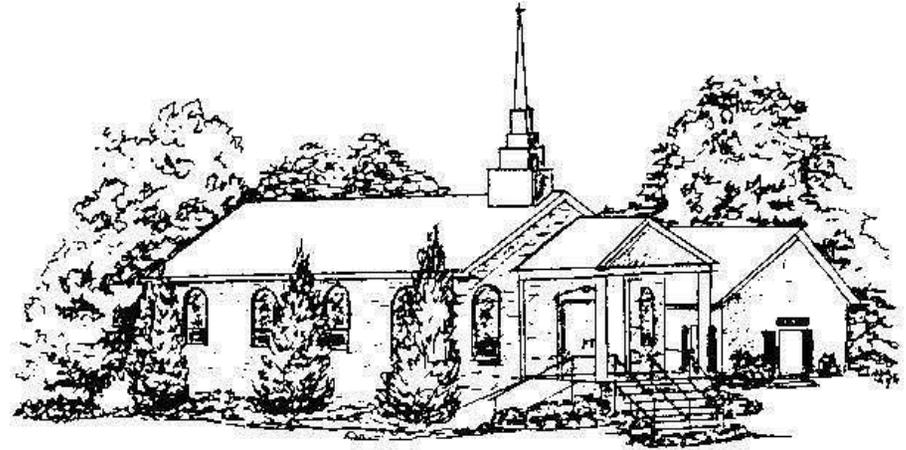
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**2023 Weekly Budget Needs \$1,938.00      Received 12/31/2023 \$1,503.00**

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	<b><u>January 7<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>January 14<sup>th</sup></u></b>
Liturgist	Katie Knight	Anna Kate Dover
Ushers	Wayne Sandifer & Mike Wiley	Bobby Carson & Chuck Ramsey
Greeter	Gladys Wright	Doug Pryor
Communion Assistant	<b><u>January</u></b> Dixie Branch	<b><u>February</u></b> Wayne Sandifer

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



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**Knowing, Loving, Serving God  
 and Neighbor**