

Welcome to Philadelphia UMC

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adptd. BOW, 1944, Alt.)

P: Lord, we thank you, and we praise you, for your gift to us divine.

As we celebrate this Advent, fill our hearts with hope sublime.

L: Candles glowing, spirit growing, as the Christ child will come.

P: Grant that his Spirit may be born anew in our hearts this day.

L: Open our ears that we may hear again the angelic chorus of old.

P: Open our lips that we may sing with uplifted hearts,

L: Glory to God in the highest as we wait on the babe.

P: We wait in hope in the promise of Isaiah. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Candle of HOPE Patrick, Jennifer, Dawson, Carson Jackson

*HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* UMH #211

CHILDREN'S SERVICE Anna Kate Dover

THE HOLLY AND THE IVY

**Children bring their greens and place on their Christmas cross.

L: Shielding the baby, and so, the soldiers passed by, leaving baby Jesus safe and sound

P: Just as the holly protected the Christ child, help us to protect those who are vulnerable.

THE POINSETTA

**Presented by Audrey Sandifer

L: Miraculously transformed into bright red and white leaves that we know as the poinsettia.

P: Help us to present our gifts to God, no matter how humble, knowing that your grace will transform them and use.

THE CRISMON TREE

**All children decorate crimson tree

L: We place these crimsons on the tree as a reminder of Christ whose monogram is written in our hearts.

P: Write your law on our hearts that we may become living monograms of Christ.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 33:14-16 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

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 21:25-36

SERMON "Time to Go Home" Rev. Kathy Pryor

*HYMN *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* UMH #196

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Advent Season starts today! Time to Go Home! There is a deep invitation offered in Advent. The invitation is to come home. Home, where family resides, peace lives, and hope will rise. Advent is recognizing the waiting season of the Christ child to be born. The Messiah we have waited on. We look forward while enjoying the present This Advent our focus is on coming home!

Children's Christmas Party – Saturday, December 3, 10:00 am – Noon.

Church Christmas Party – Saturday, December 3, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm, Randy and Carol Sandifer's home.

Christmas Cantata, "Teach the Children" – Sunday, December 4, 6:00 pm. Refreshments served afterwards.

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

TODAY	Children’s Choir Practice	5:30pm
	Adult Choir Practice	6:00pm
Monday	Yoga/Pilates	4:00pm
Wednesday	“The Patriarchs” Bible Study	10:00am
Thursday	Yoga/Pilates	4:00pm
Saturday	Children’s Christmas Party	10:00am-Noon
	Lunch will be served.	

UMW/UMM Christmas Party 5:30pm

Carol and Randy Sandifer’s home; everyone bring a pick-up food, \$10 gift to exchange, and donation for the Blessing Box; Drinks will be provided.

Upcoming Events

- December 4th – 6:00pm, Christmas Cantata *Teach the Children*, Refreshments to follow in the Fellowship Hall
- December 11th - *The Real Christmas Story* at Narroway; Sign-up sheet in Vestibule
- December 14th - 6:00pm, Blue Christmas Service
- December 17th – 7:30am-9:30am, Youth Food Giveaway
- December 18th – 5:00pm, Youth Christmas Party
- December 21st – 6:00pm, Youth Caroling
- December 24th – 9:00pm, “Welcome Home” Christmas Eve Service, Candlelight and Communion

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 11/20/2022 \$

	<u>November 27th</u>	<u>December 4th</u>
Lay Reader	Linwood Littlejohn	Maddox Dover
Ushers	Wayne Sandifer & Mike Wiley	Bobby Carson & Chucky Ramsey
Greeter	Doris Thomas	Helen Lewis & Mary Miskelly
Communion Assistant	<u>November</u> Ken Spaulding	<u>December</u> Helen Lewis

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