

Worship Service - December 17, 2023

RENEW - 9:00 am

- Song of Praise
- Welcome and Announcements
- Advent Reading
- Prayer
- Song of Praise
- Wee Worship
- Offering
- Scripture
Matthew 2:1-3, 7-8, 13,16
- Message
Playing the Villain
- Song of Service
- *Go Forth to Serve

We're so glad to have you worshipping with us today!
We invite you to stop by our **WELCOME CENTER** which is located to the left as you exit the Sanctuary.

Hearing Assistance Devices
Available. If you'd like to use one, let one of the ushers know.

Traditional - 11:00 am

- Welcome
- Prelude
- Advent Reading
- *Affirmation of Faith
The Apostles' Creed
UMH 881
- Hymn of Praise
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
UMH 196
- Wee Worship
- Concerns, Gratitude, and Prayers
- Offering
- Anthem
Come, Emmanuel
arranged by M. Barrett
- *Doxology
- Scripture Lesson
Matthew 2:1-3, 7-8, 13,16
- Message
Playing the Villain
- *Hymn of Dedication
Emanuel, Emmanuel
UMH 204
- *Go Forth to Serve

**Angel Tree
All Gifts Are Due**

Gifts are due by 11 am, Sunday, with the child's name, age and the family number.

**Christmas Eve Services
Sunday, December 24th**



- 11:00 am** Worship Service
- 4:00 pm** Children's Christmas Eve service

Candlelight Christmas Eve Services

- 6:00 pm** A Candlelight & Communion Service
- Families are asked to bring a dozen wrapped cookies to this service as a love offering to the community.
- 11:00 pm** A Candlelight & Communion Service
- Nursery will be provided for 4:00 and 6:00 pm services.

**Christmas Eve Cookie Offering
6 pm Christmas Eve Service**

Please bring cookies (packaged in zip lock type bags—12 /bag) to help us offer a gift to those working on Christmas Eve. Worshipers will be invited to distribute these cookies to surrounding businesses after the service.



**Middle School Christmas Party
December 17th**
Enjoy ice skating and illuminated trails at the Whitewater Center. Contact jessica@pumcfortmill.org to RSVP.

How to prepare for Advent



Children, How Do You Prepare for Advent?

It's Advent!
It's Christmas!
It's the Holy-Day season where we

celebrate the birth of Jesus. Whether you're setting up a Nativity scene or decorating your home, send us a short video of your Advent preparation and we'll include it with our PUMC Children's Ministry Festivities.

Send your video or questions to Nicolas@pumcfortmill.org

2024 Flower Calendar



To place Sanctuary Flowers in honor or memory of a special person, sign up on Flower Calendar located on the wall near the Church Office.

Mere Christianity
C.S. LEWIS

**A Six-Week Study
Starts January 17
6-7pm
Book cost \$10
Nicolas@pumcfortmill.org**

A new study based on the classic book by C.S. Lewis. The cost of the book is \$10 Contact Nicolas@pumcfortmill.org with your questions or to purchase your book.

My Offering

Where your offering is deposited: _____
 church name: _____
 your bank: _____
 branch: _____
 account: _____
 name: _____

Contribution Envelopes

If you would like a set of contribution envelopes, please send Mayra an email and include if you need 52 for weekly donations, or 12 for monthly donations. Email Mayra at accounting@pumcfortmill.org.

Offering Counters Needed!

Your support means the world! We're looking for Offering Counters for 2024 -serve once a week, up to 2 months. Scan the QR code to sign up, and more details will follow by email.



Questions? Contact Mayra at accounting@pumcfortmill.org. Thank you for considering this chance to serve PUMC!

END OF YEAR GIVING

End of Year Giving

As 2023 ends, we express our heart-felt gratitude for your unwavering support throughout the year. Your generosity enables us to navigate financial hurdles and continue fulfilling our mission. Every contribution makes a meaningful impact. To ensure your contributions are counted for 2023, please make your gifts on or before December 31st.

Contribution Statements Available

We have emailed Year-to-Date Contribution Statements this week. If you have questions, contact Mayra at accounting@pumcfortmill.org. Thank you for everything you have helped Philadelphia accomplish in the year 2023.

Connection Card

The Church Office will be closed Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th, for the Christmas Holiday.

Church Council Meeting Sunday, December 17th, 1:30 pm All Members are Invited!

Prayer Requests This Week

If you have updates about our members or prayer concerns, please contact the church office at 803.548.0102



Gene Baker
Diane Bell
Homer Bethea
Phil Brigman
Doris Bevil
Barbara Chapman
Eunice Faulkenbury
Jesse Ford
Fred Grohaan
Gene Hoover
Holly Johnson
Jennifer Lare
Polly Merritt

Lollie Rea
Carolyn Ressler
Claudia Register
Alice Sumner
Dorothee Young

Prayer Requests

Other information and/or prayer requests I would like to share with the church Staff or Senior Pastor.

Check here if you would like a call from the Pastor

Phone # _____



Fort Mill Care Center grocery cart is in the Coffee Connections Room. **Continuous items needed:** canned vegetables, cereal, mac & cheese, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCIAL REPORT

December 10, 2023

\$14,110 is needed each week to meet our annual budget of \$733,741, we received \$8,998 this week

\$531,372 has been received towards the General and Building Funds

\$566,813 has been spent from the General and Building Funds

\$32,248 Cash Available to Support Church Expenses, Missions & Ministries

\$772,635 Loan balance for Building

Ways to Give

Cash & Checks accepted every Sunday during Offering!

Visit us at www.pumcfortmill.org/give/

Via Zelle App - gifts@pumcfortmill.org

Transfer Stocks, Bonds, Brokerage Assets

Mail or Drop-off your gift during regular office hours.

Have questions about giving?

Please contact PUMC's part-time Financial Associate, Mayra Leon at accounting@pumcfortmill.org



Clang Buckets Sunday, January 7 9 & 11am

During Wee Worship, the children will collect change for La Limye. Bring your coins to change the lives of Haitian orphans.



GIVE ONLINE

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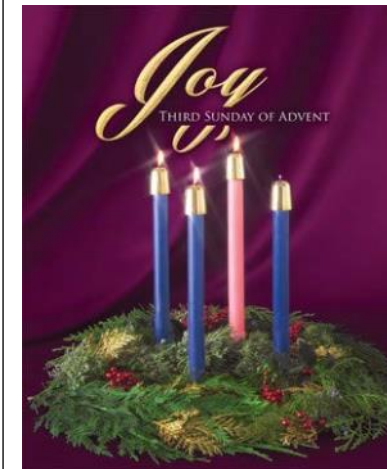


Philadelphia United Methodist Church

Worshipping in Love ♥ Growing in Love ♥ Serving in Love

December 17th

**Matthew 2:1-3, 7-8, 13,16
Playing the Villain**



¹ Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, ² "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him."
³ King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem.

⁷ Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned

from them the time when the star first appeared. ⁸ Then he told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!"

¹³ After the wise men were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up! Flee to Egypt with the child and his mother," the angel said. "Stay there until I tell you to return, because Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

¹⁶ Herod was furious when he realized that the wise men had outwitted him. He sent soldiers to kill all the boys in and around Bethlehem who were two years old and under, based on the wise men's report of the star's first appearance.