PERRY HIGHWAY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome! ***At PHLC, we make a place for everyone.***

Faith ~ Family ~ Inclusion ~ Community

First Sunday of Advent

Hymns for Today

Gathering Hymn	Even So Come	WS 117
Hymn of the Day	My Lord, What a Morning	ELW 438
Closing Hymn	The King Shall Come	ELW 260

Assisting with Worship Today

Lay Assistant:	Bridget Struble	Lector:	Wendy Rychel	Ushers:	OPEN
Tech Team:	OPEN	Altar Guild:	Mary Binder	Cantor:	Jenny Wojnar
Acolyte:	Logan Rychel	OOTD:	Wendy Rychel	Security:	OPEN

The Reeher family will be lighting the Hope Advent Candle today.

Offering: An offering plate is not passed at PHLC. If you do not have a giving plan, consider setting up Simply Giving (QR Code available at the end of this insert), dropping your donation in the Giving Box at the back of the church, or viewing all giving options on our website. Any donation amount is appreciated.

Weekly Ministry Highlight: Thanks for special opportunities to celebrate Advent

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Volunteer for worship using this QR Code. It's a rewarding experience to be a part of the service! Questions? Contact Kim Williams at kimwilliams@zoominternet.net.

Sunday School Teachers Needed: We need volunteers to supervise Sunday School. No experience needed. All materials will be provided, and Ted will help you to get your volunteer clearances.

Are You Visiting? We're glad you're here! Fill out a guest card next to the offering box or sign our guest book with this QR Code. *Sign up to receive our weekly email at phlc.org/newsletter.*

*Please continue to **be aware of email & text scams** coming from what appears to be our pastor or other members of the church office staff or council. Check the email address to confirm it is one of our legitimate addresses. If you receive emails, texts, or e-vites that appear to be a scam, please do not open, reply or forward the message.*

Announcements

Advent: During the Advent season, join us weekly on Wednesdays beginning December 2 at 7 pm for a virtual Advent devotional led by Pastor Ryan. The link to join will be available in our weekly email and on our website.

Angel Tree Wish Gifts for MHY: Gifts are to be returned to PHLC by today. Please return the gifts unwrapped along with the completed wish tag attached. We are very grateful for your continued support!

412Youth News: Join us after the service on December 6 for a 412Youth Event after the service.

Film Club: Our next viewing will be December 6. We will be watching the comedy *For Your Consideration* at 12:30pm

Christmas Pageant: We will hold our Christmas pageant during the service on December 20. If any families, friends, or groups would like to take one of our five scenes, we would love to have you! Please see Ted for more information.

Christmas Decorating and Party: On December 20, after the service we will be decorating the sanctuary for Christmas Eve followed by our annual PHLC Christmas party and the Youth Christmas party. More details to come.

Christmas Poinsettias: Honor, remember, or celebrate a special person or occasion by purchasing poinsettias to be used to decorate the church for Christmas. Orders/payment due December 13 via forms available on Sundays or from the weekly email.

Adult Bible Study: Join our adult ed crew after the service for an open-minded place to encounter scripture and wrestle with our faith in a supportive community. Everyone's welcome - you don't have to know anything about the Bible.

Interfaith Prayer Vigils: Vigils supporting immigrants held Fridays, 8:30 am, ICE Field Office on the Southside, 3000 Sydney St.

Mah Jongg Small Group: Mah Jongg is underway at PHLC. Our next event is December 6 after the service. Interested or have questions? Contact Jill at jillgruber63@gmail.com or Kim at kimwilliams@zoominternet.net.

2026 Agency of the Year: Your Second Mile Giving will go to Mars Home for Youth (MHY).

Lunch & Laughter: This group will not meet in December or January. Stay tuned for our February event information.

PHL PreK News: Join us December 11 for ***movie night***. Doors & concessions open at 6 pm; triple-feature movies begin at 6:30 pm. All are invited and we would love to see everyone there! Flyer and Amazon wish list links can be found in the weekly email. We are also getting ready for ***2027-28 school year with registration opening January 15***. For questions & tours, contact Alyssa Drespling at prekdirector@phlc.org. Spots remain open for the current year. Would you like to donate to the PreK? You can do so from Zelle to the PreK's email address at prekdirector@phlc.org.

Prayer List

Updates? Contact the church office at 724-935-1226 or office@phlc.org.

Donald Mark Berkey Family	On his passing; father of Ben Berkey
Ron Bolster	At Passavant amid treatment for multiple myeloma; fractured clavicle
Dennis Bruce	Husband of Patty Bruce; receiving cancer treatment
Jim Clark	Friend of Kay Wisniewski, fighting cancer
Fred Claus	Son of Carolyn Claus; waiting for spinal surgery
Kelly Curtis	Daughter of Diane Curtis/granddaughter of Arlene Hefner; receiving treatment for breast cancer
Adonis Debolt	Prayers for a speedy recovery
Greg DeKunder	For continued cancer treatment
Elaine	Pastor's cousin; prayers for continued healing
Alice Griffin	Mother of Ted; being treated for an infection, now at home
Hadlee	One-year-old daughter of Patty Bruce's niece; receiving cancer treatment
Sydney Hein	Daughter-in-law of Jane Hein; prayers for additional good test results
David Hepfer	Gwen's mother's cousin, for his safe return home
Parents of Tony Kosova	Traveling back to Albania; for the peaceful resolution of protests & for fair economic, housing, and educational reforms in Europe
Kenny McVay	For physical and mental health improvement
Kurt Mennetti	Jocelyn's friend's husband; diagnosed with metastatic colon cancer & for support for their family
Carrie Morgan	Bradford Woods Elementary teacher; pancreatic cancer
Mary Nolan-Thornton	PHL PreK teacher; prayers for healing and speedy recovery
David Olesnevich Family	Ted's college friend who died unexpectedly
Sandy Peck	Dear friend of the Garrows; prayers for comfort and strength
Krista Sweet	Prayers for strength and healing
Julie Wahl	Thanks for her return home after suffering a stroke Oct 5 & prayers for continued improvement
Kay Wisnewski Family	On her passing
Chuck Zehnder	Chemotherapy is finished, surgery is next. Prayers for successful treatment & healing

Affirmation Statement

In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, who invited us in reconciling love and grace to join the reign of God, this church welcomes all. We extend this welcome to all believers and non-believers regardless of age, cultural background, economic status, ethnic or linguistic heritage, employment status, housing status, substance dependence, marital status, physical or mental abilities, race, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, and any other distinction. Moreover, we are called by the Holy Spirit to support all marginalized groups and dismantle racism within ourselves, in our church, and in our world.

As we are all one in God's eyes, we encourage any who express an interest to become an active part of this congregation's full life as we witness God's love. This is our response to the Gospel, as we understand it, and to do any less would deny to others the welcome we have received from the Creator of us all.

Staff

Ryan Pusch, Pastor Jenny Wojnar, Music Director Ted Griffin, Family Ministries Director Alyssa Drespling, PHL PreK Director

Church Council

Fred Geiger, President	Melissa Reeher, Vice President	Ben Berkey, Secretary	Mike Coxon, Treasurer
Wendy Rychel	Jannette Travali	Julie Wahl	Rich Weibley

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The church office is open Wednesdays, 9 am - 12 pm. Messages are checked daily; all other times are by appointment. Church office phone is 724-935-1226; email is office@phlc.org. For Weekly Announcements? Email your info to news@phlc.org by 9 am Tuesdays.