



# Welcome to Worship

Welcome to St. Paul Church. We are glad you are here!

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4:30pm Christmas Eve Service

7pm Christmas Eve Service

*Merry Christmas!*

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## Information for our friends ~

- Join us on Sundays for our **9am Traditional Service** is inspired with hymns, scripture and a theological based sermon and our **11am Celebration Service** has a relaxed family-friendly message with contemporary Christian music. *Please feel free to try one or both styles of worship.*
- The Nursery is open during 9 am service (first classroom in the hallway off the sanctuary)  
If the small person gets wiggly, there are toys & books to enjoy.
- Hearing devices, large print bulletins, and large Bibles (in church library) are available, please see your ushers if you have any questions.
- Our Worship Service is broadcast on KSTL-690 AM radio & streamed on Jubilee690.com at 9am Sundays and repeated at 9pm.
- We want to know you!! Please sign the Pew Pad today.* If you are new to St. Paul, want your information updated or with us every week -fill out the Pew Pad! Let us know you are here!! Please fill in your contact information and we will happily contact you as you wish.
- When you or a loved one is admitted to a hospital, please ask the hospital to notify the church office. If you have a new addition to your family, if your address or phone changes, please contact the church office so we can keep our records current.

### LEADING THIS TIME OF WORSHIP

<i>Advent Candle Lighters and Readers</i> .....	LeeAlison, Dani and Jack Wilson
<i>Sound / Control Room</i> .....	Rick Haar & Scott Keplar
<i>Ushering Team</i> .....	Beverly Brightwell, Dana Rosenzweig, Al Scharf and Jan Friedrich
<i>Director of Christian Education / Sunday School Teacher</i> .....	Tyler Kohrs
<i>Music Ministry</i> .....	B Street Band and Mary Lu Bretsch, Handbells
<i>Director of Contemporary Music</i> .....	Scott Wilson
<i>Director of Music Ministry</i> .....	Dan Fry
<i>Senior Pastor</i> .....	Rev. Michelle Torigian

# *St. Paul United Church of Christ*

## *Christmas Eve*

December 24, 2018      4:30 pm

OT = Old Testament      NT = New Testament      † Please stand if able  
Please remember to sign the Pew Pads.

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### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*Hallelujah*  
Cady Keplar, soloist

Leonard Cohen

#### POEM

Hush, from “Alive Now”

Lucinda Hynett

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, all who are faithful and all who seek joy in your lives.

**All: It is the season to sing praises to God  
for the Christ Child is near.**

One: The symbols of hope, love, joy,  
and peace shine brightly in our hearts.

**All: May they remain with us throughout the year.**

One: We now share a promise that was fulfilled by God:

**All: That our beloved Child is born and will call us to  
new lives of love, joy, and faith in action. Amen.**

**OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

**O God of the Baby of Bethlehem, we come into your presence with praise and thanksgiving. We hear the glad tidings of the angel voices. We come to experience this good news of great joy for all the people. As the shepherds traveled to Bethlehem, we have traveled here – excited, expectant, hopeful; a bit skeptical. Let the words of sacred scripture seep into our hearts, to be treasured and pondered anew. We are here; we are ready, O God! Let the light of your love break forth! Amen.**

**+OPENING CAROL**      *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!

Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him;  
O come, let us adore Him;  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! [Refrain]

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! [Refrain]

**SCRIPTURE READING**      Luke 1:26-38

**CAROL**      *What Child Is This?*  
Mac McCoy, soloist

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**          Pastor Michelle

**SPECIAL MUSIC**                    *A Christmas Alleluia*                    Chris Tomlin  
  Logan Anderson, soloist

**SCRIPTURE READING**              Luke 1:39-56

**CAROL**                                  *Away in a Manger*

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;  
the stars in the heavens looked down where He lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

**SCRIPTURE READING**              Luke 2:1-7

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT AND  
CHRIST CANDLES**



**CAROL**

*Joy to the World!*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King!  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of His righteousness  
and wonders of His love,  
and wonders of His love,  
and wonders, wonders of His love.

**POEM**

Let the Stable Still Astonish

Leslie Leyland Fields

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 2:8-20

**SERMON**

Pastor Michelle



**CAROL**

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Hark the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With the angelic host proclaim:  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ by highest heav'n adored;  
Christ the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from of earth.  
Born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

**POEM**

Each Night a Child Is Born is a Holy Night

Sophia Lyon Fahs

**CALL TO OFFERING**

The Love of God is born new in the world  
as often as we embody that love  
in the works of compassion, peace, and justice.  
Let us offer our gifts in a spirit of generosity and hope.

**OFFERTORY**

*Gesu Bambino*

Pietro Yon/arr.Hascall

Mary Lu Bretsch, handbell soloist

**+DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ in whom God's grace we know  
Praise Spirit, with us evermore  
One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

**+PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Loving God, may these offerings bring hope, peace, love, and joy  
to others who seek a better life for themselves. Use our gifts to do  
justice in a world of neglect and indifference. May the coming of  
the Christ Child inspire others to give abundantly. We pray in  
Jesus' name. Amen.**

**+SHARING OF THE LIGHT**

*Call to Worship, Prayer of Dedication from A Multicultural Christmas Eve Service written by the Rev. Jolene Cadenbach, Pastor of Arcadia United Church of Christ in Arcadia, CA.*

**The Light, the Word, the Glory of God, service prayers for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day**, was written by the Rev. Susan A. Blain, Minister for Worship and Gospel Arts, Justice and Local Church Ministries, Faith INFO Team. **Opening Prayer from Come Just as You Are, Service Prayers for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day**, was written by the Rev. Penny L. Lowes, an ordained pastor in the United Church of Christ and has served three UCC churches in Michigan.

Commissioning and Benediction from **Light of the World: Service for Christmas Day** written by the Rev. Mark Suriano.



**+CAROL**

*Silent Night! Holy Night! (Stille Nacht )*

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child,  
holy infant so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht! Alles schläft, einsam wacht  
Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar  
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,  
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh, Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ, the Saviour is born  
Christ, the Saviour is born

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

**+SCRIPTURE READING**                      John 1:1-9

*The light is carried to the world!*

**+COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

One: Proclaim the good news. The Word of God dwells among us.  
The Light of God shines in the world. Sing praises. Shout for  
joy! Celebrate the hope and promise of this day.  
Go with the peace of God in your hearts.

And now may the glory and love of God surround you.  
May the peace and grace of Christ dwell deep within you.  
May the power and presence of the Holy Spirit uphold you. Amen.

**SENDING MUSIC**

*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

Stephen Page

*Christmas Gifts in Loving Memory of:*

PAUL BAUZA by Stephenie Bauza.  
MARG BIRKNER by Linda Altmansberger, Lana Duncan and Candy Stadelman.  
ELMER & SUE BRETSCHE; LOWELL & LUCILLE BELCHER  
by Darwin & Mary Ly Bretsch.  
PATRICIA BUCKROD, JOSEPH & LOURENE BUCKROD, CLARENCE & EDNA GEORG  
by Gary Buckrod and family.  
A. LLOYD & MARTHA CULLY, MY PARENTS by Jane Bonaldi.  
JUANITA & NORMAN DAVIS by Donna Davis.  
HILDE DEGENHARDT by Joan Pace.  
MARVIN HENKE by Rosemary, his wife.  
ALBERT JUENGER by Elvira Juenger.  
LEROY KIRSCH by his wife, Dolly, children and grandchildren.  
OUR PARENTS JOHN & BEULAH KOMESHAK AND WAYNE & RENE WAGNER  
by Rusty & Sandy Wagner.  
WILLIAM W. LINDAUER by Marlene and family.  
KENNETH E. NETTLETON AND MICHAEL NETTLETON AND ALL OUR LOVED ONES  
by Vi Nettleton and family.  
MY DAD, BOB MYLAND by Donna Nettleton.  
ELMER PERSCHBACHER by Elgee & Jeanette Phillips.  
MY PARENTS WALTER & MARCELLA PETER by Eileen Peter.  
DANIEL AARON PIERCE by his mother, Jerry Pierce.  
LEE RIESO by Betty and family.  
KENNETH & ANNALEE SAUERWEIN, OUR PARENTS  
by Terry Lee Rayburn, David Sauerwein and Carlene Voss.  
OUR LOVED ONES by Russ and Mona Scheibel.  
MY HUSBAND, STEVE SUESS by Barb Suess.  
STEVE SUESS by Jennifer Sage.  
DAVID SUTHERLAND by Paul & Sue Sutherland.  
LT. COL. (ret) WILLIAM J. & GOLDIE THOMAS, GUY D. THOMAS AND AUGUST (BUD)  
& LINDA LICOURT by James W. Thomas, Marilae Thomas Perkins  
and Kiplin Perkins II.  
MY DAD, VINCENT TORIGIAN by Pastor Michelle Torigian.  
MARY ANNE WALTON by Larry Walton.  
LORNA & NORB WOLF AND RAND DUNCAN  
by Linda Altmansberger, Lana Duncan and Candy Stadelman.

*Christmas Gifts in Honor of:*

JUDY & DON BEISIEGEL, THEIR SONS – TODD (DAWN), PAUL (APRIL) AND  
KENT (TONYA), and THEIR CHILDREN - MEGAN & MATT, ASHLEY  
& LAUREN, AND TAYLOR & TARA by Donna Davis.  
THE WONDERFUL ORGANIC EGG LADY by Mary Lu Bretsch.

*Poinsettias in Honor of:*

ALL VETERANS-PAST AND PRESENT by James Forrler.  
OUR GREAT-GRANDMA, ROSEMARY HENKE  
by James McEvelly, Izzy, Miz, & Abe Scheibel and Stili Teodosiev.  
IN CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF MY NEW GREAT-GRANDSON,  
BANE MICHAEL HOERNIS ON DEC 5, PROUD PARENTS ARE  
JENNA & CHRIS HOERNIS by Gay Eckert.  
MY SONS, MATT & WAYNE by Deanna Sherland.



*Poinsettias in Loving Memory of:*

LORNA & NORB WOLF AND RAND DUNCAN  
by Linda Altmansberger, Lana Duncan and Candy Stadelman.  
HENRY AND GLADYS CAUGHMAN by Wayne Caughman.  
MY MOTHER, LAURINDA DUNN by June Weber.  
OUR LOVING PARENTS, ROSE & MILTON ERB by Cindy & Lonnie Kettler.  
MR. & MR. CHARLES FORRLER by James Forrler.  
WILLIAM & GERALDINE GILCHRIST  
by Bette Rotert, William & Erma Rotert, Savannah & Mackenzie Kleiboeker.  
RICHARD GOERS by Carole and family.  
MR. & MRS. SAMUEL KELLY by Donna Kelly.  
GEORGE W. MACKE by Patricia Macke.  
MARY McCREIGHT by Edie Elliott.  
IN CELEBRATION OF MY GREAT GRAND CHILDREN, CECILIA MUELLER,  
GRAYSON & PRESLEY PERKINS by Vi Nettleton and family.  
KURT MUELLER by Darwin and Mary Lu Bretsch.  
OUR GRANDFATHER, KEN NETTLETON by Kristen Perkins & Daniel Nettleton.  
LEE RIESO by Betty and family.  
GARY ROTERT  
by Bette Rotert, William & Erma Rotert, Savannah & Mackenzie Kleiboeker.  
WILLIAM & MARIE ROTERT  
by Bette Rotert, William & Erma Rotert, Savannah & Mackenzie Kleiboeker.  
JACOB & LILLIAN RYSEFF AND ART & HELEN BURGOTT  
by Louis, Carolyn, James, and Dr. Julia Ryseff.  
JACOB RYSEFF AND KURT JACOB MUELLER  
by Louis, Carolyn, James, and Dr. Julia Ryseff.  
KAY SCHAIBLE by Edie Elliott.  
DAVE SHERLAND AND KEN & JUNE DOVE by Deanna Sherland.  
VINCENT TORIGIAN by Laureen Torigian and family.  
PASTOR MICHELLE'S MINISTRY AT ST. PAUL UCC  
by Laureen Torigian and family.  
GEORGE VINSON by Kristen Perkins & Daniel Nettleton.  
MARY ANNE WALTON by Larry Walton.



# St. Paul UCC Holiday Schedule



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**Monday, December 24**

4:30pm & 7pm

*Christmas Eve Services*

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**Sunday, December 30**

*New Year's Weekend*

9am Single Service with Guest Craig Bielke



“No matter who you are,  
No matter where you are  
on life’s journey,  
You are welcome here.”