



Sunday, November 28, 2021
Advent 1

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



Welcome to Worship

at St. Paul UCC

We are glad you are here!

November 28, 2021 9am Worship

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor Rev. Michelle Torigian
Music Director Dr. Bill Wade
Liturgist Pam Nicholson

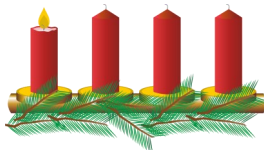
WELCOME Rev. Michelle Torigian

PRELUDE *Wachet Auf Ruft Uns Die Stimme, BWV 645*
Sleepers, Awake! A Voice is Calling
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

INVOCATION (UNISON)

God of the four winds, move your Spirit through this space. From north and south, east and west, we gather to worship your holy name. We belong to you; we are clay in your hands. Open our ears to the sound of your voice echoing through the spheres. Open our eyes to the brilliance of your presence shining in each new day. Open our hearts to the new reign of Jesus the Christ on earth. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (VENI EMMANUEL)*
Verses 1 and 2
Thomas Helmore, 1852; arr. John Weaver, 1988
(See pages 6)



***PRAYER OF REFLECTION**

At various points of our lives, we push aside hope. We believe that new beginnings are a myth and that grace is not possible in our lives. We forget new possibilities may come along tomorrow or two hours from now. *How can we integrate hope into our daily living?* Open our wounded souls to hope. May the glow of this season draw us into God's holy hope. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

HYMN

Season of Longing and Anticipation (verse 1)
(See page 5)

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Michelle

ANTHEM

The Advent of Our God
Edward Broughton

SCRIPTURE

Luke 21:25-36

SERMON

The Apocalypse

Rev. Michelle Torigian

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.



***CLOSING HYMN** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (TRURO)*
Text: Georg Weissel, 1642; trans. Catherine Winkworth
Music: Music Sacra, c. 1778
(See page 7)

***BLESSING OF THE GIFTS (UNISON)**

God, whose faithfulness exceeds the limits of the earth, accept these gifts of our hearts and hands. May they be multiplied and magnified as the living presence of Christ's hope in our hearts. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

Go from this place alert and awake with God's holy hope in our hearts. As we move from this place, we scatter now as people of the four winds: to the north and south, east and west. Go from this place alert and awake in the spirit of God's peace, ready to spread God's love to the ends of the earth. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Veni Emmanuel
Arranged by Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)



Season of Longing and Anticipation

Candlelighting Song

Cantor/Choir:



In this sea - son of long - ing and an - ti - ci - pa - tion,



God is at work in the heart of cre - a - tion, of - fer - ing all new



life and sal - va - tion:

Advent:

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|---------|-----------|------------|---------------|
| 1. A | righteous | branch | springs up! |
| 2. A | voice | cries out, | "Pre - pare!" |
| 3. Re - | joice, | the Lord | is near! |
| 4. A | wom - an | ans - wers | God's call! |

All:



O - pen our eyes to sights, signs, and won - der; o - pen our



ears to hear your word; o - pen our hearts to live with each



oth - er

Advent:

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|-----------|------------|------------|
| 1. hope, | In - car - | nate Lord! |
| 2. peace, | | |
| 3. joy, | | |
| 4. love, | | |

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge
tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

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Archives Artifacts - St. Paul trivia from the desk of Roger Henke

**Here are a more of the past names for our church.
What year were they adopted?**

- 1) St. Paul's German Free Protestant Church
- 2) St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church
- 3) St. Paul United Church of Christ



This Week

For Your Prayers

Sundays

9am Traditional Worship
10am Coffee & Donuts

Here is how to stay in touch with St. Paul

- 1) **Watch the services and check for event updates on FACBOOK** - Like us at *St. Paul United Church of Christ Belleville, IL*
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PRAYER REQUESTS

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ANSWER: 1) 1861 2) 1934 3) Our Present name was official in 1958

Weekly Attendance

9am Nov 14, 2021 74 + Online Participants Nov 15, 2020 All Virtual

Offering for 11/14/2021 - \$7,310

General Fund

Needed each week \$8,082

Giving to Date _____ \$347,421
Budget to.. _____ \$371,772

Total Budget _____ \$420,256