



Sunday, November 27, 2022
1st Sunday of Advent

“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

November 27, 2022 ~ 9:00 am
1st Sunday of Advent



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

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| <i>Senior Pastor</i> | Rev. Michelle Torigian |
| <i>Director of Music</i> | Tristan Frampton |
| <i>Guest Organist</i> | Andrzej Zahorski |
| <i>Liturgist</i> | Mimi Llamas |

WELCOME

Rev. Michelle Torigian

PRELUDE

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland
(Now Come, Savior of the Nations), BWV 659
J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 122, Isaiah 2:15)

One: They said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Giver of hope!"

All: We come today with eager expectation.

One: Let us go up to the mountain so that the Giver may teach us way of peace.

All: We come today with holy expectation.

One: Our hands are lifted with grateful praise as we gather at the edge of the throne of justice.

All: Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

INVOCATION (UNISON)

God of the hope that the present has brought us, we call on you in this hour of worship. You are already and have always been with us, even before the child - Emmanuel - was born. We open our hearts to receive your gifts, for you are the Giver of hope, the Giver of peace, the Giver of joy, and the Giver of love. Make your presence known as we make ourselves available to you. Amen.

Today's bulletin is in memory of Robert & Joy Horn
by The Horn Family

*OPENING HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel 154

Unison

Em Bm G Am Am G D G D Bm C G

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, thou Day - spring, come and cheer our spir - its by thine
 3 O come, thou Wis - dom from or - on high, and or - der all things,
 4 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind all peo - ples in one

Am Em Bm Em Am Am Em B7 Em Bm C D Em

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, un -
 ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, and
 far and nigh; to us the path of knowl - edge show, and
 heart and mind; bid en - vy, strife and quar - rels cease; fill

Refrain (Harmony)

D Bm G G Am Am G D G D Em Bm G

til the Son of God ap - pear.
 death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 cause us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 the whole world with heav - en's peace.

Am Am G D Em D G G C G Am Em D Em

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

***PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION AND REFLECTION (UNISON)**

Holy One, we gather together in this season of Advent anticipating hope, praying for peace, attempting to cultivate joy and share love amidst commotion, grief, despair and uncertainty. In a world full of hopelessness, we have sometimes forgotten that you are our hope, dear God. Consumed by the chaos of the world, we lean into helplessness instead of your loving embrace. We cling to the stony roads felt in days when hope had died. We've forgotten that you promised us hope for a future. Stimulate our memory, dear God. Remind us of that hope you assured us of. Be with us as we cling to it in the midnight hours of waiting. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND HOPE**

Let us know that God gives us unmerited hope for a future, peace like a river, joy everlasting, and love. No misstep can separate us from the gifts of God. Amen.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Pastor Michelle

ANTHEM

A Prayer for Advent
Sanctuary Choir

by Douglas Nolan

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON

Left Behind

SPECIAL MUSIC

Mary, Did You Know?
Jillian and Chris Ritter

by Buddy Greene

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.**

REFLECTION ON GIVING

As recipients of the generosity of God, let us share our generosity with each other and the community.

*DOXOLOGY (Tune: *Old Hundreth*)

**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.**

*BLESSING OF THE GIFTS (UNISON)

One: For the wondrous ways our offerings will bless this community-
Many: We dedicate these gifts.

One: For the ways these offerings will help us live out God's mission-
Many: We dedicate these gifts.

One: Let these gifts strengthen our call to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, God of Hope. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

REJOICE, REJOICE

(see pages 7 & 8)

*COMMISSIONING

Go forth with the gift of hope guiding you toward the path of peace. Go forth with the gift of joy guiding you toward the path of love. Go forth with anticipation, trusting that God's strength will sustain you.

*BENEDICTION

May God bless you and keep you.

May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace.

POSTLUDE

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

(Sleepers Awake), BWV 645

J.S. Bach

This worship service is live streamed and recorded.

*Notes where to stand if comfortably able.

Liturgy written by Rev. Mia M. McClain. Advent Candle Lighting written by Sonja Ingebritsen for the book *From the Psalms to the Clouds: Connecting to the Digital Age*. Benediction from UCC Book of Worship. Information about today's service: All St. Paul United Church of Christ services may be recorded and/or streamed. Music is used with permission through Onelicense.net License #A-715913, CCLI #1795791, St. James Press License #17755, or public domain.

160 Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

G Am7 G C D D7

1 A - wake! a - wake, and greet the new morn, for
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though

G C Am7 D7 G Am7

an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall

G C D G Am7 D C G

soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.

The musical score is written in G major and 6/8 time. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The vocal line has four verses of lyrics. The score is divided into three systems, each with a vocal staff and a piano grand staff. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal staff in each system.

D G D Em Am D

Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less

Em D7 G C B7 Em

geth - er, he o - pens wide the heaven - ly door and
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - ery day we share and

Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lives now in - side us for ev - er.
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

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

In 1981, the range of pastoral leadership responsibilities here resulted in the hiring of a pastor to tackle creating job descriptions, a church profile and setting criteria to choose future ministers. His name was John Shaffer. What was his title?

This Week

Sundays

- 9am Traditional Worship
10am Coffee Hour after worship
Culinaire's Breakfast 3rd
Sunday of the month.

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For Your Prayers

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| Lori Coleman | Steve Schmidt |
| Carol Hotz | Darwin Bretsch |
| Shirley Martin | Otto Christopher |
| Marilyn | Kennedy, great |
| Dinkelmann | nephew of Scott Lana |
| Debbie McIntyre, | Gentry |
| daughter of Arline | Laura Howie, daughter |
| Worms | of Jeanette & Elgee |
| Scott Schmidt, brother | Phillips |
| of Steve Schmidt | Betty Rieso |
| Brian Sample, nephew | Ethel Klasing, aunt of |
| of Kathy Birkner | Jerry Pierce-Heisler |
| Christopher Mitchell | Alec Zaber |

Please send prayer requests to
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or call 618-233-3303

ANSWER: Interim Enabler

SAVE THE DATE:

St. Paul Congregational Meeting to discuss
the 2023 budget and nominations to council is
December 11 immediately after worship.

Weekly Attendance

9am November 6, 2022 74 + Online Participants November 7, 2021 104 + Online Participants

Offering for 11/12/2022 - \$20,849

General Fund

Needed each week \$7,696

Giving to..  \$354,792

Budget to..  \$346,320

Total Budget  \$400,199