



# Christmas Eve

*Celebrating the  
Birth of Jesus*

**Tuesday, December 22, 2024**  
**Christmas Eve**  
**7pm**

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



# *Welcome to Worship*

## at St. Paul United Church of Christ

---

### Christmas Eve Worship

---

#### WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Senior Pastor</i> .....	Rev. Michelle Torigian
<i>Music Director</i> .....	Dr. Tristan Frampton
<i>Organist</i> .....	Cynthia Johnson
<i>Technology Coordinator</i> .....	Ian Hipkins
<i>Liturgist</i> .....	Roger Relfe

#### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Magnificat*, by Johann Pachelbel  
*O Little Town of Bethlehem*, by Louis H. Redner  
*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*, by Richard Storrs Willis  
Christmas Brass Quartet

#### WELCOME

Rev. Michelle Torigian

#### PRELUDE

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* (Traditional Polish melody)  
By Alexandre Guilmant, Setting by Michael Ryan

#### POEM

*Under the Night Sky*

#### ENTRY INTO WORSHIP (Living Psalm 148)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The people have walked in the shadows. The light now shines.

**Many: Rejoice and sing a new song of great joy!**

One: The light of peace, justice, and love illuminates God's Realm.

**Many: Rejoice and declare the glory of God in the land of the living.**

One: The light of resilience will not be dimmed on the earth.

**Many: Rejoice and witness the seas roar, the land rest, and the wind breathe.**

Rejoice for the glory comes and God is with us!

*This service is shared<sup>2</sup> in-person and online.*



## REFLECTION ON GIVING

One: The generous spirit pays attention to unmet needs within and beyond our community. When we give from our energy and resources of time, our generosity becomes enfolded and makes the love of God and neighbor real.

**Many: We ask our bountiful God to receive these gifts, extend their reach, and magnify their impact, sharing light and love with all of creation. Amen.**

## COLLECTION OF THE GIFTS AND OFFERTORY MUSIC

*O Holy Night, by Adolphe Adam*

Tristan Frampton, tenor

## POEM

*Christmas Light*

Written by May Sarton

## SHARING OF THE LIGHT

### \*CAROL

*Silent Night! (STILLE NACHT)*

(see page 10)

Scripture read from John 1:1-5

## 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. Amen!

## POSTLUDE

*Still, Still, Still* (Traditional Austrian Tune)

arr. Hall M. Macklin



# O Come, All Ye Faithful

Verses 1, 3, and 4

Text and Music by John Francis Wade, c. 1743 Descant and harmonization by David Willcocks, 1961

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come  
2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -

ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,  
of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -  
all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all  
sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

*Refrain*

born the King of an - gels!  
got - ten, not cre - at - ed! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let  
glo - ry in the high - est!  
now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

(ADESTE FIDELIS)

# Angels We Have Heard on High

Text: French carol; trans. James Chadwick, 1860 Music: French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,  
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
What the glad - some ti - dings be which in - spire your heaven - ly song?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo -

*Continues on next page*





(GLORIA)

**A very special thank you  
to the  
Christmas Brass Quartet!**

**Tom Birkner, trumpet  
Len Bull, trumpet  
Jacob Baron, trombone  
Jon Siddle, trombone**

# Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,



# HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

MENDELSSOHN

Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847

Setting by Robert J. Powell

Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.



1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing,  
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored;  
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace!



“Glo - ry to the new - born King! Peace on earth and  
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Late in time be -  
Hail the Sun of Right - cous - ness! Light and life to



mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!”  
hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the <in - car - nate  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no



of the skies; with the <an - gel - ic host pro - claim,  
De - i - ty, pleased as man with us to dwell,  
more may die, born to raise us from the earth,



“Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!” Hark! The her - ald  
Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el. Hark! The her - ald  
born to give us sec - ond birth. Hark! The her - ald



an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King!”  
an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King!”  
an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King!”

## *Silent Night/Stille Nacht*

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1816; Music: Franz Xaver Gruber, 1818

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright  
 2. Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft ein - sam wacht  
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;  
 4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light

5  
 'round yon vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,  
 nur das trau - te hoch hei - li - ge Paar. Hol - der Kna - be im lock - i - gen Haar;  
 glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav - en - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu - ia:  
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

9  
 sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh!  
 Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born!  
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.



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.

Christ Candle Lighting from "From the Manger" program by Illustrated Ministry. Opening Poem by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian.  
 Worship liturgy written by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay

You are welcome at St. Paul UCC...  
just as you are!

*Join us on Sundays!*

**OUR WORSHIP TIME IS 9AM.  
YOU CAN ALSO WORSHIP ONLINE AT  
ANY TIME: [STPAULUCC.ORG](http://STPAULUCC.ORG)**

*Many blessings in 2025!*



# CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL GIFTS

## In Memory Of . . .

Leroy Kirsch, by his wife Dolly, grandchildren & great grandchildren.

My parents, A. Lloyd & Martha Culley, by Jane Bonaldi.

John & Beulah Komeshak and Wayne & Renee Wagner, by The Wagner & Florek Families.

Patricia Buckrod, Joeseeph & Lorene Buckrod, and Clarence & Edna Georg, by Gary Buckrod & Family.

My husband, Russ Scheibel, by Mona Scheibel. Our parents, Marvin & Rosemary Henke, by Mona Scheibel & Roger & Mark Henke.

Our Granny & Grandpa, Rosemary & Marvin Henke, by their grandchildren, James & Sam McEvilly, Izzy, Amia & Abraham Scheibel, and Stili Teodosiev.

My parents, Walter & Marcella Peter, by Eileen Peter.

## Poinsettias . . .

John & Emma Eiff, by Jolene Braden, Bob Trentman family, Drew Panico, and Ted Trentman.

In Memory of Vincent Torigian, by Laureen, Pastor Michelle, Lori, & Family.

In Memory of Lawrence & Queenie Emmons, and Fred & Margaret Torigian, by Laureen, Pastor Michelle, Lori, & Family

In Honor of Pastor Michelle in celebration for her ministry at St. Paul UCC, by Laureen Torigian.

In Memory of Mary Ann Walton & Latricia Walton, by Larry Walton.

In Memory of Art & Helen Burgott, by Lou & Carolyn Ryseff.

In Memory of Lillian & Jacob Ryseff and Kurt Jacob Mueller, by Lou & Carolyn Ryseff.

In Memory of David Sutherland, by Paul & Sue Sutherland.

In Memory of Edward L and Billy Ruth Pelc, by The Shelton Family and The Gentry Family.

In Honor of Lana R. Gentry, by Allen S. Gentry

In Memory of Kenneth & Michael Nettleton, by Vi Nettleton and Family.

In Memory of my parents, Elmer & Mary Ann Grohmann, by Diane C. Grohmann.

In Memory of Les & Peggy Mueller, Jack & Lillian Ryseff and Kurt Mueller, by Lynwood & Kristine Mueller

In Memory of Elgee & Jeanette Phillips, by Jeff & Maria Phillips

In Memory of Richard Goers, by Carole Goers and family.

In Memory of my son, Daniel Pierce, by Jerry Pierce.

In Memory of Linda Mentzer, by the Mentzer Family.

In Memory of Helen & Dennis Severit, by Beverly Clark

In Memory of Steve Suess, husband, father and opa, by Barb, Andy, Megan, Drew, Kate, Chip, Ceely, Brook and Lucy.

In Memory of our parents, Fred & Esther Koch and Elmer & Genieveve Friedrich, by Gary Friedrich

In Honor of my family, Edie Elliott

In Memory of Bill Strohm & Mary White, by Brett, Else & Avery White

In Memory of our parents, Byron & Marie Elser and

Floyd & Bernice Sperino, by Pam & Bruce Elser

