



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	
Senior Pastor	Rev. Michelle Torigian
Music Director	Dr. Tristan Frampton
<i>Organist</i>	Cynthia Johnson
Technology Coordinator	Ian Hipkins
Liturgist	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 shared²in-person and online.

INVOCATION (UNISON)

Emmanuel, God with Us, you brought worlds into being. Your word goes forward with creative and redemptive power. Keep watch over your people assembled today as we lift our voices and our beings in praise, celebration, remembrance, and worship of you. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Verses 1, 3, and 4 (see page 5)

*SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-38 (NRSV)

*CAROL

Angels We Have Heard on High

(see pages 6 & 7)

A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART with Pastor Michelle

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:39-56 (NRSV)

POEM

A Song of Mary
Written by Lucille Clifton

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-7 (NRSV)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Bernal Family

*CAROL

Joy to the World
ANTIOCH

(see page 8)

*SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-20 (NRSV)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Peace on Earth, to All Good Will!

by Timothy Mayfield

Sanctuary Choir and Christmas Brass Quartet

POEM

Mary's Dream

Written by Lucille Clifton

SERMON

Bearers of Light

Rev. Michelle Torigian

CAROL

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

(see page 9)

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 enfleshed 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.

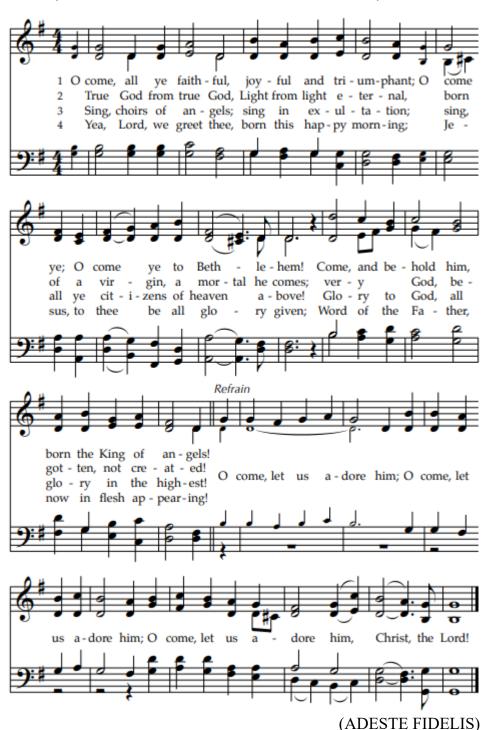
May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace. Amen!

POSTLUDE Still, Still, Still (Traditional Austrian Tune) arr. Hall M. Macklin



O Come, All Ye Faithful Verses 1, 3, and 4

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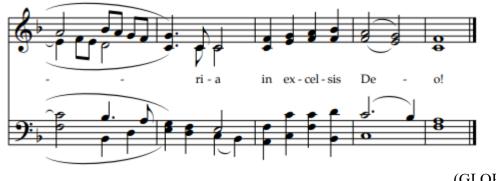


Angels We Have Heard on High

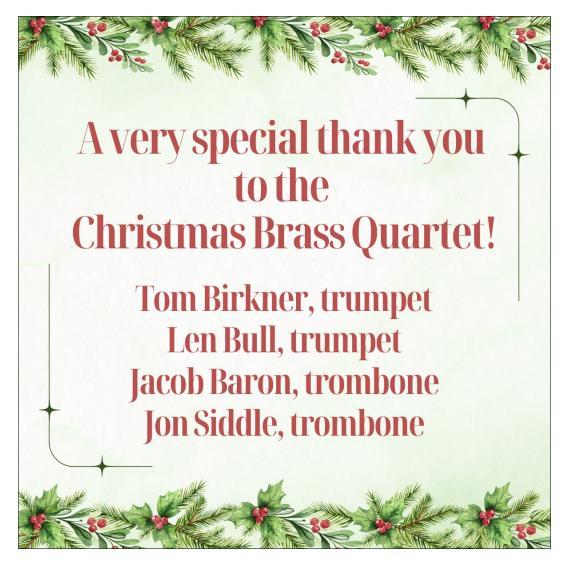
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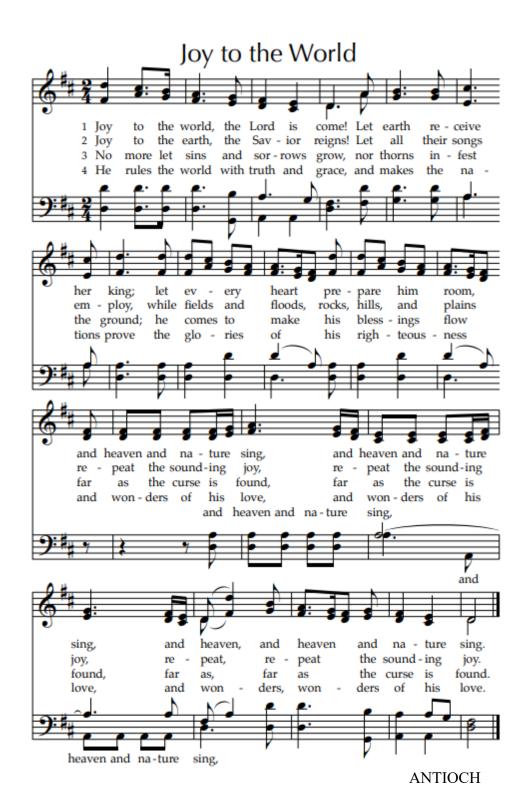


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HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

MENDELSSOHN Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847 Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Setting by Robert J. Powell 1. Hark! The ald her an gels sing. Christ, by high est heav'n dored: a the Peace! Hail heav'n born Prince of the new - born King! Peace on earth to Christ, the ev er - last - ing Lord! Late in time be of Right-eous-ness! Light and life Hail the Sun to mild. God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" mer - cv hold him come. off-spring of the Vir-gin's womb. ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. all he brings, 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 born that we no by, 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 Em - man - u - el. Hark! The her-ald Je - sus, our sec - ond birth. Hark! The her-ald born to give us "Glo - ry the new-born King!" an - gels sing, to the new-born King!" an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to

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Silent Night/Stille Nacht
Text: Joseph Mohr, 1816; Music: Franz Xaver Gruber, 1818



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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



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, Joeseph & 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







