

December 11, 2022 ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent

Gathering Music - "Be Still and Know" with "Be Still My Soul" (arr. Hayes) - Leigh Emmett

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude - "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" (M. Ijames) - Celebration Choir Women

"Light One Candle" (N. Sleeth)

*Light one candle for joy, one bright candle for joy.  
Ev'ry nation will find salvation in Beth'lem's baby boy.  
Light one candle for joy, one bright candle for joy.  
He brings joy to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!*

Lighting of the Advent Candle - The Weber Family

Call to Worship - *responsive*

Leader: Let us come together as the people of God, to worship and show our love to God and each other.

People: Lord, fill us with your Holy Spirit to inspire us this day.

Leader: Bring us comfort and challenge as we seek to follow where you call.

People: Lord, fill us with your love and give us a spirit of joy as we follow you.

*\*you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

*\*Hymn #143 - "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession - *in unison.*

Jesus, you have come to our world and brought joy to all creation. You have been our hope and salvation. Lord, help us when joy is hard to find and when we stray from you. Help us this day and every day. Amen. (A time of silent, personal prayer).

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #88 - "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (refrain)

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus #123 - "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (v. 1)

*It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:*

*“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven’s all gracious King”:  
the world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.*

### Offering Prayer

Offertory #658 ~ *“God Is So Good”*

*Good is so good; Good is so good; God is so good; God’s so good to me.  
God loves me so; God loves me so; God loves me so; God’s so good to me.*

### Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Isaiah 35:1-10

Special Music ~ *“Come, All Ye Shepherds”* (J. Rouse) - Celebration Choir

Christian Scripture ~ Matthew 11:2-11

Message ~ *“Coming Soon: Christ’s work brings Joy”*

\*Hymn #115 ~ *“Away in a Manger”*

### Community at Prayer

Prayer Preparation ~ *“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”*  
*Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;*  
*Incline Thine ear to us, And grant us Thy peace.*

The Lord’s Prayer ~ *in unison*

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.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper ~ *responsive*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

*“All Belong Here”*~ (L. Rand/H. Rand) as recorded by The Many

*Come and remember who you are here. Do this to remember who I am.*

*Come and remember you belong here. All belong here.*

*At this table come as you are, broken and bleeding's ok.  
At this table eat and be filled, come and drink in this grace.  
Come and remember who you are here. Do this to remember who I am.  
Come and remember you belong here. All belong here.*

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer after Communion

\*Hymn #610- "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (v. 1,3,5)

Congregational Meeting, called for the purpose of the election of officers.

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response #113 ~ "Angels We Have Heard on High" (refrain)  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Postlude ~ "Joy to the World" (arr. Hayes)

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The service for Joyce Barton will be today at 1:00PM at the R.G. and G. R. Harris Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 11:00AM until the time of the service.

A donation was made to the Board of Deacons from Yvonne Cameron in loving memory of Jack Cameron.

The Celebration Choir, along with Committed, will present a Christmas Cantata during worship, next Sunday, December 18, 2022.

Upcoming worship services: Saturday, December 24, 2022 Christmas Eve Service at 4:00PM. Sunday, December 25, 2022 Christmas Day Service at 10:15AM. Sunday, January 1, 2023 New Year's Day Service at 10:15AM.

**REMINDER:** The Christmas Eve Offering is dedicated to the ministries of the Board of Deacons. Please use the envelope provided and make your offering to the board with a **SEPARATE** check as their bank account is **NOT** linked to the St. Paul's account.

A message from Mark Handford...

1. Please talk to Mark about your willingness to commit to an 'Advent season with the choir'.
  1. If you are able to make it to Thursday rehearsals at 7pm, great!
  2. Or if you are able, at least join us Sunday mornings at 9:30am.
    - i. "if you sing loud, great ... if tentative, at least sing with us"!

From the Presbyterian Mission Special Offerings staff..."thank you to the congregation of St. Paul's for your generous participation in the Christmas Joy Offering over the past 20 + years! You have shown your faithfulness and commitment to God's ministry by giving generously to support and be with our past, present, and future leaders in their time of promise and their time of need, opening doors that may not have been available to them."

**Thank you to those who have already donated this year! An envelope for donations was provided in your December packet.**

**St. Paul's graciously provided 65 warm winter hats and 70 pairs of gloves which were donated to Covenant House in Detroit. Covenant House provides temporary housing, placement & support services for homeless teens in Detroit. Thank you for responding to the call.**

**2022 Giving Tree: The collection of NEW children's books for COTS in Detroit through Sunday, January 8th. The books may be placed in the baskets in the lobby by the fireplace Christmas tree display! These will not be delivered to COTS until mid-January, so no Christmas/seasonal books, please. We will be collecting books for infant - elementary aged children. Give the gift of reading this season!**

**The Adult Forum offers a four week Advent Video Series: Lee Strobel's *A Case for Christmas*, which began November 29th on Tuesday mornings at 9am online and in person at the church! All are welcome to participate! Join us online at: [meet.google.com/ofb-mozw-shc](https://meet.google.com/ofb-mozw-shc) or by phone: 513-818-1609 PIN: 389 490 359# or in person in Room 11! Prepare the way to Christmas and beyond with fellow believers following in God's way!**

**"The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus" ~ a charming story by L. Frank Baum, the author of "The Wizard of Oz" and adapted for Readers' Theatre, presented by Livonia Community Theatre. Recommended for adults and for children age 8 and above. Free admission! Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00PM at the Livonia Public Library at 32777 Five Mile Rd., Thursday, December 15 at 7:00PM at the Livonia Senior Center at 15218 Farmington Rd., and Saturday, December 17 at 2:00PM at the Senior Center.**

**The 2023 Stewardship Commitments were dedicated on November 20 and St. Paul's is grateful to all who submitted a pledge. If you have not yet done so, please prayerfully consider a pledge to St. Paul's. You may bring your commitment card to worship, mail it, or drop it in the secure mailbox outside the church.**

**There is a gold box in the Narthex where you may submit your suggestions to Pastor Nate for his upcoming "Fireside Chat" series. Or you may email your suggestions to [sppcemail@stpaulspresbyterian.church](mailto:sppcemail@stpaulspresbyterian.church) and they will be given to Pastor Nate, anonymously, of course.**

**Please hold those listed in prayer... and REVIEW and REPORT updates, PLEASE**

*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers*



Bill Garvey, Mike Graham, Janet Frank, Grace Erwin, August Kornowicz, Karen Bright Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye, Jerry Stone Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell, Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips Sister-in law and nephew of Pat Garvey, Linda Thompson & her sister, Shirley Kircoff Joan Velis and family; Westin ~ infant grandson of Jeanne Sinclair

John Branch ~ father of Christie Piastowski  
Dave Schulz ~ nephew of Carol & Mike Graham  
Rita Czanko ~ cousin of Terry Earnley  
John Candiloro ~ friend of August Kornowicz  
Ray & Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don & Meta Tulley  
Sarah & Mason Young ~ family of Judy McGregor  
Chris O'Neill, Tracey Ford, Phil Decker & Vickie McVeigh ~ friends of Judy McGregor  
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August & Faith Kornowicz  
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie Whitlock  
Rosemary Iaquina ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel; Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen  
Glenn Ellan Rubright ~ sister of Mike Graham; Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck  
Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian; Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean; Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit  
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright  
Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham  
Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet  
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda & Bob Seymour  
David Bonandrini ~ son of Ben; Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook  
Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips; Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo  
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Shilling & Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron & Janet Frank  
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis

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Away in a Manger

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D)  
F B $\flat$  F

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,  
2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the poor ba - by wakes,  
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

(A7) (D)  
C7 F

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.  
close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

(G) (D)  
B $\flat$  F

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
I love thee, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky,  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

(A7) (D) (Em) (A7) (D)  
C7 F Gm C7 F

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

Though erroneously attributed to Martin Luther, this anonymous carol has North American roots, probably originating among Pennsylvania Lutherans. Although more than forty melodies have been connected with these words, this tune was among the earliest written for them.

# 143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
 2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your  
 3 Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions  
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,

all the earth; you, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;  
 beam a - far; seek the great de - sire of na - tions;  
 Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 yon - der shines the in - fant light: come and wor - ship,  
 you have seen his na - tal star:  
 to the e - ter - nal Three in One:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king!

This familiar carol was first published as a poem in the Christmas Eve 1816 issue of a newspaper the author edited in Sheffield, England. The tune name celebrates the location of a prominent Presbyterian Church in London, sometimes called the "Presbyterian cathedral."

## O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and  
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new  
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the  
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en  
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!  
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.  
 to re - jice; the poor in heart be - lieve.  
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

## SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar  
 a mi Libertador,  
 las glorias de su majestad,  
 los triunfos de su amor.*

## KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면  
 그 입 다 가지고  
 내 구주 주신 은총을  
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

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