

## St. Paul's Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

### Christmas Eve Family Worship ~ December 24, 2019 ~ 4:00PM

#### Gathering Music

We gather around the Nativity

#### Call to Worship ~ from Psalm 96

Leader: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

**All: Joy to the World, the Lord is King!**

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Joy to the World, the Lord is King!**

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it.

**All: Joy to the World, the Lord is King!**

**Hymn #40** ~ "Joy to the World!" ~ verses 1 and 4

**Lighting of the Christ Candle** ~ The Borysiak Family

**Prayer** ~ *in unison*

**Holy God, we give you thanks that you became Joy-Made-Flesh— in Jesus Christ so that your hope, love, joy, and peace could be multiplied in all of heaven and earth. Help us to remember that this is our true nature and that simply being the humans you have created us to be—including our moments of struggle and sadness—is what you want us to do fully, hopefully, lovingly, unabashedly, peacefully. The Lord has come to our hearts this day. The Lord has come to our church this day. The Lord has come to the world this day! Amen.**

**Sharing God's Peace** ~ *you are invited to share signs of peace with those around you.*

**An Ancient Story** ~ Luke 2:1-7

**Hymn #25** ~ "Away in a Manger"

**An Ancient Story, part 2** ~ Luke 2:8-14

**Hymn # 31** ~ "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" ~ verses 1 and 3

**Message** ~ "Holding a Baby..."

**Hymn #53** ~ "What Child Is This" ~ verses 1 and 3

**Invitation to Communion**

**Receive God's Gift to you in Bread and Cup. ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Communion by intinction. Take a piece of gluten free bread and dip in the cup of juice.

**Bring your offering, light a candle, and pray.**


**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.**

**Hymn #60** ~ "Silent Night, Holy Night" ~ verses 1 and 2

**Benediction**

The offering on Christmas Eve supports the many outreach ministries of the Board of Deacons.

 An illustration of a white sign with a red pushpin at the top left. The sign has the words "Office Closed" written on it in a stylized font.	The office will be closed tomorrow, December 25 and Thursday, December 26 as well as Wednesday, January 1. No evening hours on December 31.
All 2019 contributions must be received at the church <b><u>NO LATER</u></b> than noon on December 30.	



### Poinsettias 2019

**The silk poinsettias placed in the sanctuary symbolize a donation to the outreach ministries of St. Paul's Board of Deacons from:**

Yvonne Cameron	In memory of her dear husband, Jack
Eric Farquhar	In memory of his father, James Farquhar In memory of his uncle, Carl Farquhar In memory of his cousin, Doug Farquhar
Pat & Bill Garvey	In memory of loved ones In honor of their children and spouses In honor of their grandchildren, Joshua, Evelyn, and Josephine
Pat Hutchison	In memory of Norman Cramer In memory of G. and D. Sweany In memory of M. and G. Hutchison In honor of Jeff Velis In honor of Kathy Potter In honor of Karen Barsy In honor of Leigh Emmett In honor of St. Paul's Singers
John & Jan Lapenta	In memory of their parents In memory of Richard McClure In honor of their children and grandchildren
Sandi & Bob Liebertz	In memory of Charles and Charmaine Moulard and Carl and Viola Liebertz
Joyce MacLennan	In memory of Dave MacLennan In memory of Diane Yarmy In memory of her family and friends here and in Hawaii In honor of her sons Allan and Dan and their families In honor of her family and friends here and in Hawaii
Jo Morgan	In gratitude for her family and friends
Allen & Chery Nicholas	In memory of their granddaughter, Haleigh Katherine Nicholas In memory of Caroline Nicholas In memory of Bernice Kotrych In memory of Charles Miller In honor of their children and grandchildren

Pam & Bruce Phillips	In joyful honor and prayers to Pam's church family for good health, love, and happiness
Susan Rakay	In memory of her mother, Muriel Pearse In honor of her son, Rich, and Susan and Carol
Janet Sandin	In honor of her three great grandchildren, Joseph, Elliana, and Jackson
Don & Meta Tulley	In memory of Meta's sisters: Dorothy Smith, Shareen Pacitti, and Paula DiStefano In honor of all their families and friends
Kathy & Bill VanEck	In honor of a wonderful family

**The Board of Deacons thanks the donors for their generous support.**

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