

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

December 8, 2019 ~ The 2nd Sunday of Advent

**“Repeat the Sounding Joy: Loving Joy”**

**Prelude** ~ “Go Tell It On The Mountain” (arr. H. Ades) ~ St. Paul's Ringers

**Welcome and Announcements** ~ The Rev. Paul V. Stunkel

**Expansion of our Hearts**

**Procession of Symbols of Worship and Elements of Communion**

“Ode to Joy” (Beethoven) ~ Leigh Emmett

**Focusing on Loving Joy**

“Joy In The Threshold” ~ Mike Weber, liturgist

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** ~ The Judd Family

**Prayer** ~ *in unison*

**Holy God, you are the source of love. You are the joy that runs deep and wide underneath all of life. You are the one that helps us reach out in love, especially to those whose fear makes it hard for them to love. Help us when our fear gets in the way of joining the chorus of joy. Let us repeat the sounding joy in our hearts this day. Let us repeat the sounding joy in our church this day.**

**Let us repeat the sounding joy in the world this day... in the name of Love.**

**Amen.**

*\*you are invited to stand as you are able*

**\*Song of Joy #9** ~ “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

**\*Passing the Peace** ~ *You are invited to greet one another with “May you have loving joy.”*

**Reception of God's Word-The Children's Time to Lead Us**

**Please Sing:** “I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart.

*“I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.*

**Children's Message** ~ *All children are invited. At the conclusion, children ages 3 and above have the option to participate in supervised Sunday School.*

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**Breathing Prayer**

**Scripture** ~ Isaiah 11:1-10 (CEB) and Matthew 3 as translated in The Message ~ read by Mike Weber and Joanne Morgan

**The Word in Music** ~ “*Joy Has Dawned*” (K. Getty & S. Townsend) ~ St. Paul’s Singers

**Sermon** ~ “Stumps and Sprouts”

**Danced Response** ~ “*Make Room*” (Casting Crowns) ~ St. Paul’s Dancers

**Transformation of Our Lives** ~ Connecting with our deepest selves, we are able to accept that all of life resides within joy’s possibilities-not only the happy moments, but also the sorrows and difficulties of life. Like the work of our hearts, all that flows in can be given new life and pumped back out with renewed oxygen, giving us strength and courage for all circumstances.

**Communion ~ Offering ~ Prayers of the People**

**Invitation to the Unifying Table**

**Words of Institution**

**God’s Word revealed in Bread and Cup**

Note: round communion wafers that are gluten free, wheat free, corn free, soy free, and dairy free are available on the serving tray.

**\*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.**

**Compassion for the World**

Connecting to Joy can compel us to want this connection for all beings. We leave this place “with passion” (com-passion) for adding our love, peace, hope, and joy to the world.

**\*Hymn** ~ “*You Shall Go Out with Joy*”

**\*Benediction with movement**

**\*Hymn #40** ~ “*Joy to the World*” v. 2

**\*Postlude** ~ “*Joy to the World*” (arr. Hayes)



**Redford Civic Symphony Concert**  
**“Holiday Cheer and Pops”**  
**Featuring holiday favorites and**  
**a few new ones as well!**  
**TODAY @3:00PM in the Sanctuary**



**The Annual Children/Youth Family Christmas Breakfast** is taking place on **Sunday, December 22 at 9am in Genesis Hall!** We have breakfast together and hold an **ornament exchange!** For the exchange, **please bring a wrapped inexpensive ornament for each child/youth participating.** Also, **if your child would like to bring an additional ornament to add to our Sunday School Christmas tree, bring an unwrapped ornament with their name and year written on it.** We will add it to our tree and it will be a part of our Christmas tree for years to come! For any children participating in worship that morning, we will have **a rehearsal between breakfast and the exchange,** so please plan to be here early and be ready to eat at 9am! **Please sign up in the lobby** if your family will be attending and indicate how many will be with you.

*Kathy Potter, Coordinator of Christian Education*



Christmas Eve Services  
 Tuesday, December 24  
 Incarnate Joy ~ Isaiah 9; Luke 2  
 4:00PM ~ Early service for young and old will  
 include Communion  
 10:00PM ~ Candlelight Communion



**Results of the election at the congregational meeting on December 1:**

**Ruling Elders- Class of 2022:** Chery Nicholas, Suzanne Tabaka, Jeff Velis

**Ruling Elder - Class of 2021:** Mike Graham

**Ruling Elder - Class of 2020:** Jan Lapenta

**Deacons - Class of 2022:** Gary Pritchard and Mike Weber. One vacancy to be filled.

**Deacon - Class of 2020:** Karen Bright

**Trustees - Class of 2022:** Cameron Barsy, Allen Nicholas, Steve Smith

**Foundation Trustee - Class of 2024:** Rich Sherby

**Nominations Committee - 1 year terms:** Georgia Hunt and Jeff Velis.

2 positions yet to be filled.

**Financial Review Committee:** Marion Davis, Jim Day, John Lapenta

**Adult Sunday Forums:** The *Christian Century* class meets on Sundays at 9:00AM in room 9. Please consider stopping in to this engaging and relevant class addressing the church and our role in the world today. The class discusses current events as presented in the magazine of the same name.

**Prayer Gatherings** to pray for our church community, ministries, members, and leadership take place at 6:30PM in the Parlor prior to committee meetings (generally on the first Tuesday of each month). (**NOTE:** No gatherings on the third Tuesday). **All** are encouraged to attend, especially anyone who is coming to meetings that night. We are praying through the directory as well as accepting prayer requests which can be left in Kathy Potter's mailbox or emailed to [christianeducator@stpaulspresbyterian.church](mailto:christianeducator@stpaulspresbyterian.church). If you are unable to attend, consider setting aside this or another time to pray for your church family and ministries. **"For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them." Matthew 18:20.**



**CARES of Farmington Hills** has been selected by the Faith Formation Committee to be the recipient of our **2019 Giving Tree** collection! CARES of Farmington Hills serves Farmington, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Redford and other surrounding communities in a variety of ways. Their food and clothing pantry are open Tuesday through Saturday by appointment. They offer, but do not receive funding for, **toiletry items** and so are usually very short on these items. Beginning **Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** we will be collecting the following items: **soap, shampoo, conditioner, baby shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, feminine sanitary supplies, small hand sanitizers, small boxes of band-aids**, etc. Please consider making a donation. We will be accepting items **through Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**. Your generosity will bring a bit of **JOY** to someone in need and, most likely to **you**, too!



The **Pulpit Nominating Committee** thanks you for your patience and prayers as we seek to find St. Paul's next pastor. As this is a **confidential process**, **we ask that you respect our privacy as the committee works through the process.** We understand you are anxious, however, we seek to maintain the integrity of this search. We will provide details once they are available to be shared with everyone. Thank you again for your patience.



**St. Paul's Policy:** If Livonia Public Schools are closed for a weather-related reason, St. Paul's is closed and ALL meetings and/or events for the day and evening are cancelled. NO exceptions. Please watch for closing information on the news early in the day or go to the Livonia Public Schools website.



In addition to the regular schedule, St. Paul's will be closed on December 25 and 26 and on January 1. No evening office hours on December 24 and 31.



St. Paul's participates in the "2 cents per meal" Presbyterian Hunger Program. Each time we have a community meal, banks are placed on the tables and all are encouraged to contribute. The money collected supports local hunger programs, including our own Food Pantry. If you would like to participate at home, please pick up a bank in the office.

This is an ongoing ministry, so if you fill a bank, you are always welcome to start a new one!



### "Crack Open a Hymn Book"

Sunday, January 5, 2020

A special time of opening the new hymnal "*Glory to God*," inserting the honor/memorial plates, and exploring the songs included. Lunch will be provided!

**POINSETTIAS FOR THE SEASON OF  
ADVENT**

The Board of Deacons will once again decorate the sanctuary with their silk poinsettias. For a donation of \$10.00, you may memorialize or honor someone with this **symbolic gift**, and your donation will support the many ongoing ministries of the Board of Deacons. Envelopes for ordering are in the office and will be accepted through December 15. Acknowledgements will be in the bulletin on the 4th Sunday of Advent and on Christmas Eve.

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\* From the Board of Deacons: \*  
\* The dates for 2019 are filled. Watch for \*  
\* the new flower chart with 2020 dates! \*  
\* The flower chart in the lobby is \*  
\* available to reference availability only. \*  
\* Please DO NOT write on the chart! \*  
\* Food Baskets may be \*  
\* designated for any Sunday. \*  
\* Donations for food baskets support the \*  
\* outreach ministries of the Deacons. \*  
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**BOARD OF DEACONS FOOD PANTRY**

Donations of the following items are always gratefully accepted!

Each bag contains: a roll of paper towels, a large roll of toilet tissue, 1 large or 2 small cans of tuna, 1 can of meat (SPAM, etc.), 2 boxes of macaroni and cheese, 2 cans of soup, 2 cans of vegetables, 1 can of fruit, 1 box of gelatin, 1 package of pasta, 1 can of pasta sauce, 1 can of pasta (ravioli, etc.), 1 package of a side dish (potatoes, rice dishes, tuna helper, etc.), 1 sleeve of crackers (saltines or graham), 1 box of cereal, 1 jar of peanut butter, 1 jar of jelly or jam, and sample sized toiletries.

## ***Stewardship***

### **Weekly Stewardship**

December 1, 2019  
General Fund: \$4,089.00

Building Improvement Fund: \$935.00

Where some of your tithes and offerings go:  
Consumers Energy: \$1,292.99

**2020 Pledge update as of December 1, 2019**

**General Fund**  
**42 pledging units: \$124,998.00**

**Building Improvement Fund**  
**26 pledging units: \$31,750.00**



### **THE WEEKLY OFFICE SCHEDULE IS:**

**Monday - Work day for Pastor Paul and Wanda IN THE OFFICE.**

**Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday -  
Regular Office hours - 9:00AM - 5:00PM.**

**Tuesday and Thursday Evening  
Office hours - 6:00PM – 9:00PM**

**Friday-Closed.**



**PLEASE** check our website:  
[www.stpaulspresbyterian.church](http://www.stpaulspresbyterian.church) for  
current St. Paul's information, now  
including the weekly bulletin!

## *In Our Thoughts & Prayers*

Carol Townsend, Joyce Barton, Pam Phillips  
Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye, Bill Dust  
Nola Bonandrini, Tamar Duthie  
Frank & Nancy Saunders, Janet Pridgeon  
Jerry Stone, Beverly Dearth  
Anita Falk, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz  
Lila Hindmarsh, Lucille Ladouceur  
Susan Grant, Grace Campbell  
Bruce Phillips, Barbara Kett  
Katie Potter ~ granddaughter of Kathy Potter  
Christine Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright  
Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley  
John Barclay ~ uncle of Steve Boyak  
Dorothy Farquhar ~ aunt of Eric  
Eli Nicholas ~ father of Allen  
Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham  
Mark Osborne ~ son of Janet  
Henry Alexander ~ friend of Ron & Janet Frank  
Sarah & Mason Young ~ cousins of Judy McGregor  
Tony S. ~ cousin of Gail Artinian  
Diane Calloway ~ cousin of Gail Artinian  
MaryAnn Tabaka ~ mother of Suzanne  
Eric Tabaka ~ nephew of Suzanne  
Marcy Hare ~ daughter of Lucille Ladouceur  
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris  
Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda & Bob Seymour  
David Bonandrini ~ son of Nola & Ben  
Zoe Marcus ~ friend of Karen Erwin  
Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook  
Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips  
Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo  
Leslie Benoit ~ daughter of Tamar Duthie  
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison  
Eric Schilling ~ grandson of Ron & Janet Frank  
Dottie Kinville ~ mother of Jeff Kinville  
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta  
Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis  
Jill Haddox ~ friend of Connie Shoup

**Please review the prayer list and report any changes to the office as soon as possible.**

## Calendar for December 8 - December 15, 2019



**Sunday,**

**December 8**

9:00AM *Christian Century Forum*.....9

10:15AM *Worship*.....Sanctuary

Rehearsal following the service

**ROMANS 12:4** following the service

1:30PM Concert Rehearsal

3:00PM Redford Civic Symphony Concert

**Monday, December 9**

**Tuesday, December 10**

5:30PM PNC.....9

7:00PM Deacons.....16

7:30PM NA.....J/K

**Wednesday, December 11**

10:30AM *Moving with the Spirit*.....Parlor

**Thursday, December 12**

4:00PM *Girl Scout Training*.....Social Hall

6:00PM *Ringers Rehearsal*.....F

6:30PM *Singers Rehearsal*.....F

7:30PM NA.....J/K

7:30PM AA/Alanon.....Genesis Lobby/9/22

**Friday, December 13**

**Saturday, December 14**

**Sunday, December 15**

Rehearsal prior to the service

9:00AM *Christian Century Forum*.....9

10:15AM *Worship*.....Sanctuary

Rehearsal following the service

Coffee Hour following the service

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Pastor

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**St. Paul's Presbyterian Church...**  
**feeding people- body, mind, and spirit.**

*Unified in Christ, our mission is to bring people to Jesus by practicing God's will for our lives through worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and mission!*

*SPPC Mission Statement*

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