

The Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2021

4:00 & 7:00 p.m.



*Adoration of the Shepherds by Philippe de Champaigne (1602–1674),
a Brabançon-born French Baroque era painter, a major exponent of the French school.*

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WELCOME

We are a Christian church within the Lutheran tradition (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God in this congregation for 185 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

Restrooms are available in the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury lobby) and the narthex (George St). Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms as well as in the nursery.

The Nursery, which is accessed from the double doors, front right, is available for any family needing a space away. You may view the service via live-stream.

We are currently gathering names of individuals willing to staff the Nursery.

Our Communion is “open” to all believers who trust that the Risen Christ is present for his people in the Holy Eucharist.

CHOIRS AT ST. PAUL’S

Enquiries are welcome at any time. If you are interested in singing with a choir or ringing handbells with an ensemble please contact a music staff member; Mr. Victor Fields or Mrs. Leah McComas, 717-843-8155.

FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry operates each Tuesday morning from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. The weekly distribution is staffed with nearly 40 volunteers. If you are in need of food or would like to provide assistance with one of the many aspects of this ministry simply contact the church office for further details. Additionally we work in cooperation with the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York to grow fresh produce in the summer months at a community garden located one block south on George Street. Gardeners are joyfully welcomed.

ST. PAUL’S PRESCHOOL

Early childhood education is a major part of child development. St. Paul’s preschool is in its 54th year of continuous operation. Classes are available for children ages 2, 3 & 4. For additional information please contact the Director of Preschool, Mrs. Deborah Becker 717-854-1996. www.stpaulspreschoolyork.com

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AT ST. PAUL’S

St. Paul’s hosts AA Fellowship groups on Sunday evening 6:30 p.m. and a Gambler’s Anonymous group Wednesday evening 7:30 p.m.

Guidelines for Worship during the time of COVID-19

Entering and Leaving the Church:

Please wear a mask while in worship and take your service bulletin with you and dispose of it properly.

Offerings:

Monetary offerings may be placed in the basins provided at the entrances to the nave prior to the service or immediately following the service. You may also donate via our website at www.stpaulsyork.org

While in the Nave:

Please sit in designated pews only. You may sit together as a family. We ask that you practice social distancing from one family to the next within the pew. Occasionally an usher may seat a guest in the red zone.

Communion Procedure:

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- *Extend your arms and cup your hands together to receive the host There is no need to hurry.*
- *We are receiving communion in one kind only (bread/host).*
- *Return to your pew by the side aisle.*

Our COVID-19 task force is assisting us as we remain open. Please thank Dr. Jessica Ericson, Sheridan Palmer, Deacon Harold Sargeant, Norma Shue, and Dr. Martha Thomas for their dedication and service.

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Holy Communion 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

ELW Setting I

PRELUDE

Meditation on "I Wander as I Wonder"

arr. Jan Sanbor

Stand

ENTRANCE HYMN

Once in Royal David's City

Irby

*Stanza 1 Sung by the Children's Ensemble/Solo
The congregation joins in singing on stanzas 2, 3 and 4*

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| <p>1 Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little child.</p> <p>2 He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and meek and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.</p> | <p>3 And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heav'n above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.</p> <p>4 Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
there his children gather round,
bright like stars, with glory crowned.</p> |
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

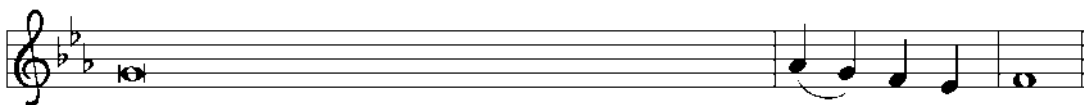
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

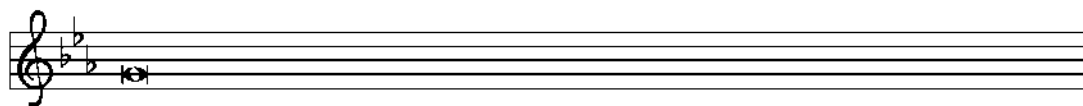


For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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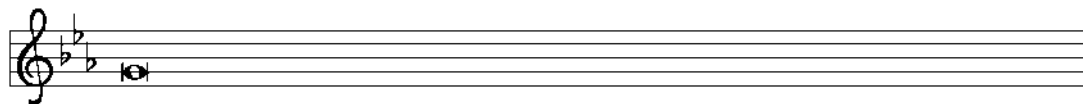
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

GLORIA



Glo - ry to God in the high -



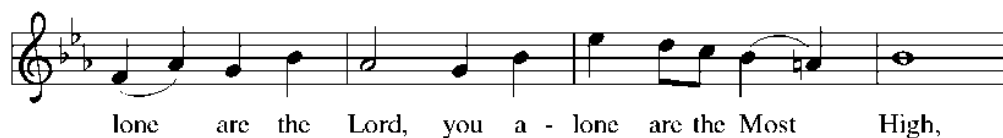
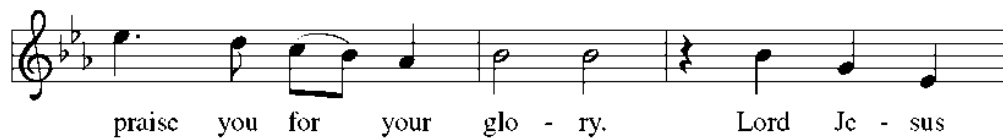
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have made this night shine with the brightness of the true light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Sit

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

HANDBELLS

4:00 PM Youth Handbell Choir

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

arr. Michael Ryan

7:00 PM Adult Handbell Choir

Fantasia on Forest Green

arr. Lloyd Larson

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

Stand

GRADUAL HYMN

Oh Come, All Ye Faithful

Stanzas 1 and 2

Adeste Fideles

1 **O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him,
born the king of angels: *Refrain***

2 **The highest, most holy,
light of light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father
now in flesh appearing! *Refrain***

Refrain

**Oh, come, let us adore him, oh, come, let us adore him,
oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

GOSPEL Luke 2:1-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN

Oh Come, All Ye Faithful

Stanzas 3 and 4

Adeste Fideles

3 **Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
in the highest: *Refrain***

4 **Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing: *Refrain***

Refrain

**Oh, come, let us adore him, oh, come, let us adore him,
oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Reep

RESPONSE

4:00 PM

Piano Duet

Angels We Have Heard on High

James & Harrison Palmer

7:00 PM

Chancel Choir

Come & Worship

Alan Bullard

Stand

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

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**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
 begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
 by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

Wonderful counselor, on this holy night your church throughout the world celebrates the Word of God being born among us. Endow your church with a zeal for sharing your love and grace with all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of hosts, the heavens are glad, the earth rejoices, and the trees sing for joy at your coming. Grant us wisdom to care for your creation in ways that benefit all of your creatures. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Prince of peace, your grace has appeared and brings salvation to all. Bring healing to people and nations divided by violence (*especially*). Direct the leaders of the nations, so that in self-controlled, upright, and godly living, they may work toward peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Mighty God of mercy, you come among us as a vulnerable infant. Protect all in need: those without homes or caregivers, those who grieve, all who are hungry, and all who are ill (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gracious God, we praise you for gathering us tonight to worship in holy splendor. Direct our worship, fellowship, and service, so that our lives and Christian witness may be pleasing to you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Everlasting God, your steadfast love never ends. Thank you for revealing your faithfulness and love to us through the saints of every time and place (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The minister prepares the altar for Holy Communion.

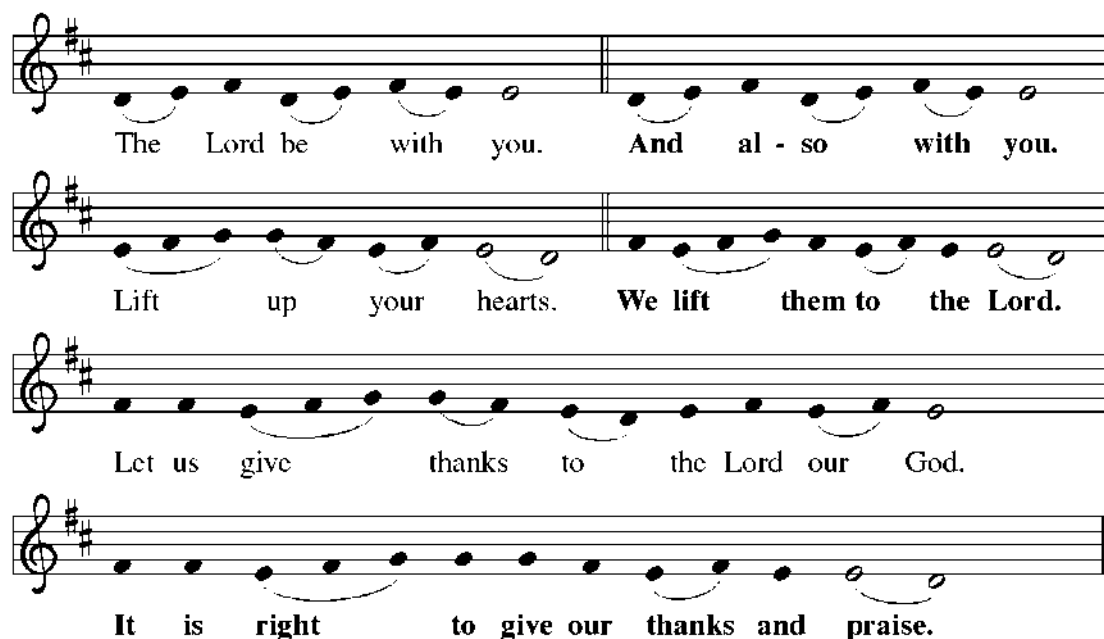
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.

With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

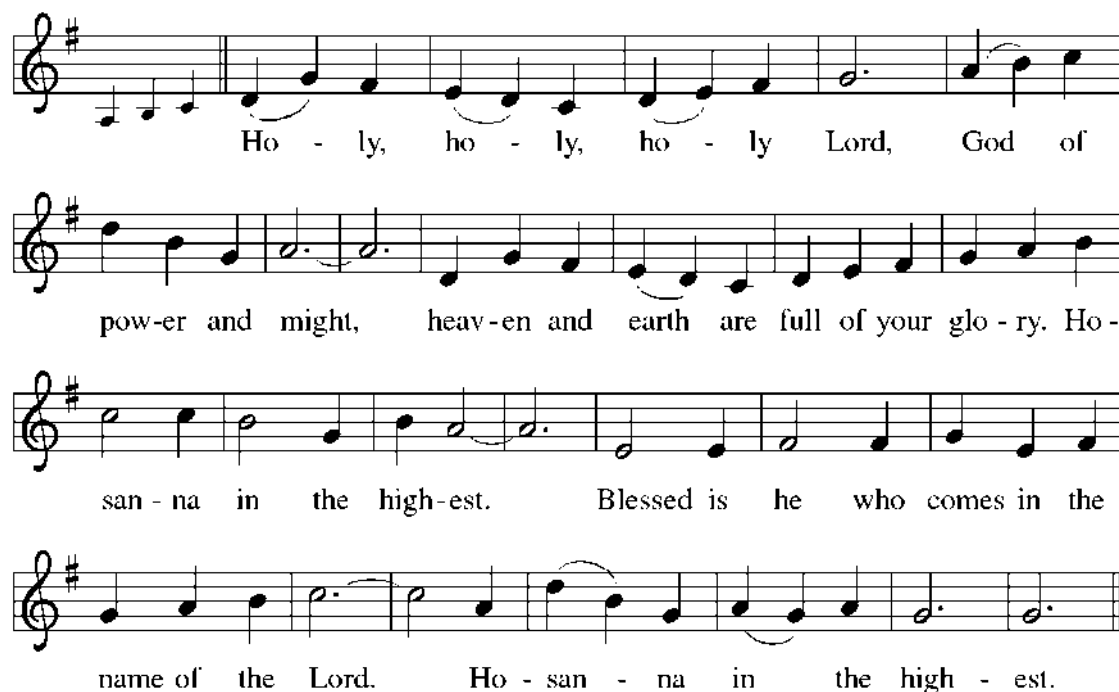
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness; you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence. We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us. We thank you for the new world to come and for the love that will rule all in all. We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen, the people of your promise: the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the memory of the fathers, the homecoming from exile, and the prophets' words that will not be in vain. In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son, who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises. In the night

in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of your Son: his human birth and the covenant he made with us. We remember the sacrifice of his life: his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death. But chiefly [on this day] we remember his rising from the tomb, his ascension to the seat of power, and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit. We cry out for the resurrection of our lives, when Christ will come again in beauty and power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and cup may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven, and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

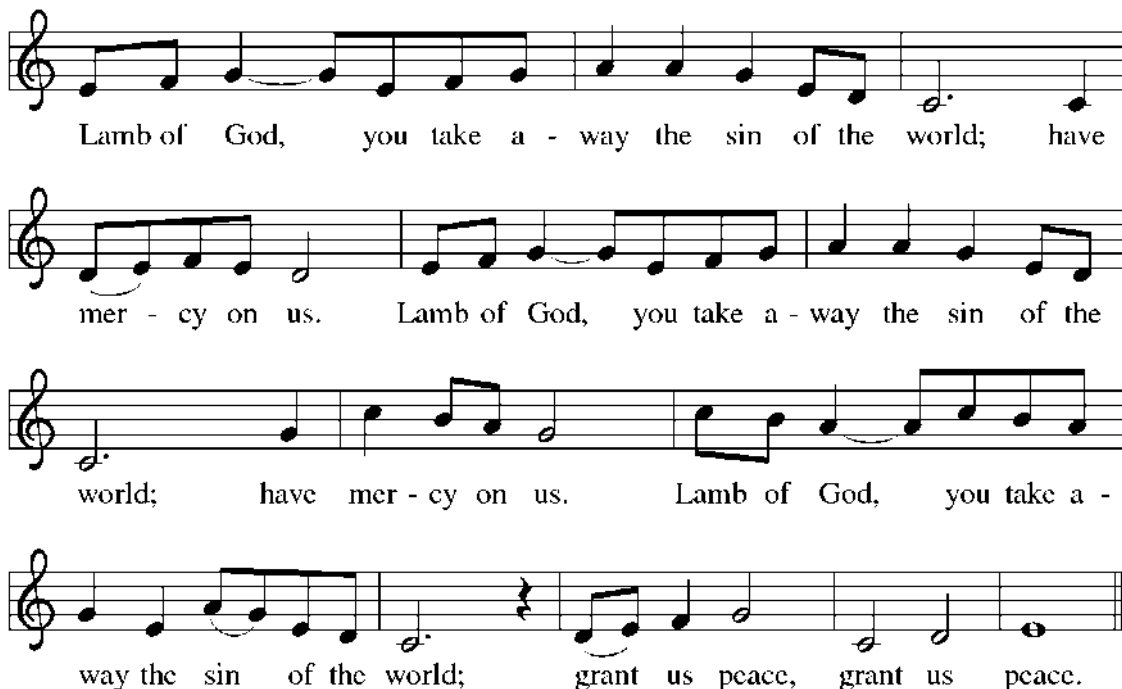
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

FRACTION *a brief silence is kept*

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

COMMUNION

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COMMUNION HYMNS

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

1 Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king.

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

God Rest You Merry

1 God rest you merry Gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay;
For Jesus Christ our Savior,
was born upon this day,
to save us all from Satan's power
when we were gone astray.

2 From God our heavenly Father
a blessed angel came
and unto certain shepherds
brought tidings of the same:
how that in Bethlehem was born
the Son of God by name

3 Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth deface.

Refrain

O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!

What Child is This

Greensleeves

1 What child is this,
who laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet
with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard
and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!

2 Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians fear;
for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him though,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary!

3 So bring him incense,
gold and myrrh;
Come peasant, king to own him
The King of kings salvation
brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary!

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Regent Square

1 Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
once you sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship,
come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship,
come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

Stand

SECOND GOSPEL OF CHRISTMAS

St. John 1: 1-14

A time of silence follows.

Silent Night, Holy Night! *Stanza 1 Choir*

Stille Nacht

1 Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
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3 Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from your holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty, God, in the incarnation of your Son you began the work of our deliverance from sin and death. Through the grace given us in your Son, strengthen us in spirit and renew in us the New Birth we have through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn king!

2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn king!

3 Hail the heav'n-born
 Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn king!

POSTLUDE

In Dulci Jubilo (In Quiet Joy)

J. S. Bach

The bulletin is presented in loving memory of David Boyer by his wife Mim Boyer.

The Altar Flowers are presented to the glory of God in memory of Josephine M. Cushner, John Cushner, M.D., & Mary R. Maxwell, by JoAnne Cushner Debes.

THE ENTIRE ST. PAUL'S STAFF WISH YOU
THE JOYS AND BLESSINGS OF THIS HOLY SEASON.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM:

VICTOR, TED, PATEE, KELLY, LEAH, CODY, DEB, AND PASTOR STAN.



Poinsettias



In Honor of . . .

Our Parents; Dale & Donna Moyer and Shelton & Lisa Barnes by Sammy & Kirsten Barnes
Our Children and Grandchildren by Mike & Becky Bingham
My Grandchildren, Alexis & Thomas Heistand, and Daniel, Ryan, & Brynn Butler by June Heistand
Our Children, Robbie, Jana & Lindsay and our grandsons, Robbie, Riley and Tyler by Earline & Frank Jones
Our new Grandaughter by Dave & Susan Kopp
Mike & Kristin McKee, Kennedy & Micah, Sarah McKee Toney by Tom & Judy McKee
Our Children, Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren by Donita & Harold Sargeant
My 4 Great-Grandchildren— Jordan & Spencer Nicoll, and Nicholas & Emily Roedersheimer by Norma Ely Spencer
My family by Linda Turner

In Loving Memory of . . .

Jim Blake, Margaret Barnes, Ruth Moyer and Mildred Blake by Sammy & Kirsten Barnes
Mr. & Mrs. Marion Bloss by Ann Becker
Our Fathers, David Boyer and Ronald Becker by Larry & Deb Becker
Josephine M. Cushner, John J. Cushner, M.D., & Mary R. Maxwell by Jo Anne Cushner Debes & Family
Bob & Thelma Delancey by their children and grandchildren, Diaczum Family
My Parents by Victor Fields
Our Parents by George and Janet Fitch
Donald Heistand by Mark Heistand
Robert & Thelma Delancey and Helen Crumbling by Angela, Shawn, Dylan & Cecilia Lauer
Grandparents-Elmer & Adela Schmidt, Grandmother-Margaret Diggs, Aunt-Marta Llorente Gomez, & Grandmother-Rosa Fernandez by Tina & Antolin Llorente
Richard & Margie Martin, Michael T. Martin, Dale & Sandy Shellenberger, Wilfert & Viola Wildasin, James & Julia Martin by Tom Martin
Our Parents Kenneth & Ruth Hinkle, Francis & Delores Ports; and our Sisters Sandra & Dorinda Hinkle and Susan Holtry by Jennifer Ports & Kenneth Hinkle
Our Parents, Edward & Savinah Brenneman, and Walter & Helen Riese by Doris & Richard Riese
Our Parents, by Ronald & Norma Riese
My Mother, Thelma Nace by Patricia Rudacille
Our Parents Harold & Grace Sargeant and our Grandson Dalton Walburo by Donita & Harold Sargeant
Frank and Annamarie Polk by Pat Scarborough
Gene & Neil Shue by Norma Shue & Family
My Son and husband-Alan & Don Spencer, Parents-Chester & Laura Krebs Ely, Helen & Lloyd Spencer, and Sister-Evelyn Ely by Norma Ely Spencer
Jeanne & John Hart by Pat & Gary Van Natten
Lois & Vernon Bull, Mary & Henry Weikert, and Benjamin Stauffer by Ted & Jenny Weikert
My Parents and Grandparents by Carol Kain Woodbury

Dedicated to the Glory Of God. . .

Mike & Becky Bingham
Norma Fay Ely Spencer

**Thank you for the donation of all the beautiful poinsettias this Christmas Season.
They may be taken home following the 10:30 a.m. liturgy, December 26th**