

ST. PAUL & ST. ANDREW

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Join us as we build a
community of radical welcome
that follows Jesus into the
streets of the city to increase
the amount of love and justice
in the world.

K Karpen &
Lea Matthews
Pastors

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Service of
Lessons & Carols

December 19, 2021
at 11am
Livestream



"Hello? Oh, hey God!"

Sunday, December 19, 2021 ♦ Advent IV

♦ Please rise in body or spirit

As we gather on the unceded land of the Lenape peoples, we acknowledge the community, their elders both past and present, as well as future generations.

Prelude

Instrumental Consort

Balletto detto “Il Conte Orlando” by Ottorino Respighi

I Remember by Stephen Sondheim

Call to Worship ♦

Lea Matthews

One: Sing to the Lord a new song,

Many: For God has done marvelous things!

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Many: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

One: Sing praise to God with the lyre,

Many: With strings and sounds of harmony!

One: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

Many: Let the hills and valleys sing together for joy!

One: Because the Lord is coming to judge the earth,

Many: To bless the world with justice and peace.

Carol ♦

O Come, All Ye Faithful (pg. 4)

Opening Prayer

Lea Matthews

Carol

What Child Is This (pg. 5)

**Lighting the Fourth
Advent Candle**

Connie Coddington, Kay Wenzel

Leader: ...a child who would become the mediator for us that we might know your perfect love.

All: Loving God, open our hearts to receive the blessing of your perfect love. Amen.

Carol

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (pg. 5)

Lesson: Isaiah 40

Robert Harris

Carol

See, Amid the Winter’s Snow (pg. 6)

Lesson: Isaiah 41

Shirley Struchen

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Morning Prayer Lord’s Prayer	Ekama Eni Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.
Carol	Heaven’s Christmas Tree (pg. 9)
Parish Opportunities Call to Giving	Nancy Meyers Of tithes, gifts, prayers (pg. 15); and pledges for 2022 (insert)
Offertory	A Shepherd’s Story
Lesson: John 1	Rachel Black
Carol ♦	Silent Night (instrumental)
Benediction ♦	Lea Matthews
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Postlude	Instrumental Consort Vivace by Antonio Vivaldi

PRELUDE

Instrumental Consort

**Balletto detto “Il Conte Orlando”
from Ancient Airs and Dances**

Music: Ottorino Respighi

I Remember

Music: Stephen Sondheim (1975);
arr. by Phil Hall

Congregation & Choir

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Original Latin Text: John Francis Wade, c. 1783; Trans. by
Frederick Oakeley, 1841, and others

Tune: John Francis Wade, c. 1783, arr. by David Willcocks,
1961

All: 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!
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sopranos & Altos: See how the shepherds,
summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear.
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps!
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Tenors & Basses: Child, for us sinners, poor and
in a manger,
Fain we embrace thee with awe and love.
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

All: Sing, choirs of angels! Sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Congregation & Choir

What Child Is This?

Words: William Chatterton Dix, 1865

Music: 16th century English Air; harm. from *Christmas Carols, Old and New*, 1871

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.*

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and
ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners, here the silent
word is pleading.
*This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds
guard and angels sing.*
*Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son
of Mary.*

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh. Come,
peasant, come king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings. Let loving
hearts enthrone him.
*This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds
guard and angels sing.*
*Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son
of Mary.*

Congregation & Choir

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Words: Original words, 9th century Latin; this verse by K
Karpen, 2021

Music: 15th century French melody, harmonized by Thomas
Helmore, 1854

O come, O come, thou incarnated Love,
And shower us with blessings from above.
O let your Spirit fill this place.
Instill in us thy way of grace.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Is coming in our lives to dwell.*

Choir

See, Amid the Winter's Snow

Words: Edward Caswell, 1858

Music: John Goss, 1871; arr. by David Willcocks, 1961;
slightly rearranged by Frank Glass, 2021

See, amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth
below;

See the tender Lamb appears, promised from
eternal years.

*Hail, thou ever-blessed morn! Hail, redemption's
happy dawn!*

*Sing through all Jerusalem: Christ is born in
Bethlehem!*

Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was
thine,

Thus to come from highest bliss down to such a
world as this.

*Hail, thou ever-blessed morn! Hail, redemption's
happy dawn!*

*Sing through all Jerusalem: Christ is born in
Bethlehem!*

Teach, O teach us, Holy Child, by thy face so meek
and mild,

Teach us to resemble thee, in thy sweet humility.
*Hail, thou ever-blessed morn! Hail, redemption's
happy dawn!*

*Sing through all Jerusalem: Christ is born in
Bethlehem!*

Congregation & Choir

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Words: Edmund Sears, 1849

Music: Traditional English Folk Tune, adapted by Sir Arthur
Sullivan, 1874; arranged by Frank Glass, 2018

All: 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, goodwill to all, from
heaven's gracious King.”

The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the
angels sing.

Sopranos & Altos: Still through the cloven skies
they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav'nly music floats o'er all the
weary world.

Above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on
hov'ring wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds, the blessed
angels sing.

Tenors & Basses: Yet, with the woes of sin and
strife, the world has suffered long,
Beneath the angels' strain have rolled two
thousand years of wrong.

And those who are at war hear not the love-song
that they bring.

O hush the noise, and end the strife, and hear the
angels sing.

All: For lo! the days are hast'ning on, by prophet
bards foretold,

When, with the ever-circling years, comes round
the Age of Gold,

When Peace shall, over all the earth, her ancient
splendors fling,

And the whole world give back the song, which
now the angels sing.

Choir

Nowell Sing We

Words: Unknown 15th century author

Music: Anonymous medieval carol, c. 1450; slightly arranged
by Frank Glass, 2015

Nowell sing we both all and some
Now *rex pacificus is ycome*

Exortum est in love and lysse

Now Christ his grace he *gan us gysse*
And with his body us bought to bliss
Both all and some, both all and some

Nowell sing we both all and some
Now *rex pacificus is ycome*

De fructu ventris of Mary bright
Both man and God in her alight
Out of disease he did us dight
Both all and some, both all and some

Nowell sing we both all and some
Now *rex pacificus is ycome*

Choir

Gabriel's Message

Words: Sabine Baring-Gould, c. 1871

Traditional Basque Carol, arranged after Edgar Pettman
(1922) by Frank Glass (2021)

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame.
“All hail,” said he, “thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favored lady: Gloria!”

“For known a blessed mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honor thee.
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold.
Most highly favored lady: Gloria!”

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head.
“To me be as it pleases God,” she said.
“My soul shall laud and magnify God’s holy
name.”
Most highly favored lady: Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn.
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever
say.
“Most highly favored lady: Gloria!”

Choir

In the Bleak Midwinter

Words: Christina Rossetti, 1872

Music: Gustav Holst, 1906; arranged by Frank Glass, 2018

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan.
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow.
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

The heavens cannot hold God, nor earth contain.
Heav'n and earth shall flee away, when Christ
comes to reign.

In the bleak midwinter, a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there.
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air.
But his mother only, in her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the Beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise one, I would do my part.
Yet what I can I give him: give him my heart.

Congregation & Choir

Angels We Have Heard On High

Words: Traditional French Carol, translated by James
Chadwick, 1862

Music: Traditional French Carol, harmonized by Edward
Shippen Barnes (1937); descant by Tony McDowell (1977);
arranged by Frank Glass (1997)

All: Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly
through the night,
And the mountains, in reply, echoing their brave
delight:

“Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!”

Sopranos & Altos: Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?

What great brightness did you see? What glad
tidings did you hear?

“Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!”

Tenors & Basses: Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing.

Come, adore, on bended knee, Christ the Lord,
the newborn King.

“Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!”

All: See him in a manger laid, whom the angels
praise above.

Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our
hearts in love.

“Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!”

Choir

Heaven's Christmas Tree

Words: Charles Albert Tindley, 1918

Music: Charles Albert Tindley, 1918; arranged by Frank Glass,
2021, especially for and dedicated to Ressie Mae Bass

I have heard of a tree, a great Christmas tree.
It was fixed in yon Bethlehem's stall.

The blessings of heaven for you and for me,
A Christmas present for all.

*There is a gift for me on that tree,
a precious token that someone loves me.*

Oh yes, I can see on Calvary's tree

That there is a gift there for me.

There is one I behold in letters of gold;

It hangs on a limb near to me.

It's labelled *Salvation and Jesus, I'm told,*

Has bought that gift for me.

There is a gift for me on that tree

There is one just above; its title is *Love.*

It is marked by a deep crimson stain,

For there it was tied by the Lord when he died,

And glory to his dear name!

There is a gift for me on that tree

Another I see, it must be for me.

The words *I will help you I read.*

While holding his hand, by faith I can stand,

And this is the gift that I need.

There is a gift for me on that tree

There are others, I'm sure, but just this one more

I speak of above all the rest.

It spells *Happy Home, with God near the throne,*

A place where the weary shall rest.

*There is a gift for me on that tree,
a precious token that someone loves me.*

Oh yes, I can see on Calvary's tree

That there is a gift there for me.

OFFERTORY

Instrumental Consort

A Shepherd's Story

Music: Phil Hall

Instrumental Consort

Silent Night

Music: Franz Gruber (1818),

arr. by Phil Hall

RESPONSE

Congregation & Choir

The First Nowell

Words: Author unknown

Music: Traditional French Carol, harmonized by David

Willcocks, 1961; arranged by Frank Glass, 2018

All: The first Nowell, the angels did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they
lay,

In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!

Born is the King of Israel!

Sopranos & Altos: They looked up above and saw
a star,

Shining in the East, beyond them far.

And to the earth, it gave great light.

And so it continued, both day and night.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!

Born is the King of Israel!

Tenors & Basses: This star drew nigh to the
northwest.

Over Bethlehem, it took its rest.

And there it did both stop and stay,

Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!

Born is the King of Israel!

All: Then let us all, with one accord,
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
Who has made heaven and earth of naught,
And, with his blood, humankind has bought.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!

Born is the King of Israel!

POSTLUDE

Instrumental Consort

Vivace

Music: Antonio Vivaldi

Service of Lessons & Carols

Frank Glass, director

Instrumental Consort

Vincent Della-Rocca, flute

bj Karpen, oboe

Melanie Baker, violin

Peggy McAdams, violin

Katherine Sinsabaugh, viola

Laura Bontrager, 'cello

Deb Spohnheimer, contrabass

Phil Hall, piano

Choir

Robin Bahr, Rachel Black, TL Clark Guest, Ken Guest, Jan Hittle, bj Karpen, K Karpen, Lea Matthews, Nora Matthews, Kris Nevins, Esther Ready, Barb Rhodes, Cynthia Roney, Cindy Thall, M.C. Waldrep

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Last Sunday: Christmas Pageant



Last Sunday's Christmas Pageant "Angel Encounters" may have claimed the title of best Christmas pageant ever! Featuring a cast and crew of 36, special thanks goes out to Lea, Julie, Cynthia, Aurora, and the tech team of Michelle, Hannah, and Brent.

Last Sunday: Worship



Madeline (left) and Lhana lit the third Advent candle; Ken and Robin led congregational hymns



Last Sunday: Free Store, United Methodist Women



Betsy, Andrea, and Shirley offered coffee and treats to shoppers at the Free Store (center) organized in partnership with UWS Open Hearts. The United Methodist Women met to celebrate the end of the year.



Welcome!

If you are new to our community, we'd love to keep in touch, and invite you to fill out a Connect Card at the Welcome Table, or scan this QR code to complete a Connect Card online. Thank you for joining us today!

Joys & Concerns

Joy & Thanksgiving

Aurora's father's birthday
Congratulation on the publication of Austin's Op Ed piece in the Daily News

A wonderful, creative, successful and joy-filled Christmas pageant; and all those who made it possible

Vicki's excellent performance in *Kimberly Akimbo*

The blessing of families being together

Martha P the joy of hilarious laughter with her sister Jenny.

A joyful Care & Connect

Healing & Health

Continued prayers for Ressie Marianna, divorced mother of 3 without no child support, just diagnosed with a stage 4 cancer; for her health and for much needed community support

Ray, healing from surgery

Continued healing for Susan

Continued wellness for Ashlyn

Healing and good next steps for Bill

Cynthia's healing and peace of mind

Emotional healing for Brittany

For anyone experiencing

depression, anger, mourning, emotional or mental health crisis; that they would be able to access services/supportive circles to cope, survive, and thrive

Healing for Amy Jo recovery well from recent surgery

Comfort

Hedy McMurtery, who is in her final transition in this life and for her grandson, John, his wife Mary and their family in this time

All those who loved ones and homes and work in all the tornados last week in Arkansas, Illinois, Missouri and especially all in very hard hit Kentucky

The many lives lost in the truck accident on the border of Mexico last week

Agusto, June's son-in-law from Nicaragua, deeply impacted by the crash news as he has experienced the perils of the journey across that border

Martha P., Tom G and the Graves family in gratitude for Aunt Marie G's life

Amy Jo's extended family as they mourn her cousin, Brian, who died after and extended illness due to a genetic disease; prayers

to for his father Bill, in hospital due to complications from congestive heart failure and his brother Mark in same hospital due to a schizophrenic breakdown. Prayers for the entire family including Brian's mother and another brother as they mourn his loss and try to navigate a multitude of their own health issues.

Work and Life

For all students finishing their semesters

Jessica M to be able to travel to Raleigh and assist in the care of her Aunt Dee

Travel mercies for Amy Jo's family going to VA to celebrate Christmas

Peace & Justice

Prayers for the people of Afghanistan (unstable/dire conditions; hunger and drought)



Prayer requests

Scan this QR code to share your joys and concerns, or write them on the back of a Connection Card available at the Welcome Tables. Each week, our staff prays for our community and invites prayers from all. If you do not wish for your prayer to be shared with the church community, please indicate your desire with your prayer.

Putting Love in Action

Cookie Pledge Thanks to the incredible outpouring of compassionate baking, Goddard Riverside Community Center provided meals for more than 1300 neighbors on Thanksgiving (10,000 cookies). GRCC has asked us to bake more cookies for their Christmas celebration (about 1,000 dinners). To pledge your cookie baking skills, bit.ly/3GAJvTY Cookies can be dropped in the Parlor today (12-3pm) or Monday, December 20th (4:30-7:30pm)

Homework Help pairs volunteer tutors with kids from the neighborhood for sessions on Wednesday evenings, 5:45-7 pm. We would like to get the program back up and running in 2022 with reduced capacity with Covid protocols in place. If you're interested in participating as a tutor, reach out to Charlene at charlenefloyd@aol.com

Poinsettias If you would like to help us decorate the sanctuary by dedicating a poinsettia in honor or in memory your loved one(s), please do so with the special envelope at church today. \$25 suggested per plant, but all amounts welcomed.

Winter Bible Study Thursdays at 6:30pm on Zoom, beginning January 13 for six weeks. Our text and much of the process will come from *We Cry Justice: Reading the Bible with the Poor People's Campaign*. Email Lea at lea@stpaulandstandrew.org for details.

Christmas

Sunday, Dec 19 at 5pm
BUCC's Travelers Christmas Eve broadwayucc.org/online-worship

Friday, Dec 24 (Christmas Eve)
5pm: Kids & Families service premiere on YouTube

10:45pm: Candlelight service, Sanctuary and on YouTube

Sunday, Dec 26 at 11am
First Sunday of Christmas service, Sanctuary and on YouTube

Sunday, Jan 2 at 11am
Second Sunday of Christmas service, Sanctuary and on YouTube

Wednesday, Jan 5 at 6:30pm
Twelve Night gathering on Zoom Meeting: 859 0452 6004



“Love in Action” Pledge Campaign for 2022

Thank you for prayerfully considering your support of ministry at St. Paul & St. Andrew. We invite you to make a pledge time and treasure for the coming year using the enclosed pledge card and placing it in the donation boxes by the front or rear entrance, or by visiting stpaulandstandrew.org/pledge and making your pledge online.



Gifts & Offerings

If you would like to make a contribution, visit stpaulandstandrew.org/give, scan the QR code, or text the amount of your donation to 646-971-9400. Gifts can also be delivered to the donation boxes at the Welcome Tables.

Who's Who

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Poinsettia Dedication

Robin Bahr-deStefano, in memory of
Robin Renfrew Bahr & Frederick
Griffith Bahr; in memory of John &
Mildred de Stefano

Melanie Baker, in memory of Isham
Baker & Fenita Della-Rocca, by Melanie
Baker and Vincent Della-Rocca

Kate & Jeff Baum, in memory of Helen &
Bill Baum; in memory of Joe & Helen
Licitra; in memory of Lavinia Severyn;
in honor of Woody James Garcia

Benz (& Carol Scott), in memory of my
godmother, Gerda Jansen In memory of
the people of SPSA, with deep
gratitude for the way you all held me up
during my emergency trip to Germany

Linda Bloom, in honor of my mother,
Norma Bloom In memory of my father,
Allan E. Bloom

Connie Coddington, in memory of Jean &
Keith Coddington

Cindy Danza, in memory of my friends
Jenny, Mindy, Joanna, & Joe; in
memory of my parents

Bill Ellison, In memory of Terry
Zachmanoglov & Faye Jackson

Colleen Eng (& Michael Morgan), for my
two grandmas who loved Christmas,
great-grandma, and grandpa

Kristin Flanders, in memory of Gayle E.
Flanders

Amy Jo Frishling, in memory of Forrest
Scott and Bracey Scott

Annette Funk, in honor of my dear friend
Ressie Mae Bass

Chris & J.J. Grabenstein, in memory of
Julia C. Murray, Thomas A.
Grabenstein, Jeanette P. Myers,
Rodman N. Myers

Peggy Griffin-Jackman & Ron Jackman,
in memory of Belinda, Greg, & Hazel
Jackman, and Mercy, Beth, & Hunter
Griffin,

K Karpen & Charlene Floyd, in memory
of Joy Floyd; in honor of Jessie and
Harry; in memory of Jo Karpen; in
memory of Jeannie Voltz

Donald Kirby, in honor of our pastors,
staff, and musicians

Mark & Mary Ellen Kris, in memory Kaly
Stevens Kris; in memory of Regina
Loughran; in memory of Bob Loughran

Gina Leonetti, in honor of Annabella
Leonetti; in honor of Georgia, Anthony
& Marlo Gabriele; in honor of Stella
Boonshoft; in memory of Diane & Len
Leonetti; in memory of Esther & Lou
Galgano

Nancy McAlhany & Cody Parker, in loving
memory of Will Parker

Jim & Cheryl Melchiorre, in honor of
Ressie Mae Bass; in memory of Don
Struchen; in memory of Frances Helen
Guest

Carla Mikell, in memory of my mother
Alethia Mikell

Kris Nevins, in loving memory of my
parents Janet and Ralph Nevins

Rosangela Oliveira & Jorge Domingues,
in honor of Jess Constantino de
Oliveira In memory of Lydia Dolyra S.
Oliveira

Sandy Owen Polese, in memory of Elva
Owen Ladyn

Julie Faith Parker & Bill Crawford, in
loving memory of David and Merolyn
Parker; in memory of John and Helen
Crawford

Esther Ready, David & Nick Chomowicz,
in memory of Raymond Colin; in
memory of John & Muriel Ready

Cynthia Roney and family, in memory of
Stacey and Patricia; for Bob with love;
to welcome Josie and Sarah

Cynthia Round, in memory of Jack &
Joanne Round; in honor of Dorcas
Demasio

Andrea, Neil, Caiden, & Lincoln
Steinkamp, in memory of Gerald
Durocher, Mary Durocher, Edmond
Antinossi, Jeanne Antinoss

Pastors K & Lea, in honor of this beloved
community