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 Andrea Steinkamp Pastors

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023 at 11:00am

Livestream





Sunday, December 24, 2023 ♦ Fourth Sunday of Advent

♦ Please rise in body or spirit

Prelude Metropolitan Horn Authority

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing / The First Noel arr. Peter DelGrosso

Call to Worship

The Kwan Family

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

One: We are waiting on you, God. We are still waiting.

Many: The darkness is deeper, but look!

The star is beginning to shine. The everlasting light is creeping closer. Hope is in the air. Peace is promised. Joy is on the tips of our tongues.

One: Love is coming. Love divine, all loves excelling.

All: We are waiting on love. And Love is waiting on us.

Carol (UMH 246) ◆

Joy To the World (pg. 4)

Opening Prayer

The Kwan Family

Nancy Townley (adpt.)

Prayer Song (242)

Love Came Down at Christmas (pg. 4, v 1)

Lighting of the Fourth Candle

Ekama Eni (pg. 6)

Carol (242)

Love Came Down at Christmas (pg. 4, v 3)

Gospel Reading

Aurora Celestin

Luke 2: 1-7

Gospel Song (217)

Away In a Manager (pg. 5)

Gospel Reading

Courtney Celestin, Austin Celestin

Luke 2: 8-20

Gospel Song (219)

What Child Is This (pg. 5)

The Christmas Story

K Karpen

Jesus' Christmas Party by Nicholas Allan

Carol (238)

Angels We Have Heard On High (pg. 6)

Morning Prayer

Andrea Steinkamp

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Prayer Song (242) Love Came Down at Christmas (pg. 5, v 1)

Welcome of Visitors K Karpen

Passing of the Peace Please greet those around you with a word of peace

Peace Song Go Tell It!

(Oh, go tell it) Go tell it, tell it on the mountain (Over the hills) Over the hills, and everywhere (Go tell it) Go tell it, tell it on the mountain

That Jesus Christ is born

Love in Action Shirley Struchen

Offering Of tithes, gifts, prayers; and pledges for 2024 (pg. 10)

Scan the OR code or text "Give" to 646-971-9400

Offertory Metropolitan Horn Authority

O Little Town of Bethlehem arr. Peter DelGrosso

Prayer of Gratitude The Law Family

Hymn (240) ♦ Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (pg. 7)

Benediction ♦ K Karpen, Andrea Steinkamp

Postlude Metropolitan Horn Authority

Jingle Bells arr. Peter DelGrosso (pg. 7)

Metropolitan Kevin Newton, Ser Knovalin, Horn Authority Nicolee Keuster, Matt Jaimes

Livestream Brent Ness (director), Chaz Pittman/Red Gate Sound (video),

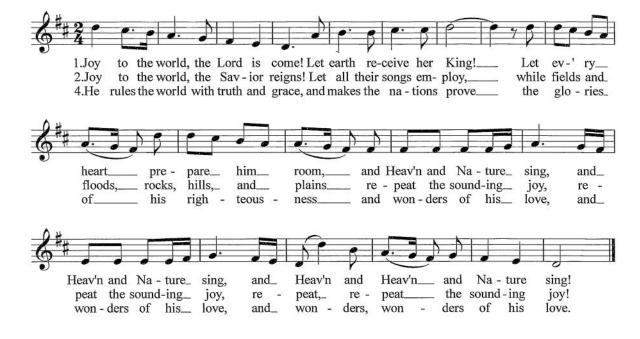
Audio Hector Pagan Greeters Shirley Struchen



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!

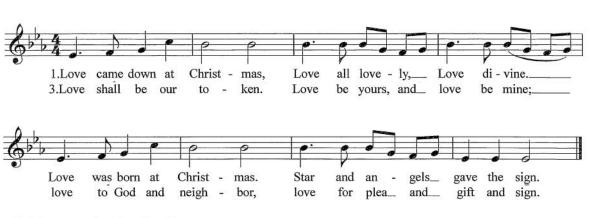
Joy to the World



Isaac Watts, 1719

Arranged from G.F. Handel, 1741 by Lowell Mason, 1848

Love Came Down at Christmas



Christina Rossetti, 1885, altered

Traditional Irish Melody

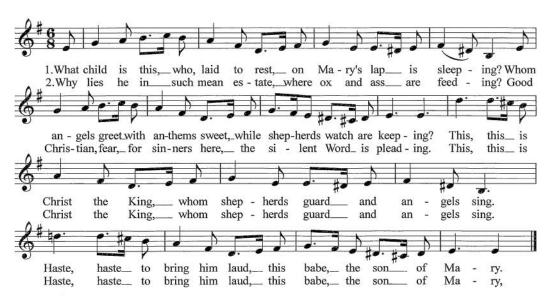
Away in a Manger



Anonymous words

James R. Murray, 1887

What Child Is This



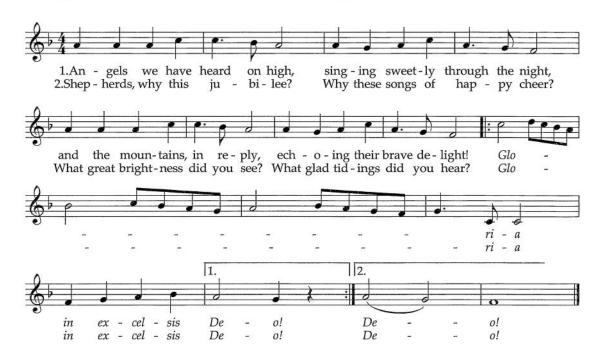
William Chatterton Dix, 1865 Additional lyrics by K Karpen, 2022 16th-century English Melody

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

for the birth of our Savior, don't let us forget that he was a baby born at an uncertain time, to an uncertain couple, in the last place anyone wants to make a home.

Leaders: Dear God, As we wait these last hours All: We honor Mary and Joseph and their little Prince of Peace. We honor their resilience in displacement by fighting to bring peace to all those who are not where they most long to be. Amen.

Angels We Have Heard on High



- 3. 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!
- 4, 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!

Words: Translated by James Chadwick, 1860 Music: Traditional French Carol

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



Charles Wesley, 1739 Adapted by George Whitfield (1758) and others Felix Mendelssohn, 1840 Arranged by William Cummings, 1856

Jingle Bells

James Pierpont (1857)

Dashing through the snow In a one-horse open sleigh O'er the fields we go Laughing all the way Bells on bobtails ring Making spirits bright What fun it is to ride and sing A sleighing song tonight Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh, hey
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh

A day or two ago I thought I'd take a ride And soon, Miss Fanny Bright Was seated by my side The horse was lean and lank Misfortune seemed his lot He got into a drifted bank And then we got upsot

Lessons & Carols, Cookie Coffee Hour (Sunday)



Frank (wearing his signature vest during rehearsal), musicians and choir led our Service of Lessons & Carols last Sunday. K and Charlene welcomed the congregation to the parsonage for coffee and treats, where we blessed David as he prepared to depart as part of an ecumenical Christian witness for peace journeying to Bethlehem.

Migrant Support Holiday Party (Monday)



Thanks to a concert by Musiquita and gifts provided by UJA and the Meyerson JCC, it was an extra special Monday Resource day for the families attending our Monday Resource Fair.

Youth Group Christmas Dinner (Sunday)







Pastor Ekama cooked up a feast for our youth group on Sunday evening

Homework Help Christmas Party (Wednesday)



Homework Help finished 2023 with a party, and thanks again to UJA/JCC, presents for the kids to bring home gifts!

Advent Vespers (Wednesday)



The final Advent Vespers was filled with music, thanks to a tt visit by Cantico Neuvo

Joys & Concerns

Joy & Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving for our children who show up at our doorstep when we need them

For Kay's sister who communicated her care through a peace offering

Comfort

For families dealing with alcoholism Continued prayers for Elizabeth D.

Paul W. and his family as they grieve the passing of Angela, his wife

For the suffering of victims of atrocities and all the displaced, that they may feel some joy this season.

Those suffering the grief of loss that the Christmas story may touch them

Continued prayers for Mary and John M. who were at UVLV when the shooting happened; comfort for them and their families and the whole university community still processing this

Connie's friend, Carol for comfort and health while she's bedridden in her late 80s and experiencing mental decline

Health & Healing

David, recovering from a fall

Healing prayers for Alex who is suffering with lung cancer For more good news for Sydney when she sees the oncologist on Tuesday

Kendrea's friend Linda who is having hip replacement Anna H and all others who are sick as the semester ends; for those still struggling with COVID and long-COVID as the pandemic hasn't ended for everyone Vicki C. for recovery from laryngitis

Work & Life

Travel mercies for David W; prayers of protection and fortitude as he travels to Bethlehem, and may he know we go with him in spirit

Officer Jackie and other NY police officers who

experience year-end stresses & pain

Support for families we meet at Miracle Monday who continue to experience housing and work struggles

Prayers for everyone in this season because we never know what people are going through.

Travel mercies for Amy driving to Virginia and for her mom as she hosts the Christmas gathering

That unsafe people may feel God's presence in our communities

For Christmas miracles for families whose Bronx homes were destroyed in a collapsed building at 1914 Billingsley Terrace.

Peace & Justice

For safety and a positive impact for David Wildman and the international ecumenical group of clergy who are going to Palestine's West Bank this week, and for the Palestinians who are making this witness possible For then U.N. to continue to be a voice for the suffering, especially the women targeted for violence domestically and abroad

Prayers for refugees here and around the world For a humane policy for the migrants in our city For an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and in the Middle East

An end to ethnic cleansing and genocide anywhere it is happening

For the end of violence and suffering in the Israel and Palestine; and all those around the world feeling hopeless as to how to end the carnage.

The U.N., their shelters, and all of the doctors providing care in Israel and Gaza

Peace and understanding in the U.S. among people of all faiths.

Intentional prayers that we may all be able to look through other lenses in time of strife and war.
Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, Afghanistan, all suffering places around world

For an end to violence in our city



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 placed in the donation boxes at the Welcome Tables.

Pledge update: 80 pledges for \$416,404 (as of 12/22). Our goal for 2024 is 100 pledges for \$400,000, an increase of 23 pledges and \$55,000 from 2022. Thanks to all who have or are considering a pledge; every pledge makes a difference! stpaulandstandrew.org/pledge

Poinsettia Dedications

Kate & Jeff Baum

Courtney Behm: in memory of Betty Behm; in honor of Ford & Debbie Behm

Tom & Danielle Binet: in honor of our planet Earth (with hope for peace & an end to war & suffering); in memory of our family, friends, & dogs Elvis and Pucci.

Kristin Black: for Rochella & Irv Frankel; for Lynne Meshbesher

Linda Bloom: in honor of my mother, Norma Bloom; in memory of my father, Alan Bloom.

Damascia Calderone

Victoria Clark & Tom Reidy: in honor of our families both here & beyond, & our SPSA community

Karen Collins & David Wildman: in honor of Jewish Voice for Peace; in honor of Niurka Melendez and Hector Arguinzones/Venezuelans and Immigrants Aid

Nancy D'Angelo: in memory of Guy, who would have adored this church.

Cindy Danza: in memory of friends JoAnna & Joe, in memory of Jenny & Mindy, in memory of my parents.

Robert Deknatel: in honor of my family

Bill Ellison: in loving memory of Bill, Ruth, & Samantha Ellison

Colleen Eng: in memory of my greatgrandparents and grandparents, and my mother, Juliana Eng

Karren Erren

Charlene Floyd & K Karpen: in honor of Harry & Jessie

Melly Floyd: in memory of Ron Bennett's father, Ronald Margery Freeman & David Billings

Amy Jo Frischling: in honor of Janice Scott; in memory of Forrest Scott; in memory of Bracey Scott; in memory of Adele Frischling

Peggy Griffin-Jackman & Ron Jackman: in memory of Greg Jackman & Belinda Hammond

Ken Guest: in memory of Rev. Frances Helen Guest; in memory of Sylvia Barker

Dawson Horn III & Margaret Schramm Horn: in memory of our parents

K Karpen: in honor of the SPSA staff; and in memory of Don Kirby

Mark & Mary Ellen Kris

Faith Lamb-Parker: in memory of my husband Judson Garrett Parker; in memory of my parents Grace & Heinz Peuler

Gina Leonetti: in memory of Gemstain Adu; in memory of Dianne & Len Leonetti; in honor fo Georgia, Anthony & Maeve Gariele; in honor of Stella Boohshoft & Ariana Cember

Susan Marchand: in memory of Chris Madden; in memory of Gemstain Adu

Marianne McClure: in memory of Wes Garrett

Jim Melchiorre & Cheryl Allen Melchiorre

Nancy Meyers: in memory of my mother, Louise Meyers; in memory of Ressie Mae Bass

Carla Mikell: in memory of Alethia (Lee) Mikell

Alicia Miller Pitterson: in remembrance of my parents, Joseph & Helen Miller; for healing in Palestine

Marybeth Murphy: in memory of Mary Ellen Murphy

Brent Ness: in memory of Don Kirby; in honor of the SPSA staff

June Niklus: in memory of Georgia Niklus

Sandy Owen Polese

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

Martha Patton & Tom Hart: in memory of Gemstain Adu; in honor of Elizabeth Darkoah; in memory of Charlotte G. Patton

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

Cynthia Roney: for Bob and family

Cynthia Round: in honor of Dorcas Demasio; in memory of Pauline Penisten; in memory of parents Jack & Joanne Round; in memory of grandmother Pauline Penisten; in honor of Carner Round Derron, Dorcas Demasio; in gratitude for Nancy Meyers & her Pilates class, Frank Glass, our choir, & musicians

Carner Round Derron: in memory of Gemstain Adu

Jon & Christina Sanza: in memory of Pasquale Sanza

Jennifer & John Serrano: in honor of Nicholas & Antonio Serrano

Natolyn Tapscott: in memory of mother Val Maxey

Julia & Ken Tulloch: in memory of Angela Whitaker & Marilyn Whitaker

Who's Who

Pastors

Rev. Dr. K Karpen* Rev. Lea Matthews* Andrea Steinkamp*

Director of Operations

Brent Ness*

Building Superintendent

Danny Aponte*

Minister of Music

Dr. Frank Glass*

Youth & Campus Pastor

Ekama Eni*

Seminary Interns

Aurora Celestin, Pearl Vercruysse

Bookkeeper

Jennifer Serrano*

Building Project Coordinator

Christopher Trombley

Security / Custodians

Robert Harris, Revelle Harper, Ken Lucian, Hector Pagan, Stephen Yee

Hospitality Coordinator

Al-Naima Finch*

Lay Servants

Nancy Meyers, Alicia Pitterson Shakeel Samuel

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Putting Love in Action

Prepare Room: Christmas Eve

Tonight at 10:45pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Welcome the light of Christmas in this beautiful candlelight service and ring out "Joy to the World."

Membership Class Our next New Members Class will take place on Sunday, Jan. 21st at 12:30pm. It's a great way for you to get to know St. Paul & St. Andrew and for us to get to know you better. Bring your questions and curiosities and wonderings! New members will be received the following Sunday, on January 28th during worship service at 11 am. Please RSVP to Pastor Lea*

Connect & Care 7.0 The next session of our spiritually supportive small groups launch in Feb, with options of meeting times and days, both on Zoom and inperson. Email Pastor Lea* for details.

Ongoing Programs

Chancel Choir meets each Sunday at 10am. See Frank for details.

Campus Ministry meets each Monday at 7pm at Broadway Presbyterian, 114th. Email Ekama* for additional details.

Pajama Prayers our Tuesday prayer gathering on Zoom at 7:30am. Come as you are with whatever is on your heart. Meeting ID: 831 7700 2923 Phone: 646 -931-3860

Pilates with Nancy (on break until Jan 4) an hour-long strengthening and stretching class on Zoom, Thursdays at 6pm. Email Brent* for details.

Kids & Families Our next Faith & Fun Fridays will be Jan 12. Email Pastor Andrea* for details on upcoming gatherings.

Youth Group Email Pastor Ekama* for details on upcoming gatherings. Next Bagels & Bibles is Sun, Jan 7.

Young Adults Email Pastor Andrea* for details on upcoming gatherings.

Volunteer Opportunities

Assisting Our New Neighbors

Sign up to help with Miracle Monday via Lotsa Helping Hands (tinyurl.com/4et6b662).

Homework Help Tutoring Wednesday evenings (6-7pm; on break until Jan 3). We are working with many new arrivals, and we could use your help. Please see Charlene (charlenefloyd@aol.com)

West Side Campaign Against Hunger (WSCAH) emergency food pantry based at the church is looking for volunteers. Signup through New York Cares or email volunteer@wscah.org. Contributions can be made at www.wscah.org/donate

Other Good Stuff in the Building Bedlam Theater Arcadia by Tom Stoppard, Dec 19 -Jan 7 Visit wetnyc.org for info.

Broadway Inspirational Voices invites you to experience Dec 11's Hope in Harmony Gospel Holiday Concert with through its first ever Video On Demand replay. The VOD ticket will allow you to watch the concert on Dec 24/25, Dec 27/28, Jan 1-2. Not to be missed! Visit broadwayinspirationalvoices.org

Carnegie Hall Citywide series includes three upcoming performances in our Sanctuary. Free admission.

- Jan 12 (Fri) at 7pm: Alexandra Nowalkowski, soprano & Michal Biel, piano
- Feb 25 (Sun) at 4pm: Joseph Parrish, bass-baritone & Shawn Chang, piano
- Mar 8 (Fri) at 7pm): Meghan Kasanders, soprano & Dror Baitel, piano