

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



Musiquita's A Jazzy Nutcracker at the Migrant Resource Fair

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

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

The Kwan Family

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

Nancy Townley (adpt.)

The Kwan Family

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

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The Christmas Story

K Karpen

Jesus' Christmas Party by Nicholas Allan

Carol (238)

Angels We Have Heard On High (pg. 6)

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Andrea Steinkamp

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 kingdom 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 QR 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



1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re-ceive her King!___ Let ev-' ry___
 2. Joy to the world, the Sav-ior reigns! Let all their songs em-ploy,___ while fields and.
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na-tions prove___ the glo-ries.



heart___ pre- pare___ him___ room,___ and Heav'n and Na- ture_ sing, and_
 floods,___ rocks, hills,___ and_ plains___ re- peat the sound-ing_ joy, re -
 of___ his righ- teous - ness___ and won- ders of his_ love, and_



Heav'n and Na- ture_ sing, and_ Heav'n and Heav'n___ and Na- ture sing!
 peat the sound-ing_ joy, re - peat, re - peat___ the sound-ing joy!
 won- ders of his_ love, and_ won- ders, won- ders of his love.

Isaac Watts, 1719

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

Love Came Down at Christmas



1. Love came down at Christ - mas, Love all love - ly,___ Love di - vine._____
 3. Love shall be our to - ken. Love be yours, and_ love be mine;_____



Love was born at Christ - mas. Star and an - gels_ gave the sign.
 love to God and neigh - bor, love for plea_ and_ gift and sign.

Christina Rossetti, 1885, *altered*

Traditional Irish Melody

Away in a Manger

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laiddown his sweet
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a wakes, but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he
 head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he
 makes. I love thee, Lord Je - sus. Look down from the
 lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.

Anonymous words

James R. Murray, 1887

What Child Is This

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate, where ox and ass are feed - ing? Good
 an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
 Chris - tian, fear, for sin - ners here, the si - lent Word is plead - ing. This, this is
 Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing.
 Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing.
 Haste, haste to bring him laud, this babe, the son of Ma - ry.
 Haste, haste to bring him laud, this babe, the son of Ma - ry.

William Chatterton Dix, 1865
 Additional lyrics by K Karpen, 2022

16th-century English Melody

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Leaders: Dear God, As we wait these last hours 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.

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

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?

and the moun - tains, in re - ply, ech - o - ing their brave de - light! Glo -
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear? Glo -

ri - a
ri - a

1. in ex - cel - sis De - o!
in ex - cel - sis De - o!

2. De - o!
De - o!

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!

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King! Peace on earth and
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord; late in time, be -
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righ-teous-ness! Light and life to



mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise...
hold him come, off-spring of a vir-gin's womb. Veiled in flesh, the God-head see...
all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his glo - ry by, —



Join the tri-umph of the skies. With th'an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in
Hail th'in-car-nate De - i - ty, — pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Je - sus, our Em
born that we no more may die, — born to raise us from the earth, born to give us



Beth-le - hem!" Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry__ to the new-born King!"
man - u - el. Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry__ to the new-born King!"
sec-ond birth! Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry__ to the new-born King!"

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 upset

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 Nuovo

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 Meshbesh

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 great-grandparents 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 of Georgia, Anthony & Maeve Garielle; 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*

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Bookkeeper

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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 in-
person. 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. Sign-
up through New York Cares or email
volunteer@wscach.org. Contributions can
be made at www.wscach.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