

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

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2023
at 10:45pm

Livestreamed




Presents for our newly-arriving families,
from the Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Sunday, December 24, 2023 ♦ Christmas Eve

♦ *Please rise in body or spirit*

Prelude	String Quartet
Opening Words	Andrea Steinkamp “ The Christmas Story ” by Robin Richstone
Introit	Ensemble Nowell Sing We Anonymous 14th c. English Carol
Call to Worship ♦	Jessica Tulloch, Jade Palma Gil Leader: “Do not be afraid! Look! I am bringing you good news of great joy! People: And that joy will come to all people! Leader: “Do not be afraid! Your savior is born in the city of David: People: A savior, who is Christ, the Lord! Leader: And this will be a sign for you: you will find there, if you look, People: A child wrapped in rags, lying in a manger.” Leader: Journey with me to Bethlehem and see this thing that is coming to pass; People: Come, faithful ones, and live in the embrace of our God.
Carol (UMH 234) ♦	O Come, All Ye Faithful (pg. 4)
Opening Prayer	AJ Palma Gil, Diya Palma Gil
Carol	Broadway Inspirational Voices Joy to the World (Joyful, Joyful)
Lighting of the Christ Candle	The Floyd & Karpen Family
Reading	Julia Tulloch Isaiah 9: 2-7 (pg. 4)
Song	Chris Lyons, Frank Glass I Wonder As I Wander Appalachian Carol, adpt. by John Jacob Niles, 1934
Reading	Colleen Eng, Sage Morgan Eng Luke 2: 1-7 (pg. 5)
Carol ♦	O Little Town of Bethlehem (pg 6)
Christmas Poem	K Karpen & Jessie Floyd When We Got to the Border by K Karpen, Spanish trans. by Jessie Floyd

Reading	A.J. Bosco Luke 2: 8-15 (pg. 5)	
Carol	Ensemble Away In a Manger Music by William Kirkpatrick (1895)	
Reading	Aurora Celestin Luke 2: 16-20 (pg. 5)	
Carol (218) ♦	It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (pg 6)	
Homily	K Karpen “Getting To Bethlehem”	
Carol (246) ♦	Joy To the World (pg 8)	
Welcome/Love in Action	Ekama Eni	
Offering Offertory	Of tithes, gifts, and prayers String Quartet	Scan the QR code or text “Give” to 646-971-9400
Christmas Prayer	Andrea Steinkamp	
Carol	Broadway Inspirational Voices O Holy Night	
Carol (239) ♦	Silent Night (pg 8) Please turn on your candles as we sing.	
Benediction ♦	K Karpen	
Carol (240) ♦	Hark, the Herald Angels Sing (pg 7)	
Postlude	String Quartet Ding Dong! Merrily On High 16th c. French Carol, arr. by Charles Wood	
String Quartet	Melanie Baker, Peggy McAdams (violins), Katherine Sinsabaugh (viola), Joseph Kimura (cello)	
Broadway Inspirational Voices	Shaunice Alexander, Marcus Paul James Ben Roseberry (vocals, piano)	
Livestream	Brent Ness (director), Chaz Pittman/Red Gate Sound (cameras), Edwin Huet (sound)	
Audio Greeters	Stephen Yee Nancy Meyers, Julia Tulloch	

O Come, All Ye Faithful



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O come ye, O
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels! Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion! O sing, all ye
4. See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle, leav - ing their
6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing. Je - sus, to
come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come and be - hold him, born the King of
cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove: "Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the
flocks draw nigh to gaze. We too will thi - ther bend our joy - ful
thee be all glo - ry giv'n. Word of the Cre - a - tor, now in flesh ap -
An - gels!
high - est!" O come, let us a - dore him! O come, let us a -
foot - steps.
pear - ing!
dore him! O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

John F. Wade, ca. 1743
Translated by Frederick Oakeley, 1841, and others

John F. Wade, ca. 1743

Reading from Isaiah 9: 2-7

- ² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.
- ³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest...
- ⁴ For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.
- ⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be
burned as fuel for the fire.
- ⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Lord, Prince of Peace.
- ⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of
David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and for evermore.
- The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

*The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.***

Gospel Reading from Luke 2: 1-20

In those days, a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole empire should be registered. This was the first registration, undertaken while Qui-rin-i-us was governor of Syria. And all went to their own towns to be registered.

Joseph also went, traveling from the town of Nazareth in Galilee, to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because Joseph was descended from the house and family of David. Joseph went there to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged. Mary was expecting her child.

And while they were there, the time came for Mary to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in bands of cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in that region, there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared before them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were filled with fear.

And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. For, behold, I bring you good news of a great joy, which shall come to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign for you: you will find the baby, wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

And, suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest! And on earth, peace, goodwill among all people."

When the angels had gone away into heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the baby, lying in a manger.

When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

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Blessing David Wildman as he prepares to join an ecumenical witness for peace, in Bethlehem.

O Little Town of Bethlehem



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie. A - bove thy deep and
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and gath - ered all a - bove, while mor - tals sleep, the
3. O Beth - le - hem, O Beth - le - hem, we see you in your pain. We would that God, in



dream - less sleep, the si - lent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the
an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love. O morn - ing stars to - geth - er pro -
peace and pow'r, might come to you a - gain to heal the lost and wound - ed, to



ev - er - last - ing light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
claim the ho - ly birth, and prais - es sing to God the King and peace to all on earth.
break down ev - 'ry wall, to shine your light of truth and right and bring your peace to all.

Words: Phillips Brooks, ca. 1868
Verse 3: K Karpen, 2023

Music: Lewis Redner, 1868

It Came upon the Midnight Clear



1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing



near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to all, from



heav'n's all - gra - cious King!" The world in sol - emn still - ness lay, to hear the an - gels sing.

2. 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 [Bay-bul] sounds, the blessed angels sing.
3. And ye beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way, with painful steps and slow,
Look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing.

Edmund Sears, 1849

Richard Storrs Willis, 1850

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



Silent Night



1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright 'round yon vir - gin
 2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight. Glo - ries stream from
 4. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Won-drous star, lend your light. With the an - gels,



moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild,
 heav - en a - far. Heav'n - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu - ia!"
 let us sing "Al - le - lu - ia" to our King!



sleep in heav - en - ly peace. Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born! Christ the Sav - ior is born!
 Christ the Sav - ior is born! Christ the Sav - ior is born!

Joseph Mohr, 1818

Translated by John Freeman Young, 1859

Franz Gruber, 1818

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 employ, 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

Poinsettia Dedications

Jeff & Kate Baum in memory of Helen & Joe Licitra, Helen & William Baum and our beloved grandparents.

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: in loving memory of Rochella Frankel, Irv Frankel and Lynne Meshbesh

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

Rose Browne: in Memory of Chris Madden

Damascia Calderone

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

Kay Carson: in memory of Kit & Thelma Carson and Geneva & Elmer Bookout.

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 in memory of Carol Mann and Guner Eruren, Myra T. Gannaway, Halide & Refik Eruren & Brumfield; In honor of Evelyn Kirkhart & Pajama Prayers

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: in memory of Bob Loughran and Kaly Stevens 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, and Esther & Lou Galgano; in honor of Georgia, Anthony & Maeve Gariele; in honor of Stella Boonshoft & 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 in memory of Don Kirby; in honor of Niurka Meléndez & Héctor Arguinzones of VIA-NYC

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 memory 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: in honor of Lou 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 and family including the grandkids (Rory, Josie and Bobby): in loving memory of Bob

Cynthia Round: in memory of parents Jack & Joanne Round; grandmother Pauline Penisten; in honor of Carner Round Derron, Dorcas Demasio and Elizabeth Darkoah ; 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

Andrea Steinkamp: in memory of Gerald Durocher, Jeanne Antinossi, Edmond Antinossi, Mary Durocher & Carl McLaughlin; in honor of Neil, Caiden & Lincoln

Natolyn Tapscott: in memory of mother Val Maxey

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

K, Lea & Andrea, in honor of you!!

Unwrapping Advent at St. Paul & St. Andrew



Above: Worship, Faith & Fun Fridays; Below: Christmas Pageant & Singing Carols on the steps.





Above: Homework Help, Cookie-Baking, Young Adults; Below: Migrant Mondays with new arrivals.



Who's Who

Pastors

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

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Minister of Music

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Youth & Campus Pastor

Ekama Eni*

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Putting Love in Action

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@wscah.org. Contributions can be made at www.wscah.org/donate

Other Good Stuff in the Building

Bedlam Theater *Arcadia* by Tom Stoppard, Dec 26 -Jan 7 in the West End Theater. 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 presents three upcoming recitals 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



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 tonight!