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





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 GII

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) \blacklozenge Joy To the World (pg 8)

Welcome/Love in Action Ekama Eni

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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 Shaunice Alexander, Marcus Paul James

Inspirational Voices Ben Roseberry (vocals, piano)

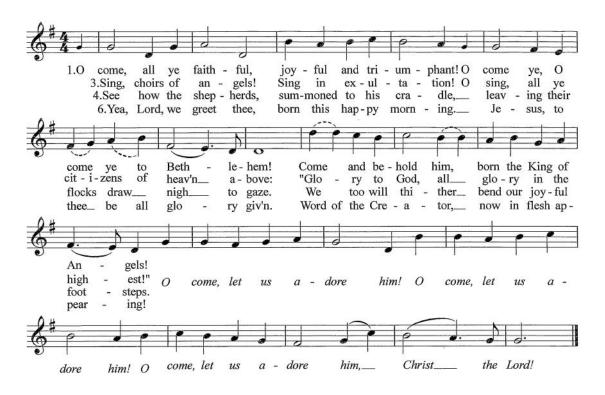
Livestream Brent Ness (director), **Chaz Pittman/Red Gate Sound** (cameras),

Edwin Huet (sound)

Audio Stephen Yee

Greeters Nancy Meyers, Julia Tulloch

O Come, All Ye Faithful



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.

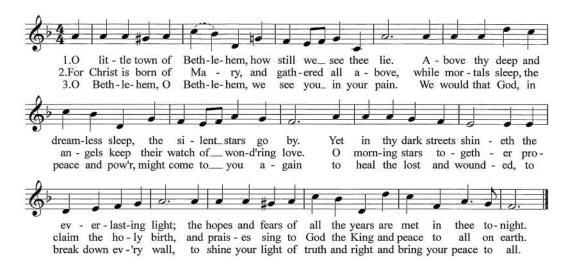
When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, and Mary treasured all these words and

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.

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



O Little Town of Bethlehem



Words: Phillips Brooks, ca. 1868

Verse 3: K Karpen, 2023

Music: Lewis Redner, 1868

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

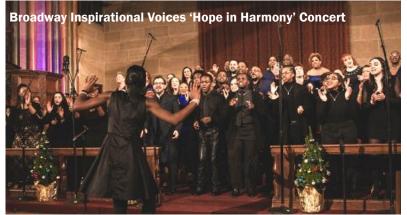


- 2. Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled, And still their heav'nly music floats o'er all the weary world. Above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hov'ring wing, And ever o'er its Babel [Bay-bul] sounds, the blessed angels sing.
- 3. And ye beneath life's crushing 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.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

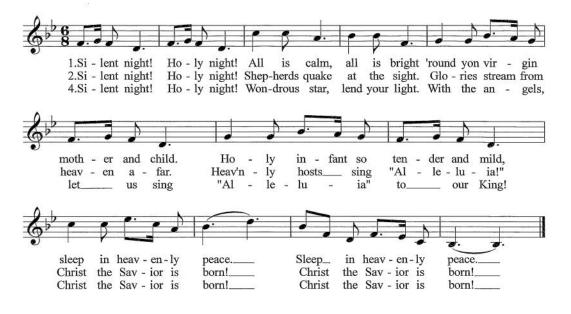


Charles Wesley, 1739 Adapted by George Whitfield (1758) and others Felix Mendelssohn, 1840 Arranged by William Cummings, 1856



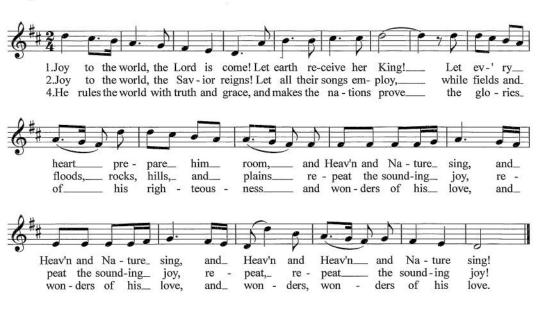


Silent Night



Joseph Mohr, 1818 Translated by John Freeman Young, 1859 Franz Gruber, 1818

Joy to the World



Isaac Watts, 1719

Poinsettia Dedications

Jeff & Kate Baum in memory of Helen & Joe Licitra, Helen & Wiliam 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 Meshbesher

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 & Flmer 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 greatgrandparents and grandparents, and my mother, Juliana Eng

Karren ErrenIn 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*

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

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 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!