

# 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

## First Sunday in Christmas

December 31, 2023  
11:00 a.m.



Silent Night!

# Sunday, December 31, 2022 ♦ First Sunday in Christmas

♦ *Please rise in body or spirit*

<b>Prelude</b>	<b>Frank Glass</b> “ <b>Regarding Travelers Unknown and Known</b> ” by Frank Glass (2023ish)
<b>Introit</b>	<b>Hymn of Promise</b> (pg. 4, v. 1)
<b>Call To Worship ♦</b> <i>Ecclesiastes 3:1-8</i>	<b>Pearl Vercruysse</b> One: For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: <b>Many: a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;</b> One: a time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up; <b>Many: a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance;</b> One: a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing; <b>Many: a time to seek and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to throw away;</b> One: a time to tear and a time to sew; a time to keep silent and a time to speak; <b>Many: a time to love and a time to hate; a time for war and a time for peace.</b>
<b>Opening Hymn ♦</b>	<b>Canticle of the Turning</b> (pg. 5, v. 1-2)
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Pearl Vercruysse</b>
<b>Prayer Song</b>	<b>Hymn of Promise</b> (pg. 4, v. 2-3)
<b>Gospel Reading ♦</b>	<b>Nancy Meyers</b> <b>Matthew 25: 31-46</b> (pg. 6)
<b>Hymn</b>	<b>Canticle of the Turning</b> (pg. 5, v. 3-4)
<b>Homily</b>	<b>K Karpen</b> “ <b>Turning the World Around</b> ”
<b>Song</b>	<b>Auld Lang Syne</b> (pg. 4)
<b>Covenant Prayer</b> <i>John Wesley (alt.)</i>	<b>I am no longer just my own, but Yours as well.</b> <b>Help me to do the things You want me to do,</b> <b>Let me identify with those this world disrespects and disregards.</b> <b>Give me challenging tasks:</b> <b>Let me be employed by You, or sit still for You,</b>

**Exalted for You, or brought low for You.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and completely yield all things to Your pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,  
You are mine, and I am Yours.  
So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

**Prayer Song**                    **Spirit, Open My Heart** (pg. 6)

**Mission Time**                **Benz**  
**No More Deaths**

**Blessing & Sending**        **K Karpen**

**Passing of Peace** ♦        **The Congregation**  
*Please greet those right around you with ‘Peace be with you’.*

**Peace Song**                    **Od yavo shalom aleinu** (pg. 7)

**Love in Action**                **K Karpen**

**Offering**                        *Of tithes, gifts, prayers, and pledges for 2024 (pg. 10-11)*  
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**Offertory**                        **Chancel Choir**  
**“In Our Darkness, Light has Shone”**  
Timothy Dudley-Smith (1999) & John Barnard (c. 2010); arr. Frank Glass (2023)

**Prayer of Gratitude**        **Aurora Celestin**

**Closing Hymn** ♦                **Joy To the World** (pg. 7)

**Benediction**                    **K Karpen**

**Postlude**                        **Frank Glass**  
**“You Ask Me Where I Got the Joys”** Charles Tindley (1909)

**Livestream**                    **Brent Ness** (director), **Chaz Pittman/Red Gate Sound** (video)  
**Audio**                            **Steven Yee**

**Counters**                        **Connie Coddington**

**Greeters**                        **Cheryl Melchiorre**

**Childcare**                        **Al-Naima Finch**

*Childcare (ages 1-3) is available in the Parlor.*

# Hymn of Promise



1. In the bulb there is a flow-er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree; in co-  
2. There's a song in ev-'ry si-lence, seek-ing word and mel-o - dy; there's a  
3. In our end is our be - gin-ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty; in our



coons, a hid-den pro-mise: but - ter-flies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of  
dawn in ev - 'ry dark-ness, bring-ing hope to you and me. From the past will come the  
doubt there is be-liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty. In our death, a res - ur



win - ter there's a spring that waits to be, un - re -  
fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y, un - re -  
rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry, un - re -



vealed un - til its sea - son, some-thing God a - lone can see.  
vealed un - til its sea - son, some-thing God a - lone can see.  
vealed un - til its sea - son, some-thing God a - lone can see.

Natalie Sleeth, 1986

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## Auld Lang Syne

Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind?  
Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and days of auld lang syne?  
For auld lang syne, my friends, for auld lang syne,  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, for auld lang syne

For everything there is a time, a season for each thing  
We live with hope in God, who is renewing everything  
Renewing everything, my friends, renewing everything  
We live with hope in God, who is renewing everything

# Canticle of the Turning

WORDS: Rory Cooney, 1990

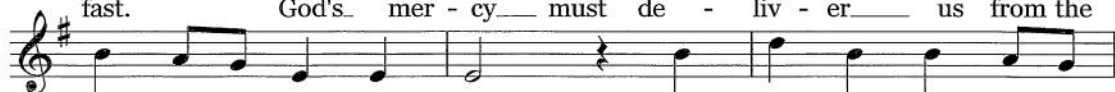
MUSIC: Irish Folk Tune



1. My \_\_\_\_\_ soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the God of my heart is \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Though I am small, my \_\_\_\_\_ God, my all, you \_\_\_\_\_ work great things in \_\_\_\_\_  
3. From the halls of pow'r to the for-tress tow'r, not a stone will be left on \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Though the na-tions rage from age to age, we re-mem-ber who holds us \_\_\_\_\_



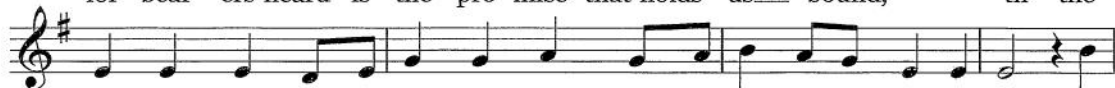
great!  
me. And my spi - rit \_\_\_\_\_ sings of the won - drous \_\_\_\_\_ things that you  
stone. And your mer - cy will last from the depths of the past to the  
fast. Let the king be - ware for your jus - tice \_\_\_\_\_ tears ev - 'ry  
God's \_\_\_\_\_ mer - cy \_\_\_\_\_ must de - liv - er \_\_\_\_\_ us from the



bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your  
end of the age to be. Your ver - y name puts the  
ty - rant \_\_\_\_\_ from his throne. The hun - gry poor shall \_\_\_\_\_  
con - quer-or's crush - ing grasp. This sav - ing word that our



ser - vant's \_\_\_\_\_ plight and my weak-ness you did not \_\_\_\_\_ spurn, so from  
proud to \_\_\_\_\_ shame and to those who would for you \_\_\_\_\_ yearn, you will  
weep no \_\_\_\_\_ more for the food they can nev - er \_\_\_\_\_ earn. There are  
for - bear - ers heard is the pro-mise that holds us \_\_\_\_\_ bound, 'til the



East to West shall my name be blessed. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
show your might, put the proud to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn. *My*  
ta - bles spread; ev - 'ry mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
spear and rod be \_\_\_\_\_ crushed by God, who is turn-ing the world a round.



*heart shall sing of the day you bring! Let the fires of your jus - tice \_\_\_\_\_ burn! Wipe a -*



*way all tears for the dawn draws near, and the world is a bout to turn!*

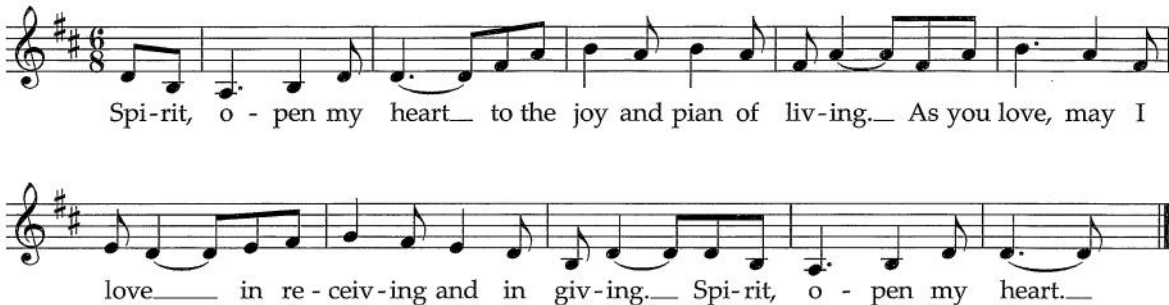
## Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 31-46

<sup>31</sup>“When the Human One comes in glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered, and the Human One will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at the right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the Ruler will say to those at the right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by God, inherit the kin-dom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you wel-comed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hun-gry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the Ruler will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’

<sup>41</sup>Then the Ruler will say to those at the left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ <sup>45</sup>Then the Ruler will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away chastised, but the righteous into eternal life.”

*The Word of God for the people of God* **Thanks be to God!**

### Spirit, Open My Heart



The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn "Spirit, Open My Heart". The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a time signature of 6/8. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics under the first staff are: "Spi-rit, o - pen my heart\_\_ to the joy and pian of liv-ing.\_\_ As you love, may I". The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. The lyrics under the second staff are: "love\_\_\_ in re - ceiv-ing and in giv-ing.\_\_ Spi-rit, o - pen my heart.\_\_". The piece ends with a double bar line.

Ruth Duck, 1994

Irish Folk Tune  
WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

# Od yavo shalom aleinu

Od yavo shalom aleinu, od yavo shalom aleinu,

Od yavo shalom aleinu, ve al-kulam (Repeat)

Salaam! Aleinu ve al kol ha olam, Salaam, shalom. (Repeat)

May your living peace pursue us, May your peace at last come to us,

May your peace somehow work through us, through everyone. (Repeat)

Salaam! Through us and through each person on earth! Salaam, shalom.

## 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





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## “Love In Action” Pledge Campaign for 2024

Thank you for prayerfully considering your support of the ministry at St. Paul & St. Andrew. We invite you to make a pledge of time and treasure for the coming year by completing a pledge card and placing it in the donation boxes by the front or rear entrance, or by visiting [stpaulandstandrew.org/pledge](http://stpaulandstandrew.org/pledge) and making your pledge online. Our community goal for 2024 is 100 pledges for \$400,000, an increase of 23 pledges and \$55,000 from 2022. Every pledge makes a difference!

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**81 pledges for \$417,004** (as of 12/28)



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# 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

## Healing & Health

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

## 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

## Work and 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 in Palestine's West Bank this week, and for the Palestinians who are making this witness possible

For the 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



## 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.

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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 (W114th). 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](http://tinyurl.com/4et6b662)).

**Homework Help Tutoring** Wednesday evenings (6-7pm). We are working with many new arrivals, and we could use your help. Please see Charlene ([charlenefloyd@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:volunteer@wscah.org). Contributions can be made at [www.wscah.org/donate](http://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](http://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 Jan 1 or 2. Not to be missed! Visit [broadwayinspirationalvoices.org](http://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 today!