

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

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023
11:00 a.m.

Christmas Pageant



Pageant Rehearsal

Sunday, December 10, 2023 ♦ Second Sunday of Advent

♦ *Please rise in body or spirit*

Prelude

Frank Glass

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Phillips Brooks (1868) & Frank Glass (2016)

Introit

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (pg 4)

Call to Worship ♦

(from Luke 1)

Kristin Black

One: Greetings, favored ones;

Many: The Lord is with us!

One: Do not be afraid,

Many: For we have found favor with God!

One: Here we are, ready to do the work of God,

Many: For nothing is impossible with God!

One: Hurry, hurry to Bethlehem,

Many: Run to the stable to see the baby.

One: Come with me to the manger and see the infant King,

Many: Come, adore on bended knee and sing for joy.

One: Gloria in excelsis deo!

Many: Glory to God in the highest!

One: Come and worship, come and worship,

Many: Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Opening Hymn ♦

Angels From the Realms of Glory (pg 5, v 1-2)

Opening Prayer

Kristin Black

Hymn

Angels From the Realms of Glory (pg 5, v 3-4)

**The Lighting of the
Advent Candle**

DJ Husted, Caesar Benito (pg 5)

The Pageant

Finding Room (pg 6-7)

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Nancy Meyers

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	In the Bleak Midwinter (pg 8)
Welcome of Visitors Passing of the Peace	K Karpen <i>Please greet those around you with a word of peace</i>
Peace Song	Jesus is Coming Oh Jesus, oh Jesus, oh Jesus, Jesus is coming, oh yes, Oh Jesus, oh Jesus, oh Jesus, Jesus is coming, oh yes, Oh yes I know, oh yes I know, oh yes I know, Jesus is coming oh yes, Oh yes I know, oh yes I know, oh yes I know, Jesus is coming, oh yes I know Oh freedom....
Love in Action	Julia Tulloch (pg 12)
Offering Offertory	Of tithes, gifts, pledges*, and prayers (pg 3) Chancel Choir Love Came Down At Christmas Christina Rossetti (1885) & Trad. Irish Melody; arr. Frank Glass (2018)
Prayer of Gratitude	Bonita Enochs
Closing Hymn ♦	Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (pg 4)
Benediction ♦	K Karpen
Postlude	Frank Glass In Dulci Jubilo 14th c. German Carol
Carol Singing	<i>Please join us on the West End Ave steps for songs & cider</i>
Livestream	Brent Ness (video), Chaz Pittman/Red Gate Sound (video)
Audio	Stephen Yee
Counters	Linda Bloom, Cynthia Round
Greeters	Erna Daniel, Shirley Struchen
Childcare	Al-Naima Finch <i>Childcare (ages 1-3) is available in the Parlor after the pageant</i>



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*Your pledge of support for 2024 makes possible all that we do here at St. Paul & St. Andrew throughout the week, allowing us to be nimble and flexible in the face of the needs we encounter on any given day, and to respond compassionately, thoughtfully, and meaningfully. What you offer helps make the presence of God known to each person we serve. Visit stpaulandstandrew.org/pledge or complete the enclosed pledge card

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, thou Joy for whom we long. We cel-e-brate with pag-ean-try and song the
 birth we now an ti - ci - pate, the love which you in - car - nate. Re -
 joice! Re-joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

9th-Century Latin
 Translations from *The Hymnal*, 1940
 This verse by K Karpen, 2023

15th-Century French Melody
 Harmonized by Thomas Helmore, 1854

Joyfyl, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays;
 4. Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus which the morn-ing stars be - gan;
 hearts un-fold like flow'rs be-fore thee, open-ing to the sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un - bro-ken praise. Field and for - est,
 love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, bind-ing all with-in its span. Ev - er sing-ing,
 sin and sad - ness, drive the dark of doubt a - way, Giv -
 vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mea - dow, flash - ing sea, chant -
 march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife. Joy -
 - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!
 - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward, in the tri-umph song of life.

Henry Van Dyke, 1907, *alt.*

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
 Arranged by Edward Hodges, 1864

Angels from the Realms of Glory



1. An - gels from the realms of glo - ry wing your flight o'er all the earth.
2. Shep - herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,



You, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
God with us is now re - sid - ing. Yon - der shines the In - fant light.



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ the new - born King!
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ the new - born King!

3. Mary, Joseph, time to travel, choosing Christmas, choosing hope.
Though your lives seem to unravel, God will give you strength to cope.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the new-born King!

4. Wise ones, leave behind your business. Don't believe the wicked king.
Ghosting Herod, choosing Christmas, this is your true offering.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the new-born King!

James Montgomery, 1816
K Karpen, 2022

Henry Smart, 1867

Liturgy for Lighting of the Advent Candle

Leader: Dear God, As we continue to wait excitedly for the birth of our Savior, may Your love break into the places where we work.

All: May we live out your will, and labor with love and grace to bring about your kin-dom on Earth. Amen.

Finding Room

Written by: Lea Matthews
Produced by: Andrea Steinkamp
Directed by: Julie Haggerty
Costuming: Susan Pohlmann
Musical Direction: Cynthia Roney
Accompaniment: Aurora Celestin
Sound Design: Brent Ness

In order of appearance

Door: AJ
Narrator 2: Diya | Narrator 1: Nora
Joseph: Quinn | Mary: Abigail
Innkeeper 1: Sage | Innkeeper 2: Iker
Donkey: Esau
Pig: Brooke
Lil' Pig: Jacqueline
Horse: Ekama
Sheep: Declan
Lil' Sheep: Alexander
Baby Sheep: Rowan
Lil' Cow: Isabel
Chicken: Vesper
Cow: Owen
Camel: Immanuel
Shepherd 1: Jessica | Shepherd 2: Ping | Shepherd 3: Kyle
Angel: Macy
Angel: Eden
Angel: Charlie
Angel: Jane
Angel: Reese
Herod: Rachel | Herod's Page: Yuling
Wise One: Lincoln | Wise One: K | Wise One: Lea
Star 1: Elijah | Star 2: Finn
Angel Chorus: Jheyris, Victoria, Alejandro, Damian, Isabella, Yermi, Hillary, Santiago, Danna,
Mathias, Valentina
Townsperson: Andrea

A huge thank you goes to the folks who make this Pageant possible! We could not do it without the support of our dedicated team, our parents, our building staff, and our pastoral interns. These folks do the work so that the kids and youth can have fun, share the story of Jesus's birth, and gift the congregation with the Pageant. A wholehearted thank you!

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him, born the King of angels.

Refrain: O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest:

Refrain: O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Away in the Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky
looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Jesús en pesebre, sin cuna, nació;
Su tierna cabeza en heno durmió.
Los astros, brillando, prestaban su luz
al niño dormido, pequeño Jesús.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Hurry to Bethlehem

Hurry, hurry, hurry to Bethlehem
Run to the stable to see the baby
Hurry hurry hurry to Bethlehem,
Run to the stable to see the baby boy

Come with me to the manger
to see the infant king
Bring your gifts on bended knee.
Together let us sing.

Gloria in excelsis deo.

Glory to God in the highest.
Gloria in excelsis deo. Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God, in the highest!

Hurry hurry hurry run to the stable
Hurry hurry hurry run to the stable
Hurry hurry hurry run to the stable
Quickly, come run, with me!

Hurry, hurry, hurry to Bethlehem
Run to the stable to see the baby
Hurry hurry hurry to Bethlehem,
Run to the stable to see the baby boy

Gloria in excelsis deo.

Glory to God in the highest.
Gloria in excelsis deo. Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God, in the highest!

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Joy to the World

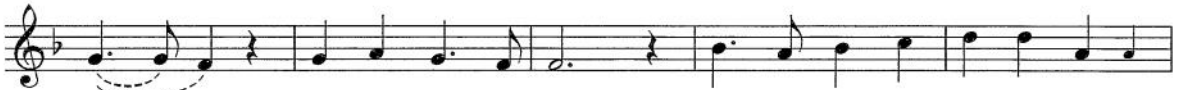
1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n
and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

In the Bleak Midwinter



1. In the bleak mid-win - ter, fros - ty wind made moan; earth stood hard as
2. Our God, heav'n can - not hold him, nor__ earth con-tain. Heav'n and earth shall



iron,___ wa - ter like a stone. Snow had fall - en, snow on snow,
flee a-way, when He comes to reign. In the bleak mid - win - ter a



snow on___ snow, in the bleak mid-win - ter, long___ a - go.
sta-ble place suf-ficed the Lord_ God Al-migh - ty, Je - sus Christ.

Christina Rossetti, 1872

Gustav Holst, 1906

Youth, Children & Families Christmas Party (Fri, Dec 1)



Sunday Worship



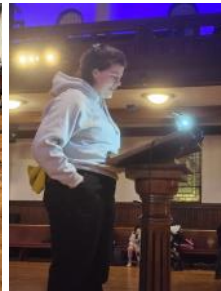
Pageant Rehearsal (Sunday)



Migrant Resource Fair (Monday)



Homework Help & Vespers (Wednesday)



Hanging of the Greens (Thursday)



Joys & Concerns

Joy & Thanksgiving

For Aurora's friend Destinee B's work in reclaiming bodies in theological and religious spaces, as well as travel mercies for her
Charis & Russell's engagement
Aurora's sister Courtney's presentation on the significance of Beyoncé's concert tour
Mary McM's brother Will and wife Rebecca's new baby, due in February, and for their family as they prepare to move from Frankfurt, Germany to The Maldives for Will's next FSO assignment
Alicia's sister Robin's 60th birthday, and travel mercies for Alicia to celebrate with her

Healing & Health

Continued prayers for friend Keyona, exploring further options for her on-going treatment for colon cancer
Courtney C, prayers for a successful 6 weeks of chemo following her two surgeries to remove tumors from her tongue and surrounding area.
Continuing prayers for Sydney as she continues to recover
Morris G, for continued healing and recovery of strength
Rachel B's father Donny, undergoing surgery; for a successful procedure and steady recovery
Strength and healing as Dorothy O'H continues her medical treatments; and health and wellbeing for Victoria who is caring for her
Carla's two friends, Maryam A and Alicia W, recovering from surgeries
Pat S, recently diagnosed with liver cancer

Comfort

Continued prayers for Elizabeth, and joy that she was able to come to church today
On Niel K's passing, and for Kathryn in her grief
All those suffering and in mourning and that families find ways to still love and celebrate their traditions, even through suffering and hardship
The family of Carole B, AJ's aunt, on her recent passing
For Adrienne, who has had a reoccurrence of cancer

Work & Life

Nathan as he makes important decisions about his health

For all musicians, sacred and secular, as they embark on this holiday season—for good health, sanity, and to experience the blessings of the Season

Noah, David & Margery's son who is looking for work
For all those who are looking for work
Melissa, Jackson, and Pam - for health, safety, and travel mercies

To keep Chris safe at Riker's Island, and for God's intervention in his life

For Raj's son
Mark traveling to Oklahoma to put his mother in a nursing home

Kay's mother, and for Kay and siblings caring for her
Bill C, as he begins a new job; and for he and Julie and their move upstate

Peace & Justice

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.
Israelis & Palestinians in war zone; Americans in pain over Gaza struggles

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 lens in time of strife and war.
Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, Afghanistan, all suffering places around world

For an end to violence in our city
All the people of Iran, especially the women and their supporters, protesting in the streets against repressive policies

Migrants and refugees, including our guests, seeking asylum in the USA due to government policies, climate change and a myriad of other issues



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.

Who's Who

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Putting Love in Action

Advent Devotionals Pick up a hard copy on the welcome tables. To receive daily devotionals by email, sign up at eepurl.com/dkdyqT.

Poinsettias Help us decorate the sanctuary by dedicating a poinsettia in honor or in memory your loved one(s), \$25 per plant suggested.

Prepare Room: Advent & Christmas Eve Wednesday, December 13th at 7:15pm
Advent Vespers

Sunday, December 17th at 11am

Advent III Worship with Lessons & Carols
Parsonage Coffee Hour

Wednesday, December 20th at 7:15pm

Advent Vespers

Sunday, December 24th at 11am

Advent IV / Christmas Eve Family Service

Sunday, December 24th at 10:45pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Candlelighting at the JCC We've been invited by our friends at the Meyerson JCC to join them for a time of learning and conversation followed by a short Hanukkah Candlelighting service. Please RSVP to Pastor Lea* if you plan to join us. Depart the church at 5:30; meet at the JCC at 6pm.

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*

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 an hour-long strengthening and stretching class on Zoom, Thursdays at 6pm. Email Brent* for details.

Children meet for Sunday School. For December, Faith & Fun Friday will be this Friday, Dec 1 from 5:30-7:30pm. Email Andrea* for details!

Youth Group Email Ekama* for details on upcoming gatherings.

Young Adults Email Andrea* for details on upcoming gatherings.

Volunteer Opportunities

Midnight Pancakes The end of the semester is approaching and Campus Ministry is looking for volunteers on Dec 11. Contact Ekama* for details.

Cookie Baking Warm up your ovens for another round of cookie baking, this time for Goddard Riverside's Christmas meal. Please make a pledge by December 16th. Cookies can be dropped off on Sun, Dec 17 or Mon, Dec 18 5-7pm.
tinyurl.com/mrucj2w5

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). We are working with many new arrivals, and we could use your help. Please see Charlene (charlenefloyd@aol.com)

Other Good Stuff in the Building

Kidz Theater *Annie Jr.* Dec 15-18
Bedlam Theater *Arcadia* by Tom Stoppard, Dec 19-Jan 7
Visit wetnyc.org for info.

Kindred Spirits presents *Bending Towards the Light: A Jazz Nativity*, on Monday, Dec 18 at 8pm.