

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

Epiphany Sunday

Communion

January 7, 2024
11:00 a.m.



Sunday, January 7, 2024 ♦ Epiphany Sunday

♦ *Please rise in body or spirit*

Prelude

Frank Glass

“Come Down, O Love Divine” by Bianco of Sienna (15th c.) & Ralph Vaughan Williams (1906); arr. Frank Glass (2022)

Opening Words

Aurora Celestin

Introit (UMH 256)

We Would See Jesus (pg. 4, v. 1)

Call To Worship ♦

*Pat Bennett/Wild
Goose Resource Group*

Margery Freeman

One: God of proclamation and epiphany,

All: Through the words of prophets and angels you reveal the possibilities of a different way for the world ...

One: God of encounter and epiphany,

All: Through the life and actions of Jesus you reveal the passionate love at the heart of your Kingdom ...

One: God of epiphany and challenge, as we hear your word now in scripture, sermon and song

All: Open our knowing and understanding to your patterns and their possibilities.

One: God of epiphany and change, as we encounter your Word now in story, bread and wine

All: Open our patterns and possibilities to the transforming power of your love and send us on by a different way.

Opening Hymn (173)♦

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies (pg. 5)

Prayer

David Billings

Prayer Song (256)

We Would See Jesus (pg. 4, v. 2)

Message for All Ages

Lea Matthews

Youth & kids are invited up front to the chancel. After the message, kids 10 and under are invited to Sunday School in the Chapel.

Gospel Reading ♦

Pearl Vercruyse

Matthew 2: 1-12 (pg. 6)

Gospel Song (256) ♦

We Would See Jesus (pg. 4, v. 3)

Gospel Reading ♦

Mari Crawford

Mark 1: 4-13a (pg. 6)

Gospel Song (256) **We Would See Jesus** (pg. 4, v. 4)

Sermon **Andrea Steinkamp**
“So What Now?”

Sung Response (256) **We Would See Jesus** (pg. 4, v. 5)

Love In Action **K Karpen** (pg. 12)

Offertory *Of tithes, gifts, prayers, and pledges for 2024* (pg. 10-11)
Offering **Chancel Choir**
“Carol of the Fugitive”
Henry Van Dyke (1911) & Brian Holmes (2018)



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or text “Give” to
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Great Thanksgiving **Margaret Schramm Horn, Ekama Eni** (pg. 7)

Sharing of the **The Congregation**
Bread & Cup

Prayer After **Ekama Eni**
Receiving

Sending Hymn (249)♦ **There’s a Song in the Air** (pg. 5)

Benediction & Peace **Andrea Steinkamp**

Postlude **Frank Glass**
Leave It There Charles Tindley (1906)

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

Audio **Hector Pagan**

Counters **Gina Leonetti, Cynthia Round**

Greeters **Erna Daniel, Carla Mikell**

Childcare **Al-Naima Finch**

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



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!

We Would See Jesus



1. We would see Je - sus. Lo! his star is shin - ing a - bove the
2. We would see Je - sus, Ma - ry's son most ho - ly, light of the
3. We would see Je - sus on the moun - tain teach - ing, with all the
4. We would see Je - sus in his work of heal - ing, at ev - en -
5. We would see Je - sus in the ear - ly morn - ing, still as of



sta - ble while the an - gels sing. There in a man - ger, —
vil - lage life from day to day; shin - ing re - vealed through
list - 'ning peo - ple gath - ered round; while birds and flow'rs and
tide be - fore the sun was set; di - vine and hu - man,
old he call - eth: "Fol - low me." Let us a - rise, — all



on the hay re - clin - ing, haste, let us lay our gifts be - fore the King.
ev - 'ry task most low - ly, the child of God, the life, the truth, the way.
sky a - bove are preach - ing the bless - ed - ness which sim - ple trust has found.
in his deep re - veal - ing of God made flesh in lov - ing ser - vice met.
mean - er ser - vice scorn - ing. Lord, we are thine! We give our selves to you!

WORDS: John Edgar Partk, 1913

MUSIC: Herbert Barclay Turner, 1913

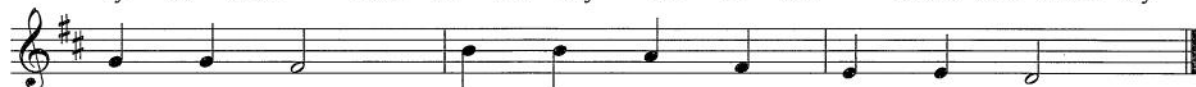
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies



1. Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly light, Child of Righ-teous
2. Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa-nied by thee. Joy-less is the
3. Vis - it then this soul of mine. Pierce the gloom of sin and grief. Fill me, Ra - dian-



ness, a - rise. Tri-umph o'er the shades of night. Day-spring from on
day's re - turn till thy mer - cy's beams I see; till they in - ward
cy di - vine. Scat - ter all my un - be - lief. More and more thy -



high, be near. Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm ny heart.
self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1740

MUSIC: J.G. Werner's *Choralbuch*, 1815; harmonized by William Havergal, 1861

There's a Song in the Air



1. There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky! There's a moth-er's deep prayer and a
2. There's a tum-ult of joy o'er the won-der-ful birth, for the vir-gin's sweet boy is the



ba - by's low cry! *And the star rains its fire, while the beau - ti - ful*
Lord of the earth.



sing, for the man - ger of Beth - le - hem cra - dled a King!

4. We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song
That comes down through the night from the heavenly throng.
And we shout to the lovely evangel they bring,
And we greet in his cradle our Savior and King

Josiah Holland, 1874

Karl Harrington, 1904

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod secretly called for the wise ones and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another way.

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

Gospel Reading: Mark: 1: 4-13a

So John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And the whole Judean region and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days.

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Adapted from Pat Bennett/Wild Goose Resource Group (Iona Community)

Leader 1: Here, at this table,
under the welcoming light of a morning star,
the God of epiphanies waits to be encountered.

So – though you may be weary
and worn by your journey
or stained and sore with travel –
look up and see the star,
lay aside your packs,
bend beneath the lintel,
and enter with joy
for God waits within –
to refresh and renew,
to comfort and restore,
to challenge and transform,
to know ... and be known.

Leader 2: So now, gathered round his table,
we recall and recount
how the Epiphany God
made himself known in the actions
and words of Jesus
as he shared a last supper with his friends:

We remember how the humble service
of washing feet
revealed the shape of God's Kingdom;

how the blessing, breaking and sharing of bread
revealed the pattern of God's life;

how the blessing, pouring and sharing of wine
revealed the depth of God's love;

and recalling and treasuring these things
we join our voices with those of all creation
in recognition and celebration
of the grace and goodness of God
present and at work in the world.

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader 1: Epiphany God,
send down your Holy Spirit now on us,
and on these gifts of bread and wine –
that we might recognize and know you
present with us here, and in receiving the gifts of
your love
find ourselves renewed.

Leader 2: May the peace of the Epiphany God –
the joyful peace of finding,
the enlightening peace of seeing,
the challenging peace of understanding,
the radical peace of following a different route –
energize and encourage you as you travel
onwards.

*Take a moment to share a sign of peace with
your neighbor before we receive the elements
together.*

Leader 1: Under the welcoming light of a
morning star
the table is set,
and God waits for us to bend beneath the lintel
and come into God's house
to see God's face
and share God's feast.

Christmas Eve



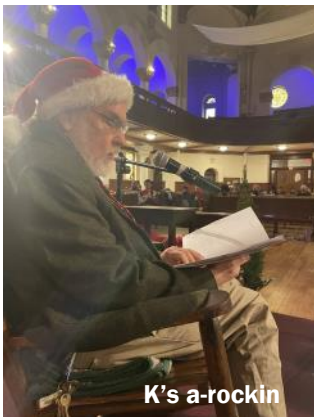
Metropolitan Horn Authority



Quinn, Charlie, & Ping



Simeon & Brooke



K's a-rockin'



Andrea and K intro Lea's Benediction



Courtney, Aurora, Austin, & Andrea



K reads Jesus' Christmas Party



Bobbie, Jennie & Ken

... and Christmastide Worship



Pearl



Nancy



Benz



Post-worship fellowship



"Fancy-sock" Frank

“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 and making your pledge online. Our community goal for 2024 is 100 pledges, an increase of 23 pledges from 2023. **We’ve already surpassed the total amount pledge in 2023 by \$77,000!** Every pledge makes a difference!

Thank you to those who’ve made their 2024 pledges: Felinda Austria, Robin Bahr deStefano, Melanie Baker, Jeff & Kate Baum, Courtney Behm, Bruce Bergquist, Linda Bloom, Kathy Burkett & Peter Arndtsen, Aimee Chang, Ann Civan, Victoria Clark, Connie Coddington, Karen Collins & David Wildman, Lizbee Collins-Woodfin, Mary Beth Coudal, Bill Crawford & Julie Faith Parker, Erna Weber Daniel, Cindy Danza, Robert Deknatel, Stephanie Douglas, Betty Ann Driver, Mark Duffy, Colleen Eng & Michael Morgan, Bonita & Randy Enochs, Karen Erren, Charles Flickinger, Melinda Floyd, Roseann & John Forde, Margery Freeman & David Billings, Jody Friedow, Amy Jo Frischling, Kate Gill, Chris & J.J. Grabenstein, Jo Goodson & John Tiedemann, Peggy Griffin-Jackman & Ron Jackman, Ken Guest, Megan Hale, Robert Harris, Mary Ingram, Linda Johnson, K Karpen & Charlene Floyd, Mark & Mary Ellen Kris, Ping Kwan, Faith Lamb-Parker, Brooke & Simeon Law, Gina Leonetti, Betty Letzig, David Lull, Raymond Lund, Betsy Lunt, Jessica May, Marianne McClure, Arthur McLean & Rodney Brown, Jim & Cheryl Melchiorre, Nancy Meyers, Carla Mikell, June Niklus, Alicia Miller Pitterson, Marybeth Murphy, Kristine Nevins, June Niklus, Dorothy O’Hanlon, Sandy Owen Polese, Jim & Susanne Paul, Sandra Owen Polese, Susan & Jon Pohlmann, June & Steve Quarfordt, Gary & Edee Rae, Justin & Kristin Rae, Esther Ready, Barbara Rhodes, Cynthia Roney, Cynthia Round, Pat Schlegel & A.J. Bosco, Margaret Schramm Horn & Dawson Horn, Andrea & Neil Steinkamp, Bob Steinkamp, Shirley Struchen, Gisela Szurgot, Immanuel & Yuling Tan, Natolyn Tapscott, Julia & Ken Tulloch, Kay Wenzel, Insook Won, Aya Yabe ...**List in formation**

84 pledges for \$422,404 (as of 1/5)



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.

Joys & Concerns

Joy & Thanksgiving

Joy for Aurora being offered and accepting a position with the Summer Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at New York Presbyterian Hospital at Weill Cornell Medical Center, (and prayers of courage for doing so!)
Mary and John's great visit in Sacramento with John's aunts, Claire and Mary, for the holidays
Gratitude for David Wildman & the Ecumenical Group's trip to Bethlehem and their safe return
St. Paul & St. Andrew for its impactful Advent Season
From Dorothy O'H, grateful for our healing prayers and her improving health

Healing & Health

Kendrea's grandmother Jessie's health/recovery from a couple recent falls, as well as for her continued care and good health moving forward
Continued prayers for Mary McM's friend Keyona W., as she just began her most recent round of chemotherapy for colon cancer last week; prayers for her continued care, health, medical personnel and caregivers; prayers of discernment for future steps and care. Prayers of thanksgiving for the abundance of generosity from her network in helping to raise +\$20K and counting, so she and her family can afford to keep going; continued prayers also for her husband, Chad,

and their little boys, Jacob and Isaiah.
Linda B's husband Paul, as he undergoes hip replacement surgery on Jan. 8
For Dorothy O'H's daughter recovering from a respiratory infection and Dorothy's friend Joan in need of healing from a respiratory infection too
The daughter of Dorothy's friend Gene needs prayers for healing from a brain injury and his family need comfort and support to sustain them through this and other health issues confronting the family.
Tony V, recovering from a mild stroke

Comfort

For the family and classmates of Josie K, age 4 who died suddenly on Christmas, from RSV; she was a classmate of Susan P's granddaughter Madeleine; for love and support for all
Support & hope for people who struggle to reconnect emotionally at the end of the year.
For Jo & John and their family mourning the loss of Jo's brother, Wilson, who died suddenly this week
For the Law family, Brooke, Simeon, Elijah and Jaqueline as they mourn the death of Brooke's mother
For the family and friends of Chris the piano tuner, following a long battle with cancer

Work and Life

Support for Connie's friend Megan in PA, whose marriage is dissolving
Continued prayers for the whole UNLV community and Las Vegas as they come back to work in-person on campus in the New Year and find new ways of being together, after the Dec 6th shooting
Noah that he may reconcile with his daughter
Sandy P, for those who were affected and displaced by a fire in her building

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.
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



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

Pastors

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

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Brent Ness*

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Danny Aponte*

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Dr. Frank Glass*

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.

Advocate Compassion Mayor Adams is threatening to evict asylum-seeking families from shelters starting January 9th: leaving families to wait out in the cold, uprooting children from their schools, and choosing cruelty over compassion. Join at us at a press conference in City Hall Park on January 8th at 11am – the day before families are expected to be evicted – to call on the Mayor to end this cruel practice and advocate for more humane solutions for all asylum seekers at the City and State levels. Register at tinyurl.com/n9ckxdh9 and email Pastor Lea* that you'll be joining.

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 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.

Young Adults Email Pastor Andrea* for details on upcoming gatherings. Next YA Zoom dialogue on Jan 10!

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). 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

Carnegie Hall Citywide opera and concert singer Alexandra Nowakowski (praised by *Opera News* for her "impassioned singing") performs a free recital with pianist Michał Biel on Friday, January 12 at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Free admission.

FUTURE CITYWIDE CONCERTS

- Feb 25 (Sun) at 4pm: Joseph Parrish, bass-baritone & Shawn Chang, piano
- Mar 8 (Fri) at 7pm: Meghan Kasanders, soprano & Dror Baitel, piano