

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Christmas Eve 2019

December 24, 2019

6:00 PM

\* Stand if you are able

**Bold:** Said by all

*Musical Prelude: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" by David H. Hegarty*

\* Entry of the Word

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon



\* **Carol:** "Joy to the World"

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**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

(Mike Cobb & Mary McKenzie-Cobb)

**Lesson 1:** Bethlehem, from you shall come forth a ruler

**Micah 5:2-4**

(Alex Auld)

\* **Carol:** "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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**Lesson 2:** The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad

**Isaiah 35**

(Jack Nicholls)

**Anthem: "The Christmas Story"**

*(by Michael Perry, arranged by David Catherwood)*

**Lesson 3:** I will fill this house with splendour

**Haggai 2:5b-9**

(Jay Bailey)

\* **Carol:** "We Three Kings"

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**Lesson 4:** There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse.

**Isaiah 11:1-9**

(Keith Main)

**Carol:** "Hope is a Star" (remain seated)

#119

**Lesson 5:** How beautiful on the mountains

**Isaiah 52:7-10**

(Grace McConnell)

\* **Carol:** "Go Tell It On the Mountain"

#133

**Lesson 6:** Jesus took the form of a servant.

**Philippians 2:5-11**

(Jane Ashenden)

**Anthem: "Hallelujah Christmas"**

*(by Leonard Cohen and Lance Stafford, arranged by Kay Bromert)*

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**MINISTER:** Rev. Mikal Schomburg

**ORGANIST:** Ian Madge **PIANIST:** Becky Stewart

**Offering**

**Offertory:** "Gesu Bambino" (by Pietro A. Yon, arranged by Bill Galliford)

**Lesson 7:** The birth of Jesus

**Luke 2:1-20**

(Bruce Murray)

\* **Carol:** "What Child is This?"

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**Carol:** "Silent Night" (remain seated)

(#154)

*Please be careful. As you receive your light, the lit candle is always held upright with the other candle being tipped to receive the flame. At close of service, please return candles to the boxes near the doors.*

Benediction:

\* Exit of the Word

*Musical Postlude: "Hallelujah Chorus"*

*(G.F. Handel)*

Welcome to St. Paul's.

Christmas is a time of anticipation. During the darkest days of the year we seek a light, the very light of the world, the light that sustains, the light that is life itself.

That light that shone in the heavens entered the world in the unlikely form of a little brown baby born in a nowhere village, and that heavenly light continues to shine from the faces of unlikely people everywhere.

In this season of anticipation, if you seek the incarnate king you will not have to look long before you realize that the love of God is indeed walking among us – as a child, as a grandparent, a friend, a stranger. Greet one another with joy, Christ has most certainly come.

*We extend a special welcome to anyone who is worshiping with us for the first time tonight. Please record your presence by signing the guest register at the back of the sanctuary. LARGE PRINT bulletins and headphones are available; please speak to one of our ushers for these items.*