

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christmas Eve 2019

December 24, 2019

8:00 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 Invocation



*Hymn: **"In the Bleak Midwinter"**

(#145)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

(Rev. Mikal)

Psalm 98

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Anthem: "Coventry Carol" *(English carol arranged by Michael Larkin)*

Isaiah 52:7-10

Reflection

*Hymn: **"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"**

(#410)

Titus 2:11-14

Reflection

Anthem: "One Holy Night"

(by Gilbert M. Martin)

John 1:1-14

Reflection

*Hymn: **"What Child is This?"**

(#161)

EUCCHARIST

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

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

Hymn: **"Silent Night, Holy 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.

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MINISTER: Rev. Mikal Schomburg

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

Benediction:

* Exit of the Word

Musical Postlude: *Pastorale on "Winchester Old"* *(by David Hegarty)*
(While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night)

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.

