

**ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**December 23, 2018**

**10:30 AM**

\* *Stand if you are able*

***Bold:*** *Said by all*

*All hymns, scriptures and congregational prayers are projected.*

*Musical Prelude*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

\* Entry of the Word

Welcome and Announcements



**Call to Worship (responsive): Advent Insert**

(projected)

**Lighting the Advent Candle of Love**

(Keith Main)

Choir Anthem: *"Born to Set Us Free"*



The youth of St. Paul's are pleased to share the magic of Christmas with you. We appreciate your eager participation as we look forward to hearing the special message of Christ's birth. Let's follow that star!

**Opening Prayer (narrator only):**

Thank you God for this wonderful time as we wait for Christmas to arrive.

Thank you for the meaningful Christmas music and especially for the story we are going to hear today, of you coming to be with us, in Jesus.

Thank you for loving, forgiving and accepting each person here and everywhere. The truth is God, that we are not exactly as we want to be at this time of year. We are conscious of stress: too much of some things, not enough of others. We are a people who seek and need wholeness.

As we tell the story of Christmas, we pray that our fun and laughter will be a sign of your love, hope and peace at work deep within each one of us. May we feel the warmth of your grace this Christmas. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who was born a baby and is now our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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**Thank You**

A sincere "thank you" to everyone who helped with today's Sunday School presentation. It was a very special worship service.



Introduction to the story

*\*Hymn: Once in Royal David's City* (vs 1,2,3)

Story begins with Bethlehem scene

Scripture: Matthew 1:19-21

*\*Hymn: Mary Had a Baby*

Story continues with Shepherds

Scripture: Luke 2:8-14

Story continues with Wise Men

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: "Ave Maria" (Charles Gounod)

*Piano and Organ Duet –*

Offertory Prayer

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6-7

*\*Hymn: Go Tell it on the Mountain*

Story ending

\* Prayer/Benediction

*\*Parting Hymn: Come on Ring Those Bells*

\* Exit of the Word Musical Postlude

*Don't forget to take a star home with you!*

