

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Christmas Eve 2017

December 24, 2017

8:00 PM

* Stand if you are able

Bold: Said by all

Musical Prelude:

THE APPROACH TO GOD

* Entry of the Word

Welcome:

Call to Worship (responsive):

(projected)

* Hymn of Invocation: *"People in Darkness"*

#124

Prayer of Praise:

* Hymn: *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

#122 (vv. 1, 3, 4, 7)

Prayer of Confession:

* Hymn: *"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"*

#446

Assurance of Pardon:

Anthem of Praise: *"Born Where the Shadows Lie"* (Getty/Shackley)

Gloria Patri: *"Glory Be To God The Father"*

#298

THE WORD OF GOD IN PROCLAMATION AND SACRAMENT

Prayer for Illumination (in unison): Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Hymn: *"Come and Fill Our Hearts/Confitemini Domino"* (projected)

Scriptures: Isaiah 9:2-7

Luke 2:1-20

SERMON

The Peace: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Offering

Offertory Anthem: "M^{www.stpaulssimcoe.com} 519-426-1845

MINISTER: Rev. Mikal Schomburg

ORGANIST: Mr. Ian Madge

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation and Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (responsive):

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

* Hymn: *"O, Little Town of Bethlehem"*

#165/#164

* **Declaration of Faith** (in unison)

(Nathan Nettleton)

**We believe in God,
the creator and giver of life,
who brought all creation to birth,
who mothers us and fathers us,
protecting, nurturing,
and cherishing us.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ:
God born among us as a fragile baby,
embodying both love and the need for love,
and calling us to rest in God
as trustingly as a tiny child.**



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**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
breathed into us at our birth,
always drawing us on to be born again,
encouraging, exhorting, comforting,
nourishing our growth and inspiring our living.**

**We believe in the reconciliation
of the world to God, through Christ.
Hunted at birth
and humiliated at death,
Christ entered our fearful darkness
so that we might enter his glorious light
and share the life of his resurrection.**

**And we believe that each new child
is a glimpse of the face of God,
a sign of the life to come,**



and a call to live in peace
and celebrate living together.
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth. Amen.

The Words of Institution
Communion is Served

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

* Hymn of Thanksgiving: #260
"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord"

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Hymn: *"Silent Night, Holy Night"* (remain seated) #154
Please be careful. As you receive your light, the lighted candle is always held upright with the other candle being tipped to receive the flame. At the close of the service, please return your candle to the boxes near the doors.

Benediction:

Choir: *"Hallelujah Chorus"* (G.F.Handel)

*** Exit of the Word** **Musical Postlude**

ary, Did You Know?" (Lowry/Greene)
Offertory Prayer