

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Christmas Eve 2018

December 24, 2018

8:00 PM

* Stand if you are able

Bold: Said by all

Musical Prelude: "Christmas Day"
Choral Fantasy on Old Carols, by Gustav Holst
Trumpet - Teresa Gallea

THE APPROACH TO GOD

* Entry of the Word

Call to Worship:

John 1:1-14

* Hymn: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

(#159)

Prayer of Praise and Confession:

Assurance of Pardon:

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

Anthem: "Somewhere in Your Silent Night"

(Matthew West, Bernie Herms and Mark Hall)

(Arranged by Joseph M. Martin)

Solo: Heidi Bowman

THE WORD OF GOD IN PROCLAMATION AND SACRAMENT

Prayer for Illumination:

Scriptures: Isaiah 9:2-7

Luke 2:1-7

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

* Hymn: "Away in a Manger"

(#149)

Offering

Offertory Anthem: "Angels Glory Halleluah Sing" (Anna Laura Page)

Offertory Prayer

MINISTER: Rev. Mikal Schomburg

ORGANIST: Mr. Ian Madge

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation:

Eucharistic Prayer (responsive):

(projected)

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

**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.**

(Nathan Nettleton)



**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,**



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**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.**



Closing Prayer

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

Anthem: "Child of the Promise"

(Rose Aspinall and Jay Rouse)

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 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)