

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Christmas Eve 2016

December 24, 2016

8:00 p.m.

* Stand if you are able
Musical Prelude:

Bold: Said by all

THE APPROACH TO GOD

* Entry of the Word

Welcome:

Call to Worship:

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

N.B.P. #124

Prayer of Praise:

* Hymn: *"O Come, O Come, Immanuel"*

N.B.P. #122 (vv. 1, 3, 4, 7)

Prayer of Confession (in unison):

God of grace and truth, you give the gift of yourself, but we take no notice as we are caught up in our own gifts given and received.

You offer us new life in the baby born in Bethlehem but we make sentimental that birth and we reject new life.

Your light comes into the world but we dwell on the darkness, you come to us as a human and yet we cannot see you in the human lives around us.

Forgive what we have been, help us amend who we are, and direct who we shall be.

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

N.B.P. #446

Assurance of Pardon:

Anthem of Praise: *"Coventry Carol"*

(Michael Larkin)

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

N.B.P. #298

THE WORD OF GOD IN PROCLAMATION AND SACRAMENT

Prayer for Illumination (in unison): Abba, open our minds as we read the written word that reveals to us your living Word, who is Jesus, your greatest revelation of yourself. Amen.

* Hymn: *"Come and Fill Our Hearts"*

(projected)

Scriptures:

Isaiah 9:2-7

Luke 2:1-14 www.stpaulssimcoe.com 519-426-1845

MINISTER: Rev. Mikal Schomburg

ORGANIST: Mr. Ian Madge

SERMON: GOD WITH US

Sharing The Peace of Christ:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Gratitude to God in Our Offerings and Tithes

Offertory Anthem: *"Mary Did You Know"*

(Lowry/Greene)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation and Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (responsive):

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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: "*Holy, Holy, Holy*"

N.B.P. #299

* The Apostle's Creed

N.B.P. #539/projected

The Communion

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

* Hymn of Thanksgiving:

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord"

N.B.P. #260

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Hymn: "*Silent Night, Holy Night*" (remain seated)

N.B.P. #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