

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Christmas Eve 2018

December 24, 2018

6:00 PM

\* Stand if you are able

**Bold:** Said by all

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

GATHERING

\* Entry of the Word



Call to Worship  
Prayer of Adoration  
Prayer of Confession  
Assurance of Pardon

\* Carol: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

(#159, vv 1, 2, 4, 5)

**Lighting the Advent Candles**

(Jean Dykstra)

First we light the candle of HOPE

**Because Jesus is our hope.**

Second we light the candle of PEACE

**Because Jesus is our peace.**

Third we light the candle of JOY

**Because Jesus brings joy.**

Fourth we light the candle of LOVE

**Because Jesus is love.**

Finally we light the centre candle.

This is the Christ candle.

**Jesus is born.**

**Jesus has come.**

**Jesus is salvation.**



**Anthem: "Somewhere in Your Silent Night"**

(Mathew West, Bernie Herms, and Mark Hall)

(Arranged by Joseph M. Martin)

Solo: Heidi Bowman

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**MINISTER:** Rev. Mikal Schomburg

**ORGANIST:** Mr. Ian Madge

**Lesson 1:** The prophet Isaiah foretells of a coming messiah.

**Isaiah 9:2, 6-7**

(Jane Ashenden)

\* **Carol:** "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

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**Lesson 2:** The coming reign of peace is revealed.

**Isaiah 11:1-10**

(Jean)

**Anthem:** *"Have You Heard?"*

(Jay Althouse)

**Lesson 3:** John the Baptist proclaims the One who is to come.

**Mark 1:1-15**

(Jane)

**Anthem:** *"Child of the Promise"*

(Rose Aspinall and Jay Rouse)

**Lesson 4:** The birth of Jesus is foretold.

**Luke 1:26-38**

(Jean)

\* **Carol:** *"The First Nowell"*

#136, vv 1, 2, 6

**Lesson 5:** Jesus is born in Bethlehem.

**Luke 2:1-14**

(Jane)

\* **Carol:** *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

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**Lesson 6:** The shepherds go to see this thing that has happened.

**Luke 2:15-20**

(Jean)

\* **Carol:** *"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"*

#148, vv 1, 2, 5

## Offering

**Lesson 7:** John unfolds the mystery of the incarnation.

**John 1:1-16**

(Rev. Mikal)

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

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*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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Benediction:

\* Exit of the Word

Musical Postlude: *"Hallelujah Chorus"*

(G.F. Handel)

Welcome to Worship at St. Paul's. May you experience the enlivening presence of God as you gather with God's family to celebrate God's amazing grace