

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 24, 2025

Bonnie Jacque, Pastor

CHRISTMAS EVE

A TIME TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

A TIME OF SHARING

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

SUNG INTROIT

Star Child

Screen

**STAR CHILD, EARTH CHILD, GO BETWEEN OF GOD,
LOVE CHILD, CHRIST CHILD, HEAVEN'S LIGHTENING ROD. THIS YEAR, THIS
YEAR, LET THE DAY ARRIVE WHEN CHRISTMAS COMES FOR EVERYONE,
EVERYONE ALIVE.**

**HOPE-FOR-PEACE CHILD,
GOD'S STUPENDOUS SIGN
DOWN-TO-EARTH CHILD,
STAR OF STARS THAT SHINE.**

**THIS YEAR, THIS YEAR, LET THE DAY ARRIVE,
WHEN CHRISTMAS COMES FOR EVERYONE,
EVERYONE ALIVE!**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Screen

One: The light has come.

MANY: THE WORD IS SPOKEN.

One: The promise fulfilled.

MANY: THE CHILD IS BORN.

One: Let us let the light shine,

MANY: THE WORD SING, THE PROMISE GROW,

One: And the child be found among us.

MANY: BETWEEN US, WITHIN US.

ALL: AS WE WORSHIP ON THIS HOLY DAY.

CAROL

O Come All You Faithful

#135 verses 1,3,4

***CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER OF ADORATION**

GOD OF HOPE AND PEACE, OF LOVE AND JOY, THE DAY IS HERE, AS ADVENT EXPECTATION BECOMES CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION, AND WE COME TO WORSHIP, TO JOIN IN THIS MOMENT OF WONDER.

WE COME TO HEAR THE OLD STORY ONCE MORE, OF A MOTHER AND A FATHER LEAVING THEIR HOME, OF A SEARCH FOR A PLACE TO REST, OF ANGEL CHOIRS AND HILLSIDE SHEPHERDS, AND A CHILD BORN IN HUMBLE BEGINNINGS WHO ENFLESHED GOD'S LOVE. AMEN.

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CAROL

Once in Royal David's City

#145 v.1,2

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2-7 adapted

CHOIR

He Is Born

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

TODAY WE SIMPLY COME TO BE, GOD'S OTHER CHILDREN, SEEKING CONNECTION ONCE MORE WITH ALL THOSE WHO HAVE MADE THIS STORY PART OF THEIR LIVES, PART OF THEIR UNDERSTANDING, PART OF THEIR REJOICING.

WHEN WE HAVE DIMINISHED YOUR DESIRE FOR WONDER, GOD OF LIFE, THEN FORGIVE US AND NURTURE US BACK TO RIGHT WAYS OF THINKING. WHEN WE HAVE BEEN LULLED INTO DIVISIVE WAYS OF THINKING, DENYING OTHERS, PRETENDING YOUR GRACE IS OURS ALONE, THEN SHAKE US AWAKE, AND FORGIVE US, THAT WE MIGHT BETTER REPRESENT THE GRACE OF THIS DAY IN OUR LIVES. AMEN.

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

A PSALM READING Psalm 96: 11-13

CAROL Angels from the Realms of Glory #126

EPISTLE READING Titus 3:4-7

CAROL Hark the Herald Angels Sing #144

GOSPEL READING Luke 2: 1-7

CAROL O Little Town of Bethlehem #133

CALL TO CHRISTMAS OFFERING

DOXOLOGY In The Bleak Midwinter #128 V 4 Screen

WHAT CAN I OFFER, POOR AS I AM?

IF I WERE A SHEPHERD, I WOULD BRING A LAMB,

IF I WERE A WISE ONE, I WOULD DO MY PART.

BUT WHAT I CAN I OFFER, ALL MY HEART.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**CHRIST COMES! OUR HEARTS ARE FULL, OUR JOY IS BOUNDLESS. MAY THIS
OFFERING BE A LIVING MESSAGE OF PEACE, LOVE, SPIRIT, JOY AND HOPE.
AMEN.**

CHOIR Christmas Lullaby

GOSPEL READING Luke 2: 8-20

READING A Shepherd's Tale Carl R. 2:30
Mason W. 4:30

A MOMENT OF DARKNESS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LIGHT

CAROL Silent Night #134

MOMENT OF SILENCE

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**

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Congregational Response to each prayer request is: **Your prayer is our prayer. Your joy is our joy.**

Reminders - Head to <https://stpaulserin.org> for details

02/18/2026 - Ash Wednesday

02/22/2026 - Chili Dinner

Please remember with your prayers, cards, calls and visits: Diane S., Joyce O’K, Mark G., John and Polly E., Mary and Tom G.

Greeters for Next Week: Jacquie B. and Jack D.

Liturgist for Next Week: Jill P.