

**Christmas Eve ~ Friday, December 24, 2021  
4:00PM**

**Welcome**

**Prelude** ~ *“Coventry Carol”* (arr. Hayes) ~ Leigh Emmett, piano; Karen Danke, cello

**Lighting of the Christ Candle** by the Family of Musicians  
St. Paul’s Singers and Committed, our guests from Grace Bible Chapel

*“O Holy Night”* ~ Committed

**Call to Worship** ~ *responsive*

Leader: Christ, the Lord is born this day.

People: **This shall be the sign: he will be found in swaddled clothes in a manger.**

Leader: Glory to God in the highest.

People: **And on Earth, peace upon humanity where God’s favor rests.**

*\*you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

**\*Hymn #134** ~ *“Joy to the World”*

**Special Music** ~ *“Glory To God in the Highest”* (Wells)  
St. Pauls’ Singers and Committed

**Scripture** ~ Isaiah 9:2-7

**Meditation** ~ *“For us He is Born”*

**The Lord’s Prayer** ~ *in unison*

**The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

*“December Child”* (Hayward) ~ St. Paul’s Singers

**Prayer after Communion**

**\*Hymn #122** ~ *“Silent Night, Holy Night!”* ~ with candle lighting

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** ~ *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”* (arr. Smith and Hustad)

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The worship service for Sunday, December 26 will be hosted in Genesis Hall by Grace Bible Chapel at 11:30AM. All are invited. NO service in the sanctuary or virtually for St. Paul's.

The Board of Deacons has received gifts to the Hunger Ministry from:

Carol Falle in memory of loved ones

Allen and Chery Nicholas in memory of loved ones and in honor of their children and their grandchildren

Don and Meta Tulley in memory of Gail Artinian

The Christmas Eve Offering, in addition to the offering at Thanksgiving, supports the ministries of St. Paul's Board of Deacons. A designated envelope was provided in your packet. PLEASE write your checks for this offering payable to **THE BOARD OF DEACONS** as their bank account is separate from St. Paul's.

Thank you!!

The Council, the Board of Deacons, the Board of Trustees, the Foundation, and the staff is grateful to you, our community of faith, for your financial and spiritual support, and for your patience, as we journeyed 2021 together.

May you have the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of His love at Christmas and throughout the coming year.

**The office will be closed on December 27, 28 and January 3.**

**From Kathy Potter...** "Thanks to all who baked cookies and came out to fellowship, sing carols, and assemble cookie decorating kits to be gifted to the children at Crossroads Farm ministry to at-risk youth in western Michigan! We had a fun and productive afternoon as we created 125 kits for delivery to this ministry.

**ROMANS 12:4-5** is happening again on **Sunday, January 23, 2022** immediately following worship! We will meet in the Social Hall for a meal, fellowship, and to assemble condiment/utensil packets for Crossroads Food Kitchen! This is a constant need in their service of meals to the hungry in their local community. Our long partnership with Crossroads and commitment to feed our community physically and spiritually motivates us to serve in this way. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this event. Masks and gloves will be required as we work. All ages are welcome and encouraged to participate! Please sign up in the church lobby or respond to the email being sent out to indicate your participation. This enables us to have adequate food for lunch!"

**Highlights from the December 21 Council Meeting:**

- 1- Thank you to the congregation for pledging 70% of our 2022 stewardship goal to date
- 2- The date for Communion has been moved from January 2<sup>nd</sup> to January 9, 2022
- 3- The date for Ordination/Installation of Officers will be January 16, 2022
- 4- The date for the Annual Meeting will be February 13, 2022
- 5- Thank you to Mike Graham for his service as a Ruling Elder.

## **REMINDERS!!!**

**ALL offerings and special donations** to be credited and deposited for 2021 must be received no later than December 29. There is a secure mailbox at the church where donations can be dropped off. **REMINDER: ALL** donations to the Board of Deacons, such as the upcoming Christmas Eve offering, and/or to the Foundation must be made by separate check made out directly to the Deacons or Foundation.

**Their accounts are SEPARATE from the St. Paul's accounts.**



Meta Tulley, Ron Frank, Karen Bright, Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Joyce Barton  
Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye, Nola Bonandrini, Nancy Saunders  
Jerry Stone, Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell, Susan Grant  
Bruce Phillips, Patricia Hutchison, Linda Thompson & her sister, Shirley Kircoff  
Micah Schemanske ~ friend of Jim & Charlotte Day; Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie Whitlock  
Finley Farquhar ~ granddaughter of Eric; Rosemary Iaquina ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel  
Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen  
Mark Feely ~ friend of Judy McGregor; Glenn Ellan Rubright ~ sister of Mike Graham  
Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck; Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian  
Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean; Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit  
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright  
Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham  
Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet  
Diane Calloway & Tony S. ~ cousins of the late Gail Artinian; MaryAnn Tabaka ~ mother of Suzanne  
Eric Tabaka ~ nephew of Suzanne; Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda & Bob Seymour  
David Bonandrini ~ son of Nola & Ben; Zoe Marcus ~ friend of Karen Erwin  
Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook; Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips  
Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo; Leslie Benoit ~ daughter of the late Tamar and Jim Duthie  
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling & Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron & Janet Frank  
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis

**Please review the prayer list and report any changes to the office as soon as possible.**

# 134 Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

# Silent Night, Holy Night! 122

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright  
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;  
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light  
 4 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;

'round yon vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and  
 glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav - en - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu -  
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing  
 with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our

mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 ia: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born!"  
 grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.  
 King: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born.

## GERMAN

1 *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!*  
*Alles schläft, einsam wacht*  
*nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.*  
*Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,*  
*schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,*  
*schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!*

## KOREAN

1 고요한밤 거룩한밤  
 어둠에 묻힌밤  
 주의부모 앉아서  
 감사기도 드릴때  
 아기잘도 잔다  
 아기잘도 잔다

## SPANISH

1 *¡Noche de paz, noche de amor!*  
*Todo duerme en derredor,*  
*entre los astros que esparcen su luz,*  
*bella, anunciando al niño Jesús,*  
*brilla la estrella de paz,*  
*brilla la estrella de paz.*

The tradition that this carol's tune was created for guitar accompaniment at its first singing on Christmas Eve 1818 seems reliable, though a recent find shows that the text was about two years old. But there is no question that this is now a favorite Christmas carol worldwide.

