

ADVENT FESTIVAL OF
Lessons & Carols



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

December 11, 2022 • 5 p.m.

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!

Wherever you are in the world or on your life's journey, we are glad you chose to worship with us today. Our mission is to provide a spiritual home for all to seek, serve, and love God together. We fulfill this mission by celebrating in vibrant worship and joyful music; engaging our hearts and minds in thoughtful, relevant education; caring for each other within our parish; reaching out through service to others locally and globally; and using our gifts to support the ministries of St. Paul's.

If you are new to St. Paul's, please fill out our welcome card in the pew rack in front of you or online: stpauls-church.org/visit. A member of the clergy will reach out to get to know you and welcome you into our community. For more information, contact the Rev. Jessie Dodson, at (216) 932-5815, or jdodson@stpauls-church.org.

The People's responses are in **bold**.

HANDBELL PRELUDE

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Lloyd Larson

Based on the hymn tunes Veni Emmanuel, Personent Hodie and Hyfrydol

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (*Es ist ein' Ros'*)

arr. Jason W. Krug

Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus (*Jefferson*)

Wm. Walker, *Southern Harmony* 1884

arr. Cathy Moklebust

Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (*Picardy*)

arr. Krug

Handbell Choir

Remain seated

ADVENT RESPONSORY

David Willcocks, after G.P. da Palestrina

Jason Chance, Eric MacFadden, Avery Bandy-Zalatoris, Celia Doberty, soloists

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel? High and low, rich and poor, one with another, Go ye out to meet him and say: Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep, Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel? Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come, to reign over thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. I look from afar...

— *from the First Responsory of Advent Sunday in the Office of Matins*

FIRST LESSON

The Earth and the first day are created

Genesis 1:1–5

Carla Williams, Chair, Outreach Committee, St. Paul's Episcopal Church

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

PROCESSION TO THE CHAPEL

Creator of the stars of night

Conditor alme siderum

Linnea Koops, soloist

Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light, O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.

In sorrow that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe, you came, O Savior, to set free your own in glorious liberty.

When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in splendor bright, not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blameless mother mild.

At your great Name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow: and things on earth with one accord, like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.

Come in your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day; defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe.

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

ANTHEM

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
Joel Kincannon, Eric MacFadden, soloists

Edward C. Bairstow

Let all mortal flesh keep silence and stand with fear and trembling, and lift itself above all earthly thought. For the King of kings and Lord of lords, Christ our God, cometh forth to be our oblation, and to be given for Food to the faithful. Before Him come the choirs of angels with every principality and power; the Cherubim with many eyes, and wingèd Seraphim, who veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn: Alleluia!
— from the Liturgy of St. James

Stand

PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

Merton

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
 2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
 4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
 2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
 4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
 5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

A BIDDING PRAYER

In the name of God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and made a place for us in the kingdom of his beloved Son, we welcome you: grace to you and peace.

As we meet to celebrate anew the coming of God's Kingdom, we hear revealed the mystery of God's loving purpose for us: how God humbled himself to take our human nature, that we might share the divine glory.

Let us then celebrate this coming with our carols and hymns of praise, that our lives may be charged with his life; that we may bear witness to his glory and so bring light to those who sit in darkness.

First, we pray for those among whom Christ was born: the poor and helpless, the aged and young children, the cold, the hungry, and the homeless, the victims of poverty, injustice and oppression, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, those in despair or in the shadow of death.

Then, as we hear again the message of peace on earth and goodwill among all his people, we pray for the leaders of the nations, that all may be inspired to work together for the establishment of justice, freedom and peace the world over.

And that we may bear true witness to this hope in a divided world, we pray for the peace and unity of Christ's body, the Church universal, that the whole earth may live to praise his name.

Finally, as we rejoice with the saints in heaven and on earth, we remember all who have gone before us with the sign of faith, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we offer up our prayers for the coming of his Kingdom, in the words he himself taught us, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

And may the Lord when he comes find us watching and waiting, now and at all times.
 Amen.

Sit

BIDDING CAROL

Thou shalt know him when he comes

Mark Sirett

Thou shalt know him when he comes not by any din of drums, Nor his manners nor his airs, nor by anything he wears. Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by his crown or by his gown, But his coming known shall be by the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee. Amen. —*Anonymous*

SECOND LESSON

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown

Isaiah 11:1–9

The Rev. Leah Romanelli DeJesus, Deacon, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Cleveland

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

CAROL

Lo, in the time appointed

Healey Willan

Lo, in the time appointed the Lord will come, the mountains and hills will break forth in singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands: for the Lord shall come into his everlasting kingdom and upon the throne of David he shall reign forever. Alleluia. —*Sarum Antiphon*

All- 1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
Men- 2. O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny
Women- 3. O come, thou Day-spring from on high, and cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh;
Men- 4. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our heaven - ly home,
All- 5. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Si - nai's height
 that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 that trust thy might - y power to save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.
 dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 in an - cient times didst give the law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 Re-joice! Re-joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Sit THIRD LESSON The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary Luke 1:26-38
Tina Emancipator, Village Volunteer Coordinator, Roxboro Elementary School

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

CAROL I sing of a maiden Patrick Hadley
Youth Choir

I sing of a maiden That is makeless; King of all kings To her son she ches. He came all so still Where his mother was, As dew in April That falleth on the grass.	He came all so still To his mother's bower As dew in April That falleth on the flower. He came all so still Where his mother lay As dew in April That falleth on the spray.	Mother and maiden Was never none but she; Well may such a lady God's mother be. —Anonymous, 15 th century from the Sloane manuscript
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CAROL

The angel Gabriel

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

Keisha Krumm, Executive Director, Greater Cleveland Congregations

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

Stand

HYMN

On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry

Winchester New

1 On Jor - dan’s bank the Bap - tist’s cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth’s own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Brandon Chrostowski, Founder, President and CEO, EDWINS Leadership and Restaurant Institute

Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

ANTHEM

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying
St. Cecilia and St. David Choir

Franz Tunder

“Wake, awake, for night is flying”, the watch-men on the nights are crying; “Awake, awake, arise, Jerusalem!” Midnight hears the welcome voices and at the thrilling cry rejoices: “Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise? The Bridegroom comes, awake! Your lamps with gladness take! Alleluia! With bridal care yourselves prepare to meet the Bridegroom who is near.”

Zion hears the watchmen singing and all her heart with joy is springing. She wakes, she rises from her gloom. For her Lord comes down all glorious; The Strong in grace, in truth victorious. Her Star is ris’n, her Light is come. “Now come, Thou Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God’s own Son, Hail! Hosanna! With joyful call we answer all and follow to the nuptial hall.”
—*Philipp Nicolai*

SIXTH LESSON The Seer sees the New Jerusalem and hears the church’s plea for Christ’s return

Revelation 21:1–4, 22:1–2, 7, 13, 17, 20

Dorothy Moulthrop, Chief Executive Officer, Open Doors Academy

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. “See, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.” I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.” And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

ANTHEM

E’en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him Who freed us from our sins, Who loved us all and shed his blood That we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, The Lord, Almighty God, Who was and is and is to come; Sing holy, holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell there in, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, For Christ is coming, is coming soon! E’en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, And night shall be no more; They need no light nor lamp nor sun, For Christ will be their All!
—*Revelation 22*

GREETING AND COLLECTION OF ALMS

The proceeds of this freewill offering will benefit St. Paul's outreach partners represented in tonight's service: EDWINS Leadership and Restaurant Institute, Greater Cleveland Congregations, Roxboro Elementary School, Open Doors Academy, and St. Luke's Episcopal Church. We invite you to give generously.

CAROL

The angel Gabriel
Emily Stauch, soloist

Phillip Moore

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; "All hail," said he to meek and lowly Mary, "most highly favored maiden." Gloria!

"I come from heav'n to tell the Lord's decree: a blessed virgin mother you shall be. Your Son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored maiden." Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head; "To me be as it pleases God," she said. "My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name." Most highly favored maiden, Gloria!

Of her, Immanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn, and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say, "Most highly favored maiden." Gloria! — *Sabine Baring-Gould (1834–1924)*

Stand

THE PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR THE EVENING

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR MISSION

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

ADVENT BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second coming in power and great glory we await make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on
 our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the
 saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine
 train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

VESPER RESPONSORY

Judah and Jerusalem, do not fear, or be dismayed.

Go forth tomorrow and the Lord will be with you.

Stand still, and you will see the salvation of God.

Go forth tomorrow and the Lord will be with you.

We wait for your loving-kindness, O Lord;

At the center of your Temple. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go forth to proclaim the arrival of God's reign.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Legende in D Major

Josef Klička

CARILLON CONCERT

Soon, an Advent Suite for Carillon

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

<i>Officiants</i>	The Rev. Jeanne Leinbach The Rev. Jessie Gutsell Dodson
<i>St. Paul's Handbell Choir</i>	Lois Bell, Director
<i>St. Paul's Senior Choir</i>	Kevin Jones, Director
<i>St. Paul's Youth, St. Cecilia and St. David Choirs</i>	Kelsey Ferguson, Director
<i>Organists</i>	Karel Paukert, Kevin Jones
<i>Carillonneur</i>	David Osburn, Jr.
<i>Acolytes</i>	Luke Azouri, Nora Kaelber, Isaac and Sam Hren
<i>Head Usher</i>	Pete Scriven
<i>Ushers</i>	Susan Armstrong, Jim Ptacek, April Siegel-Green
<i>Livestream Operator</i>	Nathaniel Powell

ABOUT OUR LECTORS

As a community called to love its neighbors and serve others in the name of Christ, St. Paul's works in partnership with a number of community organizations and non-profits to live into its mission. We are delighted to welcome representatives from several of these partners to read the passages of scripture in tonight's service.

Carla Williams, *Chair, Outreach Committee, St. Paul's Episcopal Church*

The Rev. Leah Romanelli DeJesus, *Deacon, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Cleveland*

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ST. PAUL'S HANDBELL CHOIR

Kristin Callender, Lee Deininger, Betsy Hockey, Ben Keck, Jocelyn Keck, Hilary King,
Sarah Knoblauch, Cathy Paetz, Jim Pintner, Laurie Scriven, Virginia Taylor, Calvin Warner

ST. PAUL'S SENIOR CHOIR

Sopranos: Susan Barkett, Nell Davidson, Susan Gray, Jennifer Mann, Liz Rodems, *Sandra Simon,
*Emily Stauch, Molly Urban

Altos: Kari Collier, Bonnie Gunzenhauser, Amanda Matthews, Story Rhinehart Cadiz, Michele Smolin,
*Rowan Taymuree, Meg Weingart

Tenors: Jason Chance, *Joel Kincannon, Jim Pintner

Basses: Joseph Bellissimo, John Blackwell, David Gilson, *Eric MacFadden, Bob Seaman, Calvin Warner

**Denotes section leaders*

ST. PAUL'S YOUTH CHOIR

Avery Bandy-Zalatoris, Celia Doherty, Iris von der Heydt, Nora von der Heydt, Rachel Hren,
Grace Kaelber, Linnea Koops, Celia Lyford, Clara Lyford, Julia Lyford, Lucia Mitchell, Nora Wagner,
Ella Wheaton

ST. PAUL'S ST. CECILIA & ST. DAVID CHOIR

Quinley Armstrong, Alice Carter, Hannah Carter, Theo Grimes, Josh Koops, Julia Koops,
Gwen Wheaton

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JOIN US FOR

Christmastide Worship

The Longest Night

Wednesday, December 21, 7 p.m.

As the longest night of the year approaches, we remember those in our world confronting sadness and grief who feel disconnected from the joyful spirit of the holidays. To create space for those seeking comfort and consolation, we'll partner with other Cleveland Heights churches (Fairmount Presbyterian, Church of Our Saviour, and Church of the Redeemer United Methodist Church) for a "Longest Night"/Blue Christmas service on Wednesday, December 21, at 7 p.m. The service will include music, reflection, and candle lighting. The service will be held in the Great Hall of The Church of the Saviour (2537 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118). Contact Rev. Jessie with questions: jdodson@stpauls-church.org.

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

2 p.m. | The Christmas Story and Holy Eucharist

3:40 p.m. | Carol Sing-along

4 p.m. | Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist*

7:30 p.m. | Festival Holy Eucharist^

9 p.m. | Christmas Lessons and Carols

10:30 p.m. | Festival Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

10 a.m. | Holy Eucharist

The Feast of the Holy Name

Sunday, January 1, 2023

10 a.m. | Holy Eucharist^

The Feast of Epiphany

Friday, January 6, 6 p.m.

We'll mark the arrival of the magi with the ancient Epiphany custom of the 'chalking of the doors' and a service of Holy Eucharist. 'Chalking the doors' is a ritual to ask God's blessing on our homes and our lives. We'll send everyone home with chalk and special prayers to observe this custom in their own homes.

Worship with Us

Sunday Worship

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Spoken service (*no music*)

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist*
Family-friendly service

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist^

Wednesday Worship

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist

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* ASL Interpreted

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