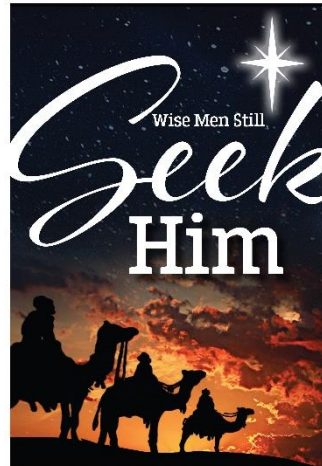


**Opportunities to
Know God, Love God & Serve God**

- ♦ Starting on **Sunday, December 26, Coffee Hour** will once again be held after worship.
- ♦ The Exodus Bible Study will continue on Wednesday, January 5 @ 6:30 pm. All are welcome!
- ♦ On Sunday, January 9 following worship, we will De-Decorate and prepare for the next season of the church.



From Pastor Bill Long:

If you have questions about anything you've heard today, please feel free to contact us. We'd love to talk with you and get to know you! Pastor Bill Long's regular office hours are Monday-Thursday 9 am-1 pm. For other times, call the church office at 717.665.2447.

If you need Pastoral Care: If you are hospitalized or in crisis, please notify the church office at 717.665.2447 during weekday hours, or for **emergency** weekends, please call Pastor Bill Long directly at 717.228.0949.

Church Calendar

Saturday: Merry Christmas!
Sunday: 9:00 am Prayer
 9:30 am One Worship in the
 Sanctuary or Listen Live in our
 Parking Lot
 10:30 am Coffee Hour
Thursday: 7:00 pm AA @ Zion Lutheran
 Church
Saturday: Happy New Year!
Next
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Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
December 24, 2021 ♦ 7 pm

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
December 24, 2021 ♦ 7 pm Christmas Eve

♦ All who are able may stand

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" - Bach

♦ Call to Worship Celebrate Insert

♦ Carol of Gathering #249 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" See Insert

Lighting of the Christ Candle - Brett, Hannah & Jacob Fisher

Leader: Let us pray.

People: We thank you, God, for your gift of Jesus Christ to the entire world. We thank you that Christ's coming makes hope, peace, love, and joy possible for every person in every nation. Encourage us to do our part to bring goodwill and peace to our families, our churches, our neighborhoods, and the world. Now let your Spirit put us in touch with you, the living God, through the words and music we hear tonight. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Song "Light of the World" - Daigle/Duncan/Mabury

Prayer of the Day (Celebrate Insert)

♦ Carol of Anticipation #250 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" See Insert

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7 Celebrate Insert

The Magnificat Luke 1:46-55

Leader: And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

People: For he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed;

Leader: For the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

People: His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

Leader: He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the

proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

People: He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

Leader: He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

People: According to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever. Amen."

♦ Carol of Adoration #278 "Angels We Have Heard on High" See Insert

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20 Celebrate Insert

♦ Carol of Celebration #277 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" See Insert

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-11

Song "Silent Night (Emmanuel)" - Maher

Meditation & Prayer "To Keep Christmas Well" The Rev. Bill Long

Carol Of Peace #253 "Silent Night! Holy Night!" See Insert

Lighting of the Candles

The pastor lights his candle from the Christ candle, then lights the first candle in each pew; that person passes it to the next. The lighted candle is not tilted, but held upright, when passing the flame. Candles will be collected at the exits.

Carol of Light "The Light of the World Is Jesus" See Insert

Prayers of Intercession (Celebrate Insert)

(Candles are extinguished)

♦ Carol of Proclamation #270 "Joy to the World!" See Insert

♦ Benediction

♦ Postlude "Noel, Noel! Good Tidings of Great Joy" - Bach

#270 Joy To The World!

Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders wonders of His love

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The Christmas Poinsettias are placed to the Glory of God by:

Wayne & Faye Deem
In Memory of Our Parents

Bob & Fay Doster
In Memory of Our Loved Ones

The Drumheller Family
In Memory of Bruce Becker, Sr.

Ron & Dee Forry
In Memory of Evelyn Forry &
James Conner

Tom & Jean Gates
In Honor of Our Family

Marlena Green
In Memory of Bill Green,
Beloved Husband, Father & Opa

Steve & Pam Herman
In Memory of Our Parents &
In Honor of Our Children &
Grandsons

Ed & Sue Kopp
In Memory of Our Parents &
In Honor of Our Sons & Their
Families

Lori Roseberry
In Memory of My Parents,
Harold & Rose Witmer

June Smith
In Memory of My Loved Ones &
In Honor of Our Children

#249 O Come All Ye Faithful

O come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels

Chorus

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
O sing all ye bright
Hosts of heav'n above
Glory to God all
Glory in the highest

Yea Lord we greet Thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing

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#250 O Little Town Of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep
The angels keep their watch of
wondering love
O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King
And peace to men on earth

How silently how silently
The wondrous gift is given
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven
No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive Him still
The dear Christ enters in

O holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born in us today
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel

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#278 Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

Chorus
Gloria In excelsis Deo (2x)

Shepherds why this jubilee
Why your joyous strains prolong
Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heaven'ly song

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King

See within a manger laid
Jesus Lord of heav'n and earth
Mary Joseph lend your aid
With us sing our Savior's birth

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#277 Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With th'angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of the Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail th'incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace
Hail the Son of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

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#253 Silent Night! Holy Night!

Silent night holy night
All is calm all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born

Silent night holy night
Wondrous star lend thy light
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born

Silent night holy night
Son of God love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord at Thy birth
Jesus Lord at Thy birth

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The Light of the World Is Jesus

The whole world was lost in the
darkness of sin;
The Light of the world is Jesus.
Like sunshine at noonday His
glory shone in,
The Light of the world is Jesus.

Chorus
Come to the Light, 'tis shining
for thee;
Sweetly the Light has dawned
upon me;
Once I was blind, but now I can
see;
The Light of the world is Jesus.

No darkness have we who in
Jesus abide;
The Light of the world is Jesus.
We walk in the Light when we
follow our guide;
The Light of the world is Jesus

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