

Opportunities to Know God, Love God & Serve God

- ◆ **[Christmas Eve Worship](#)** will be held on Friday, December 24 @ 7 & 11 pm. Come, as we share the carols and lessons of the Christmas Story and light our candles and sing "Silent Night."
- ◆ On **Sunday, December 26, Coffee Hour** will be held after worship.
- ◆ The [Exodus Bible Study](#) has been postponed until Wednesday, January 5 @ 6:30 pm.



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 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.

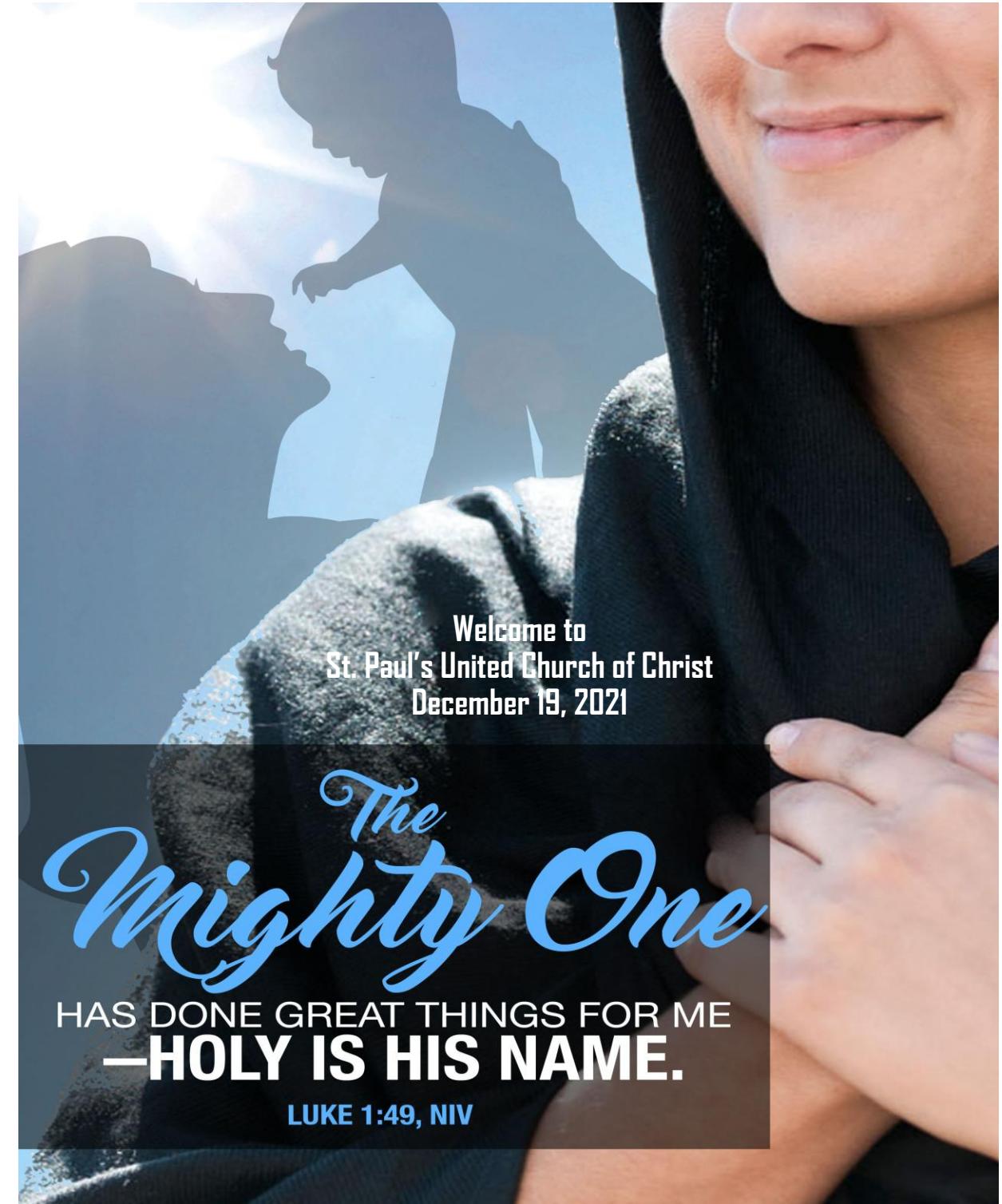
Church Calendar

Sunday: 9:00 am Prayer
9:30 am [One Worship](#) in the Sanctuary
or [Listen Live](#) in our Parking Lot
Tuesday: 6:30 pm Spiritual Council
7:00 pm Church Council
Wednesday: 7:30 pm Elite Bells
Thursday: 7:00 pm AA @ Zion Lutheran Church
Friday: 7:00 pm [Christmas Eve Worship](#)
11:00 pm [Christmas Eve Worship](#)
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December 19, 2021

WELCOME to ST. PAUL'S

Making a Difference through the Love of Christ to
Know God ♦ Love God ♦ Serve God

Welcome & Announcements

Praise & Worship

["Make Room"](#)

◆ **Call to Prayer/Prayer of the Day/Prelude** "A Rose Breaks Into Bloom"

◆ **Hymn #281**

["What Child Is This?"](#)

Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession

P: 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. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Advent Reading

Lighting of the Advent Wreath #245 ["O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"](#) Verse 4

Elite Bells "Still, Still, Still"

Prayers of Intercession

Reading of Scripture

[Micah 5:2-5/Hebrews 10:5-10/St. Luke 1:39-55](#)

Song

["Mary Did You Know?"](#)

◆ **Confession of Faith**

P: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Sermon

["Shadows of Things That Will Be or May Be"](#)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

◆ **Hymn #250**

["O Little Town of Bethlehem"](#)

◆ **Benediction**

◆ **Postlude**

"In Excelsis Deo"

All who are able may stand

- Hall/Maher

- Schreiner

See Insert

(Celebrate Insert)

- Carol Blanchard

- arr. Hoffman

(Celebrate Insert)

- Greene/Lowry

- Pastor Bill Long

See Insert

- Ellis

Announcements

Welcome! It's so great to worship with you once again!

Worship Assistants:

Greeters/Ushers: Council Members

Music Provided by June Smith, & Steve Smith

The Altar Flowers are placed To the Glory of God.

Offering Options: Your offering is a part of worshipping God. St. Paul's offers several ways to give your offering:

- ◆ Drop your envelope in the offering plate as you leave church today.
- ◆ Mail your offering to the church.
- ◆ If you use online banking, use the Bill Pay option.
- ◆ Or set up direct withdrawals – contact the church office at 717.665.2447 for more information.

Thank you for your continued support of the ministry here @ St. Paul's UCC!

Giving Envelopes & End of Year

Your 2022 Giving Envelopes are available to pick up on the table across from the church office. Year End Contributions to be credited for 2021 must be received in the church office no later than Sunday, December 26, 2021.

Winter Weather Info

In case of winter weather conditions, be sure to call the church office (717.665.2447) after 8 am on Sundays for service cancellations or delays. Or check our website at www.stpaulsuccmanheim.org for service or event updates and to view our online worship service.

Mission of the Month

The December Mission of the Month is Teen Central. Teen Central is a safe place for middle and high school students to gather after school to learn about Jesus. Please use your December special envelope to support this important outreach ministry right here in Manheim!

Prayers of the People

To update the prayer list, please contact Joan Hess at 717.665.4705.

Please
Pray
for...



Please pray for those affected by the mass outbreaks of tornados and other natural disasters, those affected by violence, and those affected by the pandemic. Help those that are struggling to feel your healing and loving presence God.

Today's Prayer: Nurturing God, you give us life and care for our every need. Use the church's gifts and ministries for your service, bringing your word to all who seek your transforming grace.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: Let us pray.

P: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

Fellowship & True Vine Cups:

St. Paul's UCC is using Fellowship Cups (grape juice) and True Vine Cups (wine in chalice shaped container) for communion as a way to stay safe during the Coronavirus. True Vine Cups are available with both regular and gluten free wafer; gluten free cups are clearly marked Gluten Free at the chalice opening.

To use the Fellowship Cups, please hold the cup with one hand. There are two layers to open the cup. The top layer holds the communion wafer – peel the clear layer off first for the wafer. The second layer holds the grape juice – carefully peel the foil layer off and use as a cup for the grape juice.

To use the True Vine cups, hold the cup firmly and peel the wafer end of the cup first. At the appropriate time, please flip the chalice container and carefully peel open the wine side to drink.

If you need assistance, please feel free to check with an usher.



The Sacrament of Holy Communion

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And with your spirit.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift our hearts up unto the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

P: It is right for us to do so.

♦Gloria Patri (Hymn #278 Verse 3 – Angels We Have Heard on High)

P: Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Glo---ria in excelsis Deo. Glo---ria in excelsis Deo.

Prayer of Consecration

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Seraphic Hymn (Hosanna)

Sung Softly

P: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabbaoth; Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of Thy Glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

L: Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, and bless us that as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things. In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.

Hymn #287 Verse 4

["A Communion Hymn for Christmas"](#)

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Sharing of the Elements

What Child Is This? 281

They spread the word concerning what had been told them about this Child. Luke 2:17

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
 2. Why lies He in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are feed-ing?
 3. So bring Him in-cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas-ant, king to own Him.

Whom an-gels greet with an-thems sweet, While shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
 Good Chris-tian, fear, for sin-ners here The si-lent Word is plead-ing.
 The King of kings sal-va-tion brings; Let lov-ing hearts en-throne Him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ, the King, Whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing.

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Ma-ry.

TEXT: William C. Dix
 MUSIC: Traditional English melody, 16th century

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THE LIFE OF CHRIST

250 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Bethlehem, out of you will come for Me One who will be ruler over Israel. Micah 5:2

1. O lit-tle town of Beth-le-hem, How still we see thee lie!
 2. For Christ is born of Mar-y, And gath-ered all a-bove,
 3. How si-lent-ly, how si-lent-ly The won-drous Gift is giv'n!
 4. O ho-ly Child of Beth-le-hem, De-scend on us, we pray.

A-bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si-lent stars go by.
 While mor-tals sleep, the an-gels keep Their watch of won-dring love.
 So God im-parts to hu-man hearts The bless-ings of His heav'n.
 Cast out our sin, and en-ter in; Be born in us to-day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin-eth The ev-er-last-ing Light;
 O morn-ing stars, to-gether Pro-claim the ho-ly birth;
 No ear may hear His com-ing, But in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ-mas an-gels The great glad tid-ing tell.

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to-night.
 And prais-es sing to God, the King, And peace to men on earth.
 Where meek souls will re-ceive Him still, The dear Christ en-ters in.
 O come to us, a-bide with us, Our Lord, Em-man-u-el.

TEXT: Phillips Brooks
 MUSIC: Lewis H. Redner

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