



ST. PAUL'S
PRESBYTERIAN

For The Glory of God & The Joy of All Peoples

CHRISTMAS IN WORD AND SONG

December 14, 2025, at 6:00 PM



Prelude

Orchestra

The First Noel

Old English Melody

From Sandy's Christmas Carols

Welcome and Prayer

Rev. Justin Borger

Reading

Christmas Tonight

Phillips Brooks

Carol #208

(Please Stand)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Scripture

(Please Remain Standing)

Isaiah 59:20; 9:1,2

Carol #194

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

Scripture

John 1:1, 2, and 14

Carol #193

(Please Be Seated)

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY

Reading

First Coming

Madeleine L'Engle

Scripture

Philippians 2:5-11

Carol #230

Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor

QUELLE EST CETTE ODEUR AGREABLE

Scripture

Luke 2:1-7

Reading

In the Bleak Midwinter

Christina Rossetti

Carol #216

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

W ZLOBIE LEZY

Song

Today a Savior Is Born For You

Cherub Choir

Lynn Shaw Bailey

Text Based on Luke 2:8-20

Today a Savior is born for you. Glory to God in the highest!

Today a Savior is born for you. Glory to God in the highest!

This will be a sign to you, the babe asleep on the hay.

Tell the news to everyone, Jesus, Messiah, is born today!

Shepherds ran to Bethlehem to see the babe on the hay.

Angels in the heavens sang, "Jesus, Messiah, is born today."

Carol #213 (*Verse 1*)

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

Song

New Song Choir

Bethlehem Night

Words and Music by Terry D. Taylor

*On this night a King is born in a cattle shed.
Swaddling clothes will keep him warm in his manger bed.*

*Shepherds watching flocks by night in the fields nearby,
See an angel in great light! Glory fills the sky!*

*What a wonder, what a story, what a joyful sight!
Can this be another ordinary Bethlehem night?*

*Hear the angels share the news, tidings of great joy:
“Now a Savior comes to you, in this baby boy.”*

*What a wonder, what a story, what a joyful sight!
Love is come, our God is with us, on this Bethlehem night.*

Carol #213 (Verse 2)

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

Song

Youth Choir

There Is Faint Music

Words by Nancy Buckley

Music by Dan Forrest

*There is faint music in the night, and pale wings fanned by silver flight;
A frosty hill with tender glow of countless stars that shine on snow.*

*A shelter from the winter storm, a straw-lined manger, safe and warm,
And Mary singing lullabies, to hush her Baby's sleepy sighs.*

*Her eyes are fixed upon His face, unheeded here is time and space;
Her heart is filled with blinding joy, for God's own Son—her baby Boy!*

*There is faint music in the night, and pale wings fanned by silver flight;
A frosty hill with tender glow of countless stars that shine on snow.*

For God's own Son—a baby Boy.

Carol #213 (Verse 3)

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

Scripture

Luke 2:8-14

Carol #214

(Please Stand)

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

(Please Be Seated)

Glory To God

G. F. Handel

From Messiah

*Glory to God in the highest!
And peace on the earth!
Goodwill towards men.*

Scripture

Matthew 2:1-11

Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

The Three Kings

Based on a Flemish Epiphany Carol

Arr. by Michael Myrick

*The angel spoke to Joseph and said:
Go flee to Egypt, your journey's ahead.
He now comes his vengeance to reap,
Little donkey go quickly while Mary does weep;
Friend Joseph did comfort the maid in her tears,
"You carry God's son and have nothing to fear."
From far away three wisemen were sent,
To seek the Christ child was their humble intent,
Following a star that shone night and day,
Their journey was long so they took straight away,
With trumpets and drums they go with exultation.
This child sent from God will save e'ry nation.
And these three kings, both wealthy and wise,
They journeyed and followed His star in the sky.
Traveled along this jubilant band,
They search for the child sent from God's own right hand;
Marching with drums and with gifts they now bring,
Then slowly bow down with three gifts for the King.*

Reading

(Please Remain Seated)

This Christmas

Deborah Ann Belka

Instrumental Interlude

Orchestra

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

Music by Johann Schop

Text by Johann Rist

*Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light, and usher in the morning;
Ye shepherds, shrink not with affright but hear the angel's warning.*

*This Child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be.
The pow'r of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.*

Anthem

Sanctuary, Youth, and New Song Choirs

He Shall Reign Forevermore

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin and Matt Maher

Arr. by Phillip Keveren

*In the bleak mid-winter, all creation groans
For a world in darkness, frozen like a stone.
Light is breaking in a stable for a throne.*

*And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.
Unto us a child is born, the King of kings and Lord of lords.
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.*

*If I were a wise man, I would travel far.
And if I were a shepherd, I would do my part.
But poor as I am I will give to Him my heart.*

*Here within a manger lies the One who made the starry skies.
This Baby born for sacrifice, Christ, the Messiah.
Into our hopes, into our fears, the Savior of the world appears.
The promise of eternal years, Christ the Messiah.*

Reading

Come, Let Us Then Our Tribute Pay

Traditional Irish Carol

Anthem

All Choirs

Good News, Great Joy

Words & Music by Story, Kauflin, and Merker

Arr. by Cliff Duren

*Listen to the story where every longing heart finds its perfect peace;
People who were waiting, lost and rebelling, God chose to come redeem.*

See now a spark igniting, a hope returning, the angels sing.

*Good news, great joy has come to us! He is light and life, born to pierce the night,
Bringing blessings evermore. Lift your voice and sing for joy!*

*Born into our weakness, He came to heal us far as the curse is found.
Lord of every nation, King of creation, hope for the weary world;*

Our Savior who dwells among us, His name is Jesus, Emmanuel!

*Glory to God in the highest. Peace on earth, good will to men.
Glory to God in the highest, Christ the Lord forever reigns.*

Sing for joy! Sing for joy!

Reading

Here Is Joy

Author Unknown

Carol #195

(Please Stand)

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

ANTIOCH

Reading

Advent Oratorio

Paul Spicer and N.T. Wright

Benediction

Rev. Justin Borger

Postlude

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

A heartfelt thanks to all who participated in this evening's service: our narrators, Alana Chambers, Ronald Johnson, and Martie Salt; our Sanctuary Choir, Youth Choir, New Song Choir, Cherub Choir, Handbell Ensemble; all directors, accompanists, assistants, musicians, sound and video technicians; and all those who worked so diligently behind the scenes!

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a cookie and punch reception immediately following the service.



Join Us for All of Our
Christmas Events
and Services

Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday, December 24, 6:00 pm

Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, December 28, 9:00 am

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