



# ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

*To* all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire hope;  
to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come;  
this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in  
the name of the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

# ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION & WORSHIP OF GOD

Christmas Eve: December 24, 2020, 6:00 P.M.

*Nursery is provided for children aged three and under. The Cry Room located off the foyer is available at any time during worship for nursing mothers and moms with young children. A simultaneous broadcast of the service is provided in the room.*

*The sounding of the bells is the call for meditation and prayer as we prepare to worship our holy God.*

## INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

*(Remain seated)*

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

STILLE NACHT

## WELCOME

*Please silence your phones and other electronic devices.*

*(Remain seated)*

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

*(Remain seated)*

## INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION

*(Remain seated)*

“On Christmas Night All Christians Sing”

SUSSEX CAROL

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*(Remain seated)*

From Psalm 104 and Luke 2

**Minister:** Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great!

**People:** *You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.*

**Minister:** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!

## CAROL #200

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

Verses 1 & 4 (Please stand)

CAROL

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heav’n’s all-gracious King”;  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hast’ning on, by prophet bards foretold,  
When with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold;  
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

## PRAYER OF ADORATION FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

(Remain standing)

**Minister and People:** *O God, You have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy Him perfectly in heaven; where with You and the Holy Spirit He lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.*

## CAROL #225

“Once In David’s Royal City”

Verses 1, 3, & 5 (Please stand)

IRBY

Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby, in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

And through all his wondrous childhood, he would honor and obey,  
Love and watch the lowly maiden, in whose gentle arms he lay.  
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,  
We shall see him, but in heaven, set at God’s right hand on high;  
When like stars his children crowned, all in white shall wait around.

## SPECIAL OFFERING & VOCAL OFFERTORY

“Sweet Little Jesus Boy”

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL

## CAROL #216

*(Please stand)*

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

W ZLOBIE LEZY

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping: shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new  
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you.

## GOSPEL LESSON

*Pew Bible page 807*

Matthew 1:18-25

Minister: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**People: *Thanks be to the Lord!***

## CAROL #213

*(Please stand)*

“What Child Is This”

GREENSLEEVES

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him;  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:  
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

## CHRISTMAS EVE HOMILY

*(Please be seated)*

Rev. Justin Borger

## CAROL OF RESPONSE #647

*Verses 1-4 (Please stand)*

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

ST. PETER

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer’s ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary rest.

Dear Name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,  
My never failing treas’ry filled with boundless stores of grace;

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my King,  
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

## BENEDICTION

*(Please remain standing)*

## SILENT MEDITATION

*(Please be seated)*

## DISMISSAL CAROL #210

*Please remain seated and light your candle from the usher’s candle.*

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

STILLE NACHT

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, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
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.

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!

***“Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”***  
***Isaiah 7:14***

Let us today go down to Bethlehem, and in company with wondering shepherds and adoring Magi, let us see Him who was born King of the Jews, for we by faith can claim an interest in Him, and can sing, “*Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.*” Jesus is Jehovah incarnate, our Lord and our God, and yet our brother and friend; let us adore and admire. Let us notice at the very first glance *his miraculous conception*. It was a thing unheard of before, and unparalleled since, that a virgin should conceive and bear a Son. The first promise ran thus, “*The seed of the woman,*” not the offspring of the man. Since venturous woman led the way in the sin which brought forth Paradise lost, she, and she alone, ushers in the Regainer of Paradise. Our Saviour, although truly man, was as to his human nature the Holy One of God. Let us reverently bow before the holy Child whose innocence restores to manhood its ancient glory; and let us pray that He may be formed in us, the hope of glory. Fail not to note *his humble parentage*. His mother has been described simply as “a virgin,” not a princess, or prophetess, nor a matron of large estate. True the blood of kings ran in her veins; nor was her mind a weak and untaught one, for she could sing most sweetly a song of praise; but yet how humble her position, how poor the man to whom she stood affianced, and how miserable the accommodation afforded to the newborn King!

*Immanuel*, God with us in our nature, in our sorrow, in our lifework, in our punishment, in our grave, and now with us, or rather we with Him, in resurrection, ascension, triumph, and Second Advent splendour.

Morning and Evening: Daily Readings by C. H. Spurgeon; December 25th.

*In our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Rev. Justin Borger will be ministering in the pulpit and Dan Thompson will be assisting. Ronald Owen, Director of Music, will lead the congregation in the singing of Christmas Carols assisted by pianist, Mary Chris Rowe; clarinetist, Tamia Dawkins; flautist, Amanda Stewart; trumpeter, Brian Beute; trombonists, Jim Crandall and McKinley Beute; violinists, Monroe Beute, Eric Diaz, and Fernando Tirado; and percussionists, Devon Costanza and Matt Malhiot. Leading congregational singing are vocalists, Erin Beute, Chris Hurt, and David Romaine. Our guest vocal soloist this evening is Veryl Jones.*

*Welcome Visitors!*

*If you are visiting St. Paul's tonight, we are so glad you have joined us! We would love to get to know you. Email [staff@stpaulpca.org](mailto:staff@stpaulpca.org) to let us know your name, how you heard about St. Paul's, any contact information you would like to give, and any questions you may have. Please feel free to introduce yourself to our pastors or one of our ushers.*

## PASTORAL STAFF

JUSTIN BORGER  
*Senior Pastor*

FRANK CAVALLI  
*Pastor Emeritus*

MILES HAYES  
*Assistant Pastor of Prison Ministry*

DAN THOMPSON  
*Assistant Pastor*

## ST. PAUL'S STAFF

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*Director of Children's Ministries*

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*Director of Music*

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*Event Setup*

## RULING ELDERS

GORDON CLOKE  
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