Mission Statement

St. Paul United Methodist Church exists to honor God by making more disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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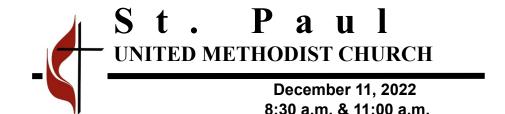
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Introduction and Announcements:

Prelude O, How Joyfully! with Joy to the World arr Berry Kristin Zimmerman, piano

Advent Wreath Lighting: (8:30 am) Don Fulton & Helen Oyer (11:00 am) Don & Tracy Morgan

Let us Pray: (In Unison) We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our JOY. May the joyful promise of Your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

*Opening Hymn: There's a Song in the Air Page 249
There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky! There's a mother's deep
prayer and a baby's low cry! And the star rains its fire while the beautiful
sing, for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

There's a tumult of joy o'er the wonderful birth, for the virgin's sweet boy is the Lord of the earth. Ay! the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing, for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

In the light of the that star lie the ages impearled; and that song from afar has swept over the world. Every hearth is a flame, and the beautiful sing in the homes of the nations that Jesus is King!

We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song that comes down through the night from the heavenly throng. Ay! we shout to the lovely evangel they bring, and we greet in his cradle our Savior and King!

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 35: 1-10

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music: Do You Hear What I Hear? arr. DeCesare

Prayers of the People

*The Lord's Prayer (in unison):

"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, forever." Amen.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 11: 2-11

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly Page 229 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.

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.

Today's Sermon: "Duck, Four, Move" Pastor John Kratz

The Affirmation of Our Stewardship

Offertory (8:30 am) In the Bleak Midwinter arr Archer

(11:00 am) Sussex Carol

*Congregational Response

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*Prayer of Dedication: We are a blessed people O God because of You. We are blessed with love, fellowship, life eternal, and comforts here on earth. We give these tithes and offerings for Your kingdom to grow, for others to come to know Your grace, for the world to proclaim Your love. We ask Your blessing on the gifts and givers in Christ's name. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: Once in Royal David's City Page 250 Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed; Mary, loving mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall. With the poor, the scorned, the lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.

Jesus is our childhood's pattern; day by day, like us he grew; he was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew; and he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love; for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above; and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Benediction

Postlude: (8:30 am) Toccata on "He Is Born" arr Bedard

(11:00 am)

Welcome Families with young children! St. Paul UMC values our children. We strive to teach each child who visits with us more about God and Jesus.

When you enter the Sanctuary or FLC for church, you will see a white rack in the back of the room. On this rack are "Fruits of the Spirit" cloth bags. Inside each bag is an activity book based on Biblical stories. There is also a small notebook, a pen, and a pack of crayons. Please feel free to borrow one of these Children's Activity bags for the duration of the church service.

When the service ends, we kindly ask you to return all of the materials to the cloth bag and hang the bag back on the white rack before you leave to go home. That way, the bags are there for all children to enjoy. Thank you!

The altar flowers are in honor of our children John Edward & Amy Burnett by John & Kathy Burnett...

Serving in Worship Toda	ay 8:30 a.m.	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Greeter	Sue McGee	David & Judy Bowers
Worship Leader	Julie Dull	
Head Usher	Gary Dull	Verne Strickler

During the service, the nursery is staffed and available for your children on the main floor Sharing room (A9).

The Parlor is also available for you to sit with your child and view the service.