

+ASSURANCE of GOD'S GRACE

+PRAISE RESPONSE *Drawing Nearer* -Christopher Grundy
Soloist, Lori Morton

CHILDREN'S CHAT

SPECIAL MUSIC *Reflection on Stuttgart* -arr. K. Buckwalter
Evening Bells with Julie Kies, flute & Lori Morton, piano

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 2:1-5 pg. 594 (OT)
Psalm 122 (responsive) NCH p. 705
Romans 13:11-14 pg. 152 (NT)

SERMON *Dressing for the Occasion*

+AFFIRMATION of FAITH #886

+HYMN of REFLECTION *O God of Love, O God of Peace* #571

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys and Concerns
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

**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 debts, as we
forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY (P) *In the Bleak Midwinter* -arr. B. Wolaver

+RESPONSE *We Hail You God's Anointed* #104, v. 3
**The wise shall bow before you and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore you, and praise all peoples sing;
to you shall prayer unceasing and daily vows be said,
your realm is still increasing, with you, O Christ, as head.**

+PRAYER of DEDICATION (unison)
**Almighty God, your promises to us far exceed our
imaginations. Before we even ask, you already bless us.
Receive the gifts we offer this morning in the spirit of Advent,
the urge of anticipation, the gratitude we have
for new life in Christ. Amen.**

+PARTING HYMN *We Hail You God's Anointed* #104, v.1,2,4

+BENEDICTION
May you love God so much that you love nothing else too much;
May you fear God enough that you need fear nothing else at all.
NCH #874

+POSTLUDE (O) *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night* -arr. D. Wagner

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Calendar



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Betty Eckert, given by the Eckert Family.



PRAYERS

Cassi and Jake Fahrner, The son of Heather Vincent, Mike Degener, Anna Rose Schied, Russell Day, Rudy Landgraf, Bill Norman, Clark Habermehl, St. Paul Search Committee, Graham Engel, Diane Silva, Dorothy Rey, Dean Riebeling, family of Jayne Wright, family of Arlou Borcharding

STAR TREE

Christmas will be here before we know it! As we prepare to celebrate, we hope you'll make a difference for those in need during this season of giving through the Star Tree.

Star Tree: The Star Tree is in the lobby. Select gift recipient from the Star Tree, shop for and wrap their gifts, and **return them no later than 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 4.**

Volunteer: Volunteers are needed to wrap gifts and to deliver them to area organizations and families. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Barb in the office at 281-5102.

Thank you for opening your hearts this holiday season!

Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent

Scriptures Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44

9:30 am

Worship

10:30 am

Coffee Fellowship

Monday, November 28

Amanda Stapf joins the St. Paul Church staff as our Office and Communications Coordinator

11:00 am

Staff Meeting

Tuesday, November 29

Pastor Shel's Day Off

9:00 am

Little Friends Preschool

Wednesday, November 30

9:00 am

Little Friends Preschool

10:00 am

Bells

3:00 pm

After School Program

6:00 pm

Confirmation

6:00 pm

Bells

7:00 pm

Choir

Thursday, December 1

9:00 am

Little Friends Preschool

7:00 pm

Executive Committee

Friday, December 2

8:00 am

Quilters

Saturday, December 3

5:00 pm

Parade of Lights

Sunday, December 4

Second Sunday of Advent

Scriptures

9:30 am

Worship

Christmas Program Practice

10:30 am

Coffee and Donut Hour

We Hail You God's Anointed

James Montgomery, 1821; alt.

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Ps. 72

1 We hail you God's a - noint - ed, the long - a - wait - ed One!
 2 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 3 The wise shall bow be - fore you and gold and in - cense bring;
 4 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, you on your throne shall rest;

Hail in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!
 and joy and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.
 all na - tions shall a - dore you, and praise all peo - ples sing;
 from age to age more glo - rious, all - bless - ing and all - blessed:

You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
 Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go,
 To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows be said,
 The tide of time shall nev - er your cov - e - nant re - move;

to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty,
 and righ - teous - ness, in foun - tains, from hill to val - ley flow,
 your realm is still in - creas - ing, with you, O Christ, as head,
 your name shall stand for - ev - er, your change - less name of Love.

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

No. 113-11, Good, 19/20/77

Psalmist's Canticles Collection, 1179
 Based on earlier versions from Ashmole Papers
 (London: Ashmolean Museum, 1851), and others; alt.
 by J. T. Smith, Liberty Classics Collection, 1936; alt.

Chorus

1 O come, O come, let us - rine - a - el, and
 2 O come, O Wis - dom, from on high, and
 3 O come, O come, O A - sis, who
 4 O come, O shoot of Ja - se, from your
 5 O come, O Key of Da - vid, come, and

an - ons cap - tive is - a - el That shows us how - by
 or - der all things far and nigh: To us the path of
 came to all on Si - nai high, And from its peak a
 eye from Sa - tan's ty - an - ny, From depths of hell your
 a - part wide your knees - by knee; Make safe the path to

us - do here, or - id the Child of God ap - pear
 lowest - ridge show, and help us in that way to go,
 sis - gle low pre - claimed in maj - es - ty and awe,
 you - rle save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave,
 and - less day, to hell's de - struc - tion show the way.

Response

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Je - su - s - el!

6 O come, O Day - spring, come and cheer
 our spir - its by your ad - vent here;
 Love sit with in the womb of right,
 and death's own shad - ows put to flight.
(Response)

7 O come, De - sire of Na - tions, bid
 all peo - ples in one heart and mind;
 Make en - vy, strife, and quar - rels cease;
 Fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.
(Response)

1 O God of love, O God of peace, make wars through-out the
 2 Re - mem-ber, God, your works of old, the won - ders that our
 3 Whom shall we trust, O God, but you? For you are con - stant,

world to cease; The wrath of hu - man wrong re - strain:
 peo - ple told; Heal - ev - ery mal - ice, harm, and pain:
 strong, and true. None ev - er called on you in vain:

Give peace, O God, give peace a - gain!