

## OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. PAUL THIS WEEK

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### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

9:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

10:30 AM Monday Servants  
12:15 PM Chair Yoga

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

4:00 PM Hope House

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:30 PM Christmas Eve Service

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY--OFFICE CLOSED

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

9:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship

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## CONCERNS

**Recovering:** Tricia Glidewell, Keith Jones (Janice Salter's BIL), Christine Windsor (Marcie's DIL), Billie NeSmith, Marcie Windsor, Terrell Hartman, Ruth Gmyrek

**Testing/Health Issues:** Stephanie Long (Julie Palmer's sister), Phil & Mary Mahoney, Fred & Sue Elam, Carol Godfrey, Launi (Carol Pruess' niece), Stevie Brantley, Jeannine Hartman, Mary Helen Setser, Ed Jackson

**Cancer Patients:** Clay Allen (Nancy Allen's son), Chet Birch (Mary Helen Setser's brother), Ken Haile, Sumitra Marcano (Dorothy McCracken's stepdaughter), Barbara Regenstein (Susan McMillin's sister), Avita Rivera (Alison Rivera's mother-in-law), Scott Setser (Mary Helen's son)

**Prayers for our world:** Thom & Natalia Freeman (Peggy Pool's bro. & SIL)

**At Home/Long-term care:** Sharon Little (Susan McMillin's cousin), Marilyn Parker (Jeannine Hartman's sister), Bill Patrick (Ruth Gmyrek's BIL)

St. Paul United Methodist Church

Joy

"The joy of the  
LORD is your  
strength."

*Nehemiah 8:10, NIV*



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# Order of Worship

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025

11:00 AM

The Chiming of the Hour

\*Gathering Music *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* UMH 211

Welcome, Announcements, & Prayer Kathy LimSang

Presentation of Staff Christmas Gifts Jyo Vanapalli

Lighting the Advent Candle JOY Terry & Julie Palmer

Scripture *Matthew 1:18-24* Kathy

\*Hymn *Angels from the Realms of Glory* UMH 220

\*Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*Gloria Patri

\*Music *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* UMH 203  
*What Child Is This* UMH 219

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Shelia Preacher

The Lord's Prayer Shelia

Offertory *Joy* Choir

\*Doxology UMH 95

Scripture *Romans 1:1-7* Shelia

The Word *Becoming Emmanuel* Shelia

\*The Hymn of Invitation *Joy to the World* UMH 246 St 1

Benediction Shelia

\*Sending Forth *Joy to the World* UMH 246 St 4

\*Congregation, please stand if you are able.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**December Mission Focus: Wellroot Family Ministries (formerly UM Children's Home).** Celebrate the joy of Advent by helping children and families find hope and new beginnings in Georgia. Give through St. Paul UMC with *Wellroot* in the memo line.

**Open Door Bible Study:** Join us Sundays at 9:45 AM in Room 206 as we explore *I Give Up: the Secret Joy of a Surrendered Life* by Laura Story, a five-session video Bible study exploring the joy of surrendering to God.

**Staff Christmas Gifts:** Today we present to our church staff a Christmas gift. We have an awesome church staff! We would like to show our appreciation for all their efforts this Christmas. Contribute through SPUMC with "Staff Gifts" in the memo line.

**Please submit 2025 contributions** by Wednesday, December 31 to be counted as 2025 donations

**New Address:** Tricia Glidewell  
Montclair  
2100 Clairmont Lake #215  
Decatur, GA 30033



The **Altar Flowers** today are given by *Darrell and Myra Morgan*, in celebration of their sixty-third wedding anniversary



When our hearts are centered on God, we've already struck it rich!  
"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matthew 6:21  
Let's give thoughtfully and faithfully.

**Average Weekly Needs: \$4,715.40**  
**Received Last Week: \$14,691.27**



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