

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
"We Shine for All Through Christ"
St. Marys, Ohio

<u>December 31, 2023</u>	NEW YEAR'S EVE	10:30 a.m.
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Order of Service

Welcome to our Worship Service today. Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP**

WELCOME *(New among us today? Please fill in the Welcome card located in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate.)*

PRELUDE “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: When Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph...

People: **God is there.**

Leader: When Jesus is presented at the temple...

People: **God is there.**

Leader: When Simeon holds Jesus in his arms...
People: God is there.

Leader: When Anna recognizes Jesus in the temple...

People: **God is there.**

Leader: This very morning...

People: God is here.

Leader: In the future we cannot see...
People: **God is there.**

All: Let us worship God!

***PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (use debts and debtors)**

Leader: A new year is coming, and God is with us. In loving, caring, hoping and expecting,

God is with us and never lets us go.

PEOPLE: God lives in us, God lives with us, God lives through us.

Leader: God, keep us faithful through the days that lie ahead, God, keep us caring in the pain that fills your world, God, keep us serving as we seek to do your will.

PEOPLE: God lives in us, God lives with us, God lives through us.

Leader: God keep us loving toward neighbors near and far. God keep us trusting through the uncertainties of life. God keep us sharing from your generous abundance.

**PEOPLE: God live in us, God live with us, God live through us. Hear us God as we pray,
Our Father.... Amen.**

***HYMN #189** “Angels, From the Realms of Glory”

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements, and Joys and Concerns of our Church Family

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Offer God's peace to those nearby)

***HYMN # 210** “Love Came Down at Christmas”

WE OPEN UP TO GOD

OFFERATORY *DOXOLOGY PRAYER OF DEDICATION

“Thou Didst Leave That Thone”

SPECIAL MUSIC	"Jesus, Oh, What A Wonderful Child"	Cynthia Hanover
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GOD SPEAKS TO US

THE READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 24:7-10

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 2:22-40

SERMON “A Life That Fits “ Rev. Rhonda Hainer

***HYMN # #218** “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

*Denotes those who are able to are invited to stand in body and in spiritDepart to serve

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Rev. Rhonda A. Hainer, Pastor
Cynthia Hanover, Choir/Church Pianist
Ann Vogel, Organist
Nick Frankenhauser, Youth Director
Rich Spencer, Audio and Video
Becky Anderson, Church Pianist, and
Volunteer Coordinator of Special Music

Joan Leffel and Jane Nuss, Children's Ministry Coordinators
Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher
Andrea Spencer, Organist
Madeline Frankenhauser, Children's Music Director
Brad and Nam Gehrlich, Custodian
Tracy Winget, Sunday Nursery Supervisor
Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary
Jim Huckemeyer, Multi-Media

Liturgist Jill Dickman
Acolytes Confirmands
Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

Our Giving to God, December 24, 2023
Current - \$5,53400 / Mission - \$190.00
Attendance – 272

Altar flowers are in given by Inez Wiesenbarger dedicated to the congregation for a blessed New Year.

PRAYER CANDLES

If you would like someone to light a candle for you, place a card in the basket (located in the back center of the sanctuary), and a designated helper will light a candle for you.



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