

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

December 12, 2021                      Third Sunday of Advent                      10:30 a.m.  
**Order of Service \* Children's Christmas Program**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**WELCOME**

Pastor Rhonda Hainer

**PRELUDE**

Deck the Halls (piano solo)  
Carol of the Bells (piano solo)

Henry Klosterman  
Dylan Winget

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Henry & Amelia Klosterman

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

"Joy"

Larry and Kelly Kill

**This week in our Advent journey, may our eyes be open to the joy that surrounds us. Let us also remember the Spirit who breathes joy into our lives.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God comes! So don't let go of all the reasons to rejoice.

**People: We will sing a song of Advent to the One who fills our lives with joy.**

Leader: God comes! So don't stop lifting your prayers with thanksgiving.

**People: We will sing a song of Advent, to the One who hears our words and silence.**

Leader: God comes! So don't stop giving your hearts to God.

**People: We will sing a song of Advent to the One who graces us with a peace we cannot begin to understand.**

**MORNING PRAYER**

Holy God of Joy, we rejoice in the reality of who you are. We live within the joy of your love for us. Our contentment comes and goes. Our happiness ebbs and flows. Our feelings depend upon our circumstances, our physical health, our daily living. But our *joy* is deeply rooted in our identity as your beloved children. And we give you thanks. Amen.

**CELEBRATING COMMUNITY**

Announcements	Joys and Concerns of our Church Family
Introduction of Guests	Anniversaries

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** (using debts and debtors)

Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching, the hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing. Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days, and walk with us all the days of our life. Hear us now as we pray out loud. Our Father...Amen.

**OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD \*DOXOLOGY PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

"The First Noel" (piano duet)

Reece Long & Ollie Chisholm

**"OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT"** - by Sally K. Albrect

1. *Fanfare*
  - a. Angel Choir
2. *Silent Night* (sing-a-long)
  - a. Angel choir, Highnote, Audience
3. *Mary Had a Baby*
  - a. Joseph, Mary, Harold, Angel Choir
4. *The Friendly Beasts*
  - a. Animals, Pre-K, Angel Choir
5. *Fanfare/Hark the Herald Angels Sing*
  - a. Angel Choir, Harold
6. *Rise Up, Shepherds*
  - a. Shepherds, Angel Choir
7. *We Three Kings*
  - a. Three Wise (Wo)Men, Angel Choir, Shepherds
8. *Finale*
  - a. All, Audience

**CAST OF CHARACTERS:**

- Mr. Stageright - Hunter Winget
- Ms. Highnote - Zoey Briggs
- Narrators - Audra Clark, Vince Walter, Avery Dieringer, Lincoln James
- Mary - Riley Anderson
- Joseph - Reece Long
- Harold - Ollie Chisholm
- Angel Choir - 3rd and 4th grade (11 angels)
  - Kenny Briggs, Henry Klosterman, Rylee Starr, Sophie Burden, Adelyn Clark, Asher Craft, Ethan Frankenhauser, Carsen Long, Bryton Starr, Dylan Winget
- Animals - K-2's & PK (15 animals)
  - Presley Anderson, Arianna Ickes, Harrison Silber, Toby Turner, Savannah Hillis, Amelia Klosterman, Allie Long, Maya McDonald, Elliot Bower, Benjamin McDonald,

Colt Bower, Jillian Frankenhauser, Lucy Klosterman, Austin Winget, Berkley Knous,  
Jameson McGee, Ford Klosterman, Jeb McGee, Vallie Howell

- Shepherds - Nolan Frankenhauser, Beckett Clark, Aubrey Birt, Emily Turner (5th Grade)
- Three Wise (Wo)Men - Ryen Chisholm, Ava Winget, Haley Anderson
- King Herod - Madi Mauter
- Priests and Teachers/Stagehands - HS Students

**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!!**

Joyce Roth, Andrea Clark, Brittany Burke, Karen Bower, Sherrie Keighley, Linda McDonald,  
Marsha Landers, Nancy Mauter, Aimee Opperman, Jane Laird, Tracy Winget, Allison Craft, Kim  
Opperman, Sarah Walter, Amy Keller, Nick Frankenhauser, Maddy Frankenhauser, Jane Nuss  
and Joni Leffel.

**\*BENEDICTION**

The grace of Christ Jesus who is the same today, yesterday and forever, will lead you to the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, and then take you on to those tasks and joys which will prepare you for the greater glory which is to come. Go in Peace. **Amen!**

Rev. Rhonda Hainer

**WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE**

**POSTLUDE**

**\*Denotes those who are able are invited to stand in body and in spirit**

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing” (Piano Solo)

Emily Turner

.....Depart to serve

- Rev. Rhonda A. Hainer, Pastor

Jim Huckemeyer, Director of Music

Ann Vogel, Organist

Nick Frankenhauser, Youth Director

Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant

Rich Spencer, Audio and Video

Vacant, Sunday Nursery Supervisor

Becky Anderson, Church Pianist
- Joan Leffel and Jane Nuss, Children’s Ministry Coordinators

Cynthia Hanover, Choir/Church Pianist

Andrea Spencer, Organist

Madeline Frankenhauser, Children’s Music Director

Vacant, Custodian

Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher

Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary

- Liturgist .....

Acolytes .....

Children’s offering.....

Missionaries.....
- Children’s Program

Confirmands

Avery Dieringer

Members of our Congregation

***Our Giving to God December 5, 2021***  
***Current - \$4223.00 and Mission - \$265.00***  
***Attendance – 133***

***Altar flowers today are from Jim Huckemeyer in memory of his son, Todd Huckemeyer***

**So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today. Matthew 6:34**

**SATURDAY ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERIES:** If you order altar flowers, be sure to let your florist know that the **Elevator entrance** is the **only door** that will be open on Saturdays, and that **deliveries must be made before we lock up at noon**. Thank you.

**ATTENTION LADIES OF REBECCA CIRCLE**

Rebecca Circle will meet to Varsity Lanes tomorrow, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 for lunch. Bring a Christmas ornament to decorate the table.

**Breaking Bread Reminder**

**NOTICE of Meal Schedule Change:**

There will be **NO MEALS in the month of December**  
**Breaking Bread Staff are taking a Holiday Break!**  
Please join us back here on January 13th! Thank you.



*The Family Room Event*



*Fa La La La La La La*

**Join us** for an afternoon around the town to sing *Christmas Carols* **TODAY**, Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. We will meet in Fellowship Hall and will divide into groups and sing to shut-ins, friends and family in the nursing homes and other church members. Afterwards, we will gather back at church for hot chocolate and treats. Watch for sign-up sheets and let Amy Keller know of anyone who would enjoy a visit.

**CHRISTMAS Word Search**



BiblePuzzles.org.uk

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|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| ADVENT             | ELVES          | ROBIN          |
| ANGELS             | FAMILY         | RUDOLPH        |
| BAUBLES            | FOOD           | SANTA CLAUS    |
| BELLS              | HOLIDAYS       | SCROOGE        |
| BIRTH OF JESUS     | HOLLY          | SHEPHERDS      |
| BOXING DAY         | IVY            | SNOWMAN        |
| CAROL SINGING      | MINCE PIES     | STAR           |
| CHIMNEY            | MISTLETOE      | TINSEL         |
| CHRISTMAS CAKE     | MULLED WINE    | TURKEY         |
| CHRISTMAS PUD-DING | PARTY          | WISEMEN        |
| CHRISTMAS TREE     | PRESENTS       | WRAPPING PAPER |
| CRACKERS           | QUEEN'S SPEECH | YULELOG        |
|                    | REINDEER       |                |

**WELCOME!** If you are visiting for the first time, we are Glad you are here. If you are a returning visitor Welcome Back. Please complete the Welcome card located in the pew pocket in front of you and place it in the offering plate. Should you have a prayer request, please complete the back side and place in the offering plate.

**ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE**

Don't forget that we now have online giving! It is available now by downloading Vanco Payment Solutions onto your mobile device by going to the app store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus Church". The download is free. We also have a button on our website that will also take you to the Vanco site. This service is available for your convenience!



- Please keep the following people in your prayers: Vern Luedeke, Janet Keller, Verneda Fark, Cheryl Kline, Harold McCune, and Shirley Huckeriede. Karen Onufer, sister of Rev. David Hainer, who is struggling with her cancer treatment. Please keep Karen and the Hainer family in your thoughts & prayers. Prayers for healing, comfort, and peace. Also, pray for all of our military, medical, and emergency services.
  - Remember to pray for our shut-ins and for their caregivers that take care of them.
  - All prayer requests shall be given to the lead person of our Prayer Team, Carol Schmidt: [cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com](mailto:cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com) or you can call or text her at 419-305-6164.
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- The **2021** Altar Flower Chart and the Liturgist sign-up sheets are located here in the sanctuary on the bulletin board by the sound system equipment.
  - **We need Liturgists!** Please take a moment to sign up. Thank you.

**NOTICE – CONGREGATION MEETING**  
**2022 Budget Presentation & Consistory Members Vote**  
 The 2022 budget (approved by Consistory) was included in the December edition of “The Communicator”. The budget will be considered for the congregation’s approval at the congregational meeting **TODAY** after the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

**Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ!**  
 † **NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL TODDLER CARE** - For your convenience, we have a staffed nursery located in the educational building. Should it become necessary for you to leave

the sanctuary during worship, you can view the morning service on the TV in the nursery.  
**PLEASE NOTE** - Only Newborn to Kindergarten age children are permitted in the Nursery during our morning worship service to allow safety for the newborns and toddlers. Children 1st Grade and older need to remain in the church. Thank you for your understanding  
 † **HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE** rest room is located on the sanctuary level near the elevette room and it also contains a baby changing table.  
 † **ENLARGED BULLETINS & HEARING DEVICES** - Available if needed (consult an usher).  
 † **TELEVISED WORSHIP SERVICE** - Our worship service here at St. Paul’s is shown on **TSC cable - Digital channel 1** or **non-digital channel 2**, every Sunday at 10:30 am and also on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. There is a one-week delay of the service shown.  
 † **WORSHIP SERVICE ON THE INTERNET** – If you do not have TSC cable, you can watch our service on our church web page at [www.spuccsm.com](http://www.spuccsm.com) or on YouTube.  
 † **RECYCLE YOUR BULLETIN** - On the registers at the North and South entrances you will see a tray where you can place your bulletin to be recycled (if you do not wish to take it home). Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S		
Today	9:15 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	9:15 am	Choir practice
	10:30 am	Third Sunday in Advent – Children’s Christmas Program
	11:30 am	Congregation Meeting following worship
Wed.	1:00 pm	Caroling party
	9:00 am	Quilting
	7:00 pm	Advent Service
Thurs.	10:00 am	Grief Heal Group in old Library
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School/Confirmation/Adult Forum
	9:15 am	Choir practice
	10:30 am	Fourth Sunday in Advent – worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer

**THERE IS COFFEE AND TEA AVAILABLE  
 IN THE ELEVETTE ROOM**

