

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## December 24, 2017

"No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a person's praise is not from other people, but from God." Romans 2:29

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENT

**PRELUDE-** "Traditions of Christmas" Chip Davis

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### INVOCATIONAL PRAYER

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "Go Tell It On the Mountain" (Blue #258)

### GREET ONE ANOTHER

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" (Blue #273)

### MORNING PRAYER

### GIVING OF HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY SPECIAL MUSIC:** "When a Child is Born"  
Judy Tomes and Tom Simeone

**DOXOLOGY** (Red #95)

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**SCRIPTURE** Romans 2:25-29 (pg. 1749)

**MESSAGE** "God's Greatest Gift"

**HYMN OF RESPONSE** "O For a Heart to Praise My God" (Blue

#650)

### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** "We Three Kings"

Check our website, [www.stpaulsbrick.org](http://www.stpaulsbrick.org) for last week's message: "God's Greatest Gift"

### OUR GREETERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICES ARE:

**9:00AM** Jan and Al Primrose

**10:00 AM** Mary Burns and Kahleel Russamano

### ACOLYTES TODAY: Anthony and Angelia Calvetto.

**Child Care** is provided for infants and toddlers to age 3 during the first service in the nursery (room 2). Please ask an usher to direct you.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** for today's Services are given by Rebecca Circle



### THE SIGN UP CHART FOR THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR IS IN THE NARTHEX.

We invite you to celebrate an event or remember loved ones by dedicating a flower arrangement to them. We all enjoy *fresh flowers* at our service each Sunday, and you are welcome to take them home after the second service. The flowers cost \$25.00. We ask that you please use the envelopes provided for your payment when you sign up. Payment must be received to order flowers.

Thank you.

### HELP US MINISTER TO YOU!

**If you or anyone you know is ill or going into the hospital please call the Church office and let us know 732-458-2080.**

Our weekly events are updated frequently to keep you posted on the happenings of the church.

<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsbrick/>



### MID-WEEK WORSHIP! COME CHECK US OUT IN THE NEW YEAR!



We meet every Wednesday at 7:00pm  
In the Youth Room.  
Coffee and Dessert are provided.  
Please come out and join us



We would love to worship with you!

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

SUNDAY	12/31	9:00AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE - SANCTUARY
		9:00	CHILDCARE- RM 2
		9:00	SUNDAY SCHOOL K- HIGH SCHOOL
		9:00	YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
		10:10	FELLOWSHIP-NORCROSS HALL
		10:45	CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE
		10:45	ADULT BIBLE STUDY – YOUTH ROOM
		8:00	ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS – NORCROSS HALL

MONDAY 01/01



**Church Office Will be Closed  
Monday January 1<sup>st</sup> for  
New Year's Day**

TUESDAY	01/02	<b>NOON</b>	<b>BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE</b>
		7:00PM	MEN'S PRAYER GROUP
WEDNESDAY	01/03	6:00AM	MEN'S BREAKFAST
		10:00	THE QUILTERS - YOUTH ROOM
		4:30PM	CHERUB CHOIR – 4 YR TO 1 <sup>ST</sup> GRADE
		6:00	HANDBELL CHOIR- MUSIC ROOM
		6:00	VOLLEYBALL – NORCORSS HALL
		7:00	MID-WEEK WORSHIP - YOUTH ROOM
		7:30	PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE
THURSDAY	01/04	5:30	SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP - PARSONAGE
		6:00	STRONGER HEARTS FOR CHRIST- NORCROSS
		6:00	STEWARDSHIP MEETING
		7:00	ADULT BIBLE STUDY – LIBRARY
		7:00	BOY SCOUTS TROOP #33 – NORCROSS HALL
		7:00	CAROL CHOIR – 2 <sup>nd</sup> GRADE TO 5 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE
		7:00	CELEBRATION CHOIR – 6 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE TO 12 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE
		8:00	CHANCEL CHOIR- MUSIC ROOM – 10 <sup>TH</sup> GR.- ADULT
FRIDAY	01/05	8:30AM	BULLETIN TEAM - LIBRARY
		7:00PM	FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY - LIBRARY
SATURDAY	01/06	7:00AM	MEN'S DISCIPLE – YOUTH ROOM
		6:00PM	FELLOWSHIP DINNER – NORCROSS HALL
SUNDAY	01/07	9:00AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE - SANCTUARY
		9:00	CHILDCARE- RM 2
		9:00	SUNDAY SCHOOL K- HIGH SCHOOL
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## RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

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**Worship Attendance Last Sunday 10:00AM SERVICE 183**  
**Christmas Eve Evening Services Total 431**

<u>Giving</u>	<u>Current Expenses</u>	<u>Mortgage Giving</u>
Received last Week	\$12,605	\$1,290
Need per Week	\$9,348	
Holiday Offering	\$6,453	

The amount shown as **Received last Week** includes offerings received at last week's Sunday services. Note: envelope giving includes only the amount on the TITHE/UNIFIED line.

### **MORTGAGE UPDATE:**

The mortgage balance as of December 1, 2017 is \$875,134

#### Communications

##### *E-Mail Announcements and Prayer Requests*

If you would like to be on the church e-mail list to receive announcements, reminders of upcoming events and prayer requests, e-mail your information to [penrodt@Comcast.net](mailto:penrodt@Comcast.net).

##### *Telephone Prayer Ministry*

Nancy Penrod 732-458-7641 or church office 732-458-2080.

All Circuit Rider articles should be emailed to Nancy Penrod at [penrodt@Comcast.net](mailto:penrodt@Comcast.net). If you do not have access to a computer you can drop it off in the office or call Nancy at 732 458-7641. All articles should be sent to Nancy by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication.

**Bulletin Notices**-All information to be included in the Bulletin is due to the church office by **Tuesday at Noon**. If you have access to e-mail, please send your Bulletin announcement via e-mail to [Office@stpaulsbrick.org](mailto:Office@stpaulsbrick.org).

#### **PASTORAL STAFF**

Alan Darby	<a href="mailto:PastorAl@stpaulsbrick.org">PastorAl@stpaulsbrick.org</a>	Pastor
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Cathy Applegate, Pam Snyder		Choral Accompanists
Peggy Blomquist, Judy and Bill Probert		Congregational Care
Melissa Jensen	<a href="mailto:Office@stpaulsbrick.org">Office@stpaulsbrick.org</a>	Administrative Asst.
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#### **MISSIONARIES**

Andy & Lizet Bowen [andy.bowen@wgm.org](mailto:andy.bowen@wgm.org) Paraguay



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## UMW Circle Meetings for January

Happy New Year! So many exciting things are in store for 2018. Why not be a part this year? All ladies are welcome. If you've ever wondered what goes on at our monthly UMW circle get-togethers, just ask us! Better yet, try one. You might just get hooked. We study God's word. We share. We laugh. We learn about each other. We love the Lord together. And ... we do all this by meeting up just once a month. Our hope is that one of these meeting dates will fit into your busy schedule. Give it a try. What have you got to lose? More importantly, what have you got to gain? We think a whole lot!

**Rebecca Circle**, Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Call Elise Musterer for more information at (732) 477-0258

**Sarah Circle**, Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Call Carol Kampf for more information at (732) 840-9496 or email Carol at [carolkampf@yahoo.com](mailto:carolkampf@yahoo.com)

**Miriam Circle**, Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Call Cathy Porzio for more information at (732) 458-8232 or email Cathy at [cporzio@verizon.net](mailto:cporzio@verizon.net)

**Lydia Circle**, Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Call Margie Moss for more information at (732) 458-4857 or email Margie at [mmoss77@comcast.net](mailto:mmoss77@comcast.net)

**Martha Circle**, Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Free childcare provided. Call Diane Collis for more information at (732) 785-2750 or email Diane at [dcollis19@gmail.com](mailto:dcollis19@gmail.com)

## **INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

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*“In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.”*

*Psalm 5:3*

**HEALING** – Dawn healing of cancer; Rob; The Schaaf family after the loss of their father and husband Dean; friend’s dad put on hospice last night, friends husband 4<sup>th</sup> round of chemo; friends 18yr old daughter still suffering from depression; friend with heart problems; Barbara Merks; Maureen’s back, Maureen’s sister-in-law, Bev Darby, Lorraine, Gil, Terry & Nancy, Tim’s recovery; Co-worker’s husband getting chemo & dialysis; Lorraine H, Marie, Jim, Tarah, Anne, Manny, Donna; Gina, Chad, Russell Terry and Nancy; grandson’s feet; Bryce, Raymond and Maria; comfort for family during the holidays; Alma -lymphedema, Andre & Jim -leukemia, Trish - back trouble, Kate B -cancer, Denise V -cancer, Victoria -anxiety, Raymond -seizures, Melissa & Janice -colds, Marge -back & foot, Ray R -depression; Josh; Sue Pistolakis upcoming surgery.

**PROTECTION** – The military; our youth and St Pauls congregation; Be with all the service people all over the world. Keep them safe in the troubled world; Military.

**TRAVEL MERCIES** – Family & friends as they travel home after the holiday; Bryan traveling back to college.

*Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?” John 11:25-26*

**PRAISE** – Your love Lord; Thank you for family together; Bless us with your love Lord; the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ; Gods goodness & grace, supportive friends at time of need; Thank you for the gift of your son, for answered prayers, for my wonderful family all of them, Service men and

women who protect us; Friend as she celebrates her 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas & New Year in her ministry at her own church.

**GUIDANCE** – For our youth; Kelly family, Lord hold my children close and guide them according to your perfect will; Service men and women; Danielle, Michael, Sean; in my marriage; Wright family, Victoria & Ray, Maglione family, Weisenger family, Gornstein family, Benerra family, expectant mothers; St Pauls church; For the world; Service men and women; for my family, Pastor Al and Pastor Hector; Our congregation; Sam & Tyler.

*“With Jesus as our high priest, we can feel free to come before God’s throne where there is grace. There we receive mercy and kindness to help us when we need it” Hebrews 4:16*

**SALVATION** – Alec, Ryan and Rick; All those who are lost. May they find their way back.

### **Looking to recycle your old Christmas Cards?**

Laura Cross is collecting Christmas cards to recycle for different projects that benefit missions.