

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 16, 2018

3rd Sunday in Advent

“But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be to all the people” Luke 2:10

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENT

PRELUDE: Handbell Choir “Christ is Born”

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## INVOCATIONAL PRAYER

HYMN OF PRAISE Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem” Red #230

## GREET ONE ANOTHER

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE 9:00am  
10:45am

CELEBRATION CHOIR “Let Us Adore Him”

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF PREPARATION “Love Came Down at Christmas”(Red #242)  
(PRAYER CARDS *may be passed to the ushers at the end of the aisles*)

## MORNING PRAYER

## GIVING OF HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

CHANCEL, CAROL, CELEBRATION CHOIRS  
“Christmas Angels” (from the cantata Joy Joy Joy)

DOXOLOGY (Red #95)

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2: 8-20 (page 1591)

MESSAGE “God’s Gift to the Nations”

HYMN OF RESPONSE “Joy To The World” (Red #246)

BENEDICTION POSTLUDE *Bring a Torch Jeanette Isabella*

Check our website, [www.stpaulsbrick.org](http://www.stpaulsbrick.org) for last week’s message “The True Star of Christmas”

## OUR GREETERS FOR TODAY’S SERVICES ARE:

9:00am: Trupti Ashar

10:45am: Trupti Ashar

ACOLYTES: Emily Chadwick and Siobhan Collis

## THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

**Given in Honor and Memory of Loved Ones**



## 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.

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS** are available. Please see an usher. Equipment is also available to assist you in hearing the services. If this would benefit you, please speak to an usher.

## 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.



### - MID WEEK WORSHIP

- Every Wednesday

- Time: 7:00pm



- **Place: In Room 8 (For the Month of December)**
- Come listen to the great music, hear great messages, and share in the fellowship together.
- Coffee and snacks will be provided.
- Hope to See You There!!!

## THIS WEEKS EVENTS

SUNDAY	12/16	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
		6:00PM	YOUTH GROUP – YOUTH ROOM
		7:30	CANTATA AND CONCERT BAND
8:00	ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS – NORCROSS HALL		
<b>Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 4:30pm</b>			
MONDAY	12/17	6:00PM	STRONGER HEARTS FOR CHRIST – NORCROSS
		7:00	PRAYER AVALANCHE – CHAPEL
		7:00	SPR MEETING
		7:00	BIBLE STUDY - STAFF LOUNGE
TUESDAY	12/18	<b>NOON</b>	<b>BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE</b>
		7:00	MEN'S PRAYER GROUP
WEDNESDAY	12/19	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	VOLLEYBALL – NORCORSS HALL
		6:00	HANDBELL CHOIR- MUSIC ROOM
		7:00	MID-WEEK WORSHIP – ROOM 8
THURSDAY	12/20	6:00PM	STRONGER HEARTS FOR CHRIST- NORCROSS
		12:00PM	SENIOR JOY
		7:00	TRUELIFE YOUTH GROUP – YOUTH ROOM
		7:00	BOY SCOUTS TROOP #33 – NORCROSS HALL
		7:00	ADULT BIBLE STUDY - LIBRARY
		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
FRIDAY	12/21	8:30AM	BULLETIN TEAM – CHURCH OFFICE
		6:00PM	GIRL SCOUTS
		7:00	FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY - LIBRARY
		7:30	PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE - SANCTUARY
SATURDAY	12/22	7:00AM	MEN'S DISCIPLE – YOUTH ROOM
SUNDAY	12//23	9:00AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE - SANCTUARY
		9:00	CHILDCARE- RM 2
		9:00	SUNDAY SCHOOL K- HIGH SCHOOL
		9:00	YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
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Our weekly events are updated frequently to keep you posted on the happenings of the church.

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



## Saint Paul's Church A United Methodist Congregation

Our Purpose is to:

**Praise** God through worship,  
**Grow** as disciples through study,  
**Share** our faith through testimony, and  
**Serve** others through ministry.

(732) 458-2080 Church

(732) 458-2004 The Mustard Seed Preschool

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## RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

December 9, 2018

Worship Attendance Last Sunday 152

Sunday School 42

<u>Giving</u>	<u>Current Expenses</u>	<u>Mortgage Giving</u>
Received last Week	<b>\$7850</b>	\$
Need per Week	<b>\$9,348</b>	

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, 2018 is \$841,733

#### 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).

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

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Judy Probert, Janet Post		Choir Directors
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.
Bill Nadler, Gary Deal, Kim Gavaletz, Mike Jensen, Al Primrose, Kevin Albora		Sextons

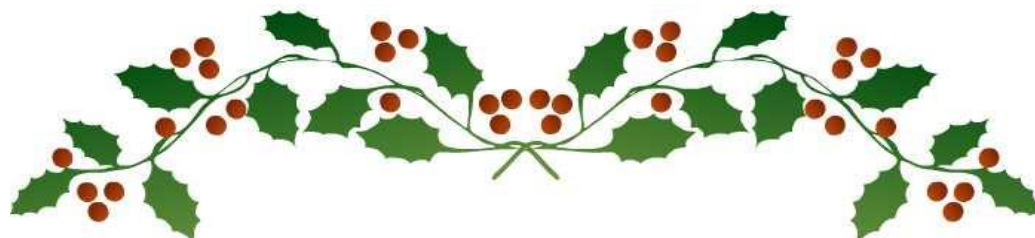
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#### MISSIONARIES

Andy & Lizet Bowen	<a href="mailto:andy.bowen@wgm.org">andy.bowen@wgm.org</a>	Paraguay
Joy Phillips	<a href="mailto:Joy.Phillips@wgm.org">Joy.Phillips@wgm.org</a>	Kenya
Billy and Joanna Coppedge		Uganda
Step of Faith	<a href="http://stepoffaithministries.org">stepoffaithministries.org</a>	Haiti



*Just a reminder that the Sneaker Donations for Haiti are due back by Sunday, January 6th to the box in the Narthex.  
Thank you*



## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

5:00 – Family Service  
7:30 - Candlelight Service  
11:00 – Candlelight service



# INTERCESSORY PRAYER

December 9, 2018

*“Let us be brave, then, where there is grace. There will we receive mercy and find grace to help us when we need it.” Hebrews 4:16*

HEALING – prayers of healing for daughters Carol and Cathy; healing for Noni, Suzanne, Jamie Cook, Suzanne’s friend Doris, friend with heart problems, friend awaiting surgery; Janet Nielsen, Dorothy Hillner; healing for Lorraine H., Jim, Dave, Anne, Manny; healing for Don and Carol Fox, Ralph Baker, healing for Elise Musterer; prayers for Michelle and Nancy having surgery this week; healing for Daniel following a car accident; for Kennedy having surgery and then healing; healing for Patty, Heidi, Heidi’s mom and Uncle Ronnie; prayers for Nicole’s unborn baby; healing for Nick, Milt, Jane & Dan, Nancy and Terry; Peggy O., Lorraine, Jack, Bill, Bill L.; strength and patience for caregivers; healing for my husband with mental health issues; friend’s 19 year old daughter with depression; friend’s dad; Ron; continued prayers for Uncle Ronnie, Peg and Amanda. Please be with Dan and help him get better; Jude Depko: Alma-lymphedema, Andre and Tim-leukemia, Trish-back trouble, Lynn-heart issues and diabetic wearing a pump: a friend in pain” Pappap, Uncle Josh, Mom, Dad, Jared, Doug, All my family and friends

*“Do not be afraid or discouraged. The battle is not yours, but God’s. Stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. The Lord will be with you.” 2 Chronicles 20: 15, 17*

CANCER SUFFERERS – prayers for Bob Campbell with a brain tumor and prayers of comfort for Sandy, Michelle and Lea; prayers for Patty whose biopsy was positive for cancer and prayers for her treatment; prayers for Lori, Betsy, Jane and Lucille all with different cancers; Dawn healing of cancer and continued strength to endure treatments; Robin undergoing chemo and radiation treatments; friend’s husband on 4th round of chemo.

*You make known to me the path of life; you fill me with joy in your presence.” Psalm 16: 11*

PRAISE – Thank you dear Lord for all you have given me. Thank you for my whole family. Thank you for my great grandson. Bless the servicemen and women who serve our country and keep us safe. Protect all the missionaries who serve you around the world. Breast Cancer survivors: Denise, Martha, Jan, Debbie, Grace: Bless us at work Lord, show us the way that is best for our continued growth. For all the donations given to Destiny’s Bridge; Praise and prayers for my 2 daughters-in-law who are expecting next year

*“Walk in all the way that the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days.”*

SALVATION – peace and unity for a world in need; salvation for my friends and family; strength and comfort for the victims of the Alaska earthquake; strength, knowledge, wisdom and comfort for Sam for this week’s schedule and performances.

*“Every good action and every perfect gift is from God. These good gifts come down from the Creator of the sun, moon, and stars, who does not change like their shifting shadows.” James 10: 12-13*

*“People make plans in their minds, but only the Lord can make them come true. Depend on the Lord in whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.” Proverbs 16:1,*

GUIDANCE – guidance for the Kelly family; guidance for my 6 grandkids – keep them safe and on the right path in life; Ruth with job needs; guidance for St. Paul’s UMC and the leaders of our church; be with the leaders of the country, county and local; prayers for travel mercies as we head to Florida for a family wedding. The Maclione Family, Gornsteins, The Wright Family, Victoria and Ray: Katy Victoria-anxiety and stress: Raymond-seizures, continue to guide him in adhering to his medication schedule For son to get a job, For those suffering from depression, anxiety, substance abuse

*“I am leaving you with a gift-peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give isn’t like the peace the world gives. So don’t be troubled.”*

## Attention All Van Drivers

The Lord Be Praised we have a new Church van! And it works great!

With our new van we will need new records.

If you'd like to drive the van for church related trips, we will need a new copy of your current driver license. We will be collecting them from now through the end of December. We will be running all licenses the first week of January. All licenses will have to be processed for approval to drive the Church Van. This is a requirement of our insurance company. Thank you for your cooperation.



*If you'd like to sell Christmas Trees the Sign up chart will be up in the Narthex or in **Eleanor Norcross Fellowship Hall***

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## **.CHANCEL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

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## **- CHRISTMAS CONCERT BAND**



- St. Paul's Chancel Choir and Christmas Concert Band will present their Christmas cantata and concert **TONIGHT** at 7:30 PM.
- The Chancel Choir will present "Joy, Joy, Joy," a cantata that will be just the right start to your Christmas holiday. It includes gorgeous music as well as traditional carols. Chancel, Celebration, and Carol Choirs as well as pageantry will all be part of the joy and wonder of the "greatest story" ever told—that of our Savior's birth.
- Our Christmas Concert Band will present some great Christmas music as well. We are planning on presenting different styles, from traditional Christmas songs to classical and even a "swing" Christmas number. Our Concert Band is made up of woodwinds, brass, and percussion players from St. Paul's and the communities around us, ages 9th grade through adult. It is a unique ensemble and we are excited to involve our church and community in this instrumental outreach.
- Why not take time out from the hustle and bustle of holiday planning to experience what the season is really all about. Please mark these dates on your calendar today and invite family and friends to join us. It is sure to be a great part of your Christmas celebration.

- Barbara Estelle, Director of Music

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# Sermon Notes

December 9, 2018

## “The True Star of Christmas”

Text: Matthew 2: 1-12 (page 1497)

**Sermon in a Sentence:** “Let’s make Christ the centerpiece of our celebration

### I. Intro

A. “Can You See The Star?”

B. Making Christmas meaningful. Transforming

trivial pursuits into memorable celebrations

### II. “The True Star of Christmas”

A. \_\_\_\_\_ “The Star”

1. A true star is defined by \_\_\_\_\_

2. The true star of Christmas is defined

by His \_\_\_\_\_

a)“The Anointed One” (vs-4)

b)“The Shepherd Ruler (vs-6)

B. “\_\_\_\_\_ for the Star”

1. Where can we find Jesus”

2. “Wise men still seek Him”

C-\_\_\_\_\_ The Star

1 – Strikes our \_\_\_\_\_

2 – Stirs our \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Conclusion –

## MISSIONS 2019

*St Paul's Missionaries, 2019 is shaping up to be a very blessed year.*

*The Haiti team is preparing for a visit to our friends In L'Acajou on 17th of January for one week. There is still time to join the team. An experience of a lifetime! You will grow spiritually beyond belief!*

*Next is our Spring Family Mission experience, youth driven. April 23rd thru 26th. A light work mission with team bonding and community outreach. Pennsylvania, within a two hour drive. We will be partnering with Cypress Missions for this Mission trip.*

*Our Summer Family Mission Experience will be July 21st thru 29th. Again we will be emphasizing youth group participation. This trip will be a bit farther away, most likely Rochester NY or Cleveland OH. Again it will be a light work Mission with spiritual growth and community out-reach. Cypress Missions will be coordinating and assisting St Paul's on this trip. We will be having an organizational meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> in the Youth Room at 6pm.*

*As always, any questions please contact Doug Buechler.*

*973-495-4377*



The Haiti Mission Team is looking for donations of your old Prescription eyeglasses or readers and gently used Baseball Caps to take with us when we travel to Haiti in January.

Please place them in the receptacle in the Narthex beginning next Sunday.

Thank you for your generosity.

As the year is coming to an end it's also time to plan for next year.

It has been many years since St. Paul's has offered a signing ministry for the deaf. It has come up in Council On Ministries before and I believe it's time to pursue this ministry in earnest. This process will be multifaceted and will take some time to build up.

Briefly, the concept would be to:

- \* Have a person to sign at one service every week. Which service to be determined but it would be the same service every week.
- \* Enlist many people so that Sundays could be rotated rather than one person doing every week
- \* Develop an ongoing ministry for the deaf that would include small group studies, ASL training and outreach to our community when signing services may be needed.

The first step is to reach out to you, our congregation for some information. Please email me at [billbeaver101@gmail.com](mailto:billbeaver101@gmail.com) with your replies to the following questions.

1. Are you currently trained in American Sign Language or ASL?
2. Do you know anyone who is trained in ASL who would be interested in participating
3. Would you be interested in being trained in ASL?

Please be in prayer for this ministry and consider participating by personal participation or reaching out to someone you know with these skills. ~ Bill Beaver

