**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**December 15, 2019**

**3rd Sunday in Advent**

And she shall bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for it is he that shall save his people from their sins.” Matthew 1:21

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENT**

**PRELUDE HANDBELLS:**  “O Come O Come Emmanuel” & “Angels We Have Heard On High”

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**INVOCATIONAL PRAYER**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** “Once in Royal David’s City” (Red #250)

**GREET ONE ANOTHER**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE** 9:00AM: The Scott Family

10:45: The Cavanagh Family

**CELEBRATION SINGERS:** “Rise Up Shepherds and Follow” Soloist – Samantha Moss

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION:** “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (Red #230) (**PRAYER CARDS***may be passed to the ushers at the end of the aisles)*

**MORNING PRAYER**

GIVING OF HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY: CHANCEL CHOIR:** “Do You Hear What I Hear”

 from the cantata, “Born Is the King” Soloist- Christina Tello

**DOXOLOGY**  (Red #95)

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 1:18-25 (pg 1497)

**MESSAGE** “Christmas is for People”

#### HYMN OF RESPONSE “Love Came Down at Christmas” (Red #242)

#### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** “Bring A Torch, Jeanette, Isabella” Sing We Now of Christmas”

**GREETERS FOR TODAY’S SERVICES ARE:**

**9:00am Jeff and Nora Carroll**

**10:45am: Mary Burns**

# **ACOLYTES:** **Brian Chadwick and Michael Scott**

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Rebeccah 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 services 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.**

**Christmas Eve Services**



5:00 PM Family Service

7:30PM Candlelight Service

11:00 PM Candlelight Service

Check our website, [www.stpaulsbrick.org](http://www.stpaulsbrick.org) for last week’s message “Rekindling Our Joy”

**THIS WEEK’S EVENTS**

SUNDAY 12/15 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

6:00 PASTOR’S BIBLE STUDY

 8:00 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS – NORCROSS HALL

**MUSTARD sEED PRE-SCHOOL: MONDAY, TUESDAY, wEDNESDAY, Friday 8:45AM- 11:45AM**

**Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm**

MONDAY 12/16 6:00PM STRONGER HEARTS FOR CHRIST- NORCROSS

6:30 BIBLE STUDY - STAFF LOUNGE

TUESDAY 12/17 **NOON BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE**

7:00PM alanon group – yoUTH ROOM

7:00 Men’s Prayer Group – LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY 12/18 6:00am Men’S Breakfast

10:00 The Quilters - Youth Room

10:30 LADIES SHARE – LIBRARY

1:00PM STAFF MEETING - LIBRARY

4:30 CHERUB CHOIR – 4 yr to 1st grade

6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR- MUSIC ROOM

6:00 VOLLEYBALL – NORCORSS HALL

7:00 mid-week WORSHIP – ROOM 8

7:30 CONCERT BAND PRACTICE

THURSDAY 12/19 6:00PM STRONGER HEARTS FOR CHRIST- NORCROSS

 7:00 TRUELIFE YOUTH GROUP – YOUTH ROOM

 7:00 BOY SCOUTS TROOP #33 – NORCROSS HALL

 7:00 BIBLE STUDY - LIBRARY

 7:00 CAROL CHOIR – 2nd GRADE TO 5TH GRADE

7:00 CELEBRATION CHOIR – 6TH GRADE TO 12TH GRADE

8:00 CHANCEL CHOIR- MUSIC ROOM – 10TH GR.- ADULT

FRIDAY 12/20 8:30AM BULLETIN TEAM – LIBRARY

 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY - LIBRARY

SATURDAY 12/21 7:00AM MEN’S DISCIPLE – YOUTH ROOM

7:30pm christmas cantata – SANCTUARY

SUNDAY 12/22 9:00AM TradITIONAL WORSHIP Service – SANCTUARY

9:00 CHILDCARE- RM 2

9:00 JESUS BIRTHDAY PARTY NORCROSS HALL

9:00 YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:10 MINISTRY FAIR/FELLOWSHIP – NORCROSS HALL

10:45 ContEMPORARY WORSHIP Service

10:45 ADULT BIBLE STUDY – YOUTH ROOM

5:30pm youth group christmas party

7:30pm christmas cantata – SANCTUARY

 8:00 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS – NORCROSS HALL

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**CYPRESS MISSIONS**

**UPCOMING PROJECTS**

**Looking Ahead**

**End of February Dates to be Announced**

**Back to GTC Bahamas teaming up with**

**Heart 911, a nonprofit to continue the rebuilding efforts.**

**Information will be forth coming**

**Potential cost of trip will be airfare (Approx. $400) plus $250**

**April 14th to the 18th**

**Family mission trip**

**Place to be announced**

**Projected cost: $350.00 per family**

**This will be camp setting with work projects**

**Visit a nursing home**

**Community service**

**And nightly devotionals**

**Great way to bring families together from other churches**

**To serve**

**Methodist Men**

**Christmas Tree Sales**

From 5pm to 9pm Monday thru Friday

From 9am to 8pm Saturday

From Noon to 5pm Sunday

**Sign up chart to help sell trees will be up in the Narthex or in Eleanor Norcross Hall**

**Cash and Carry Wreaths are available in the Christmas tree Pen…..**

 **See Joan or Dave Cavanaugh for more details**

**Attendance for December 15, 2019**

**Worship Attendance Last Sunday 191**

**Sunday School 56**

**MORTGAGE UPDATE:**

The mortgage balance as of December 1, 2019 is $808,253

**Administrative Information**

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****.**

**All Circuit Rider articles should be e-mailed to Nancy Penrod at** **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 10th 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****.**

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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/>



**Poinsettias For Christmas**

**United Methodist Men are now taking orders for Christmas Poinsettias. If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia, please fill out the form below and return with your payment. The form and money can be placed in the collection plate, sent or given directly to the Church office.**

**The cost of each plant is $9.00**

**Checks payable to St. Paul’s U.M.M.**

**PLEASE RETURN BY DECEMBER 15, 2019**

ORDER FORM

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In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Please take your plant home**

**![MC900030721[1]]()CHANCEL CHOIR CHRISTMAS**

 **CANTATA**

 **&**

 **CHRISTMAS CONCERT BAND**

**St. Paul’s Chancel Choir and Christmas Concert Band will present their Christmas cantata and concert on December 21 and 22, Saturday and Sunday nights, at 7:30 PM. (Snow date December 23).**

The **Chancel Choir** will present **“Born Is the King—It’s Christmas”.** This is a new and exciting musical which takes us through the story of Christ’s birth –from the centuries of people awaiting Jesus’ arrival, Mary and Joseph taking a cattle stall as a birthing place, the shepherds and angels heralding the Messiah’s birth and finally to the journey of the Magi. Though the story occurred over 2000 years ago, it remains as riveting, compelling, and relevant to us today!

**Our Chancel Choir will be joined at times by narrators, Children’s Choirs, and pageantry as well as a beautiful DVD. It is a wonderful celebration of Christ’s birth!**

Our **Christmas Concert Band** will present **“Songs of the Season”** with great Christmas music. Many different styles will be presented including traditional Christmas songs in various settings, “The Polar Express”, and even a “swingin’” Christmas number. Our Concert Band is made up of woodwinds, brass, and percussion players from St. Paul’s and the high schools, colleges, and communities around us. 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**.

**Prayers and Concerns**

 **December 8, 2019**

**Thanksgiving and Praise Psalm 150** **Praise the Lord.**

**Praise God in his sanctuary; see Him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness;** Thank you for your care and healing; Kennedy home from hospital after brain surgery; Caylie home after months of surgery and rehab from car accident; Thank you dear Heavenly Father for all the wonderful gifts you have given to me and my wonderful family.

**Supplication & Blessings: Ephesians 1:3 Praise for Spiritual Blessings in Christ ] Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ –** Protection for those in the military; Peace for a world in need; Bless week ahead trips, lunch, etc Thank you; Peace and joy for me and my husband and family; Prayers for my friend Dana’s family- Dana passed away from cancer last night, I know God has reserved a place for her-healing for her family; Our troops, our animals, all loved ones, all grieving; Bless and protect the service men and women who serve this country; Thank you and bless and protect all the missionaries-keep them safe as they do your work.

**Healing**-; **Luke 9:11** **but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed it** –Barbara, Aedin, Shawn, Sandy; Grace Lynn and baby with congestion and bad cough, home now from hospital; My friend Ginny still in recovery from heart problem; Keith; Mel Shenk for quick recovery; Please Lord be with Mike’s mom through her medical treatments; My papa’s new medicine bring him healing and optimism; Lori after her successful heart surgery; Cindy and Marian –relief from back pain; Uncle Elvis we pray for healing; Bentley the, cancer of the blood; Friend recovering from chemo treatment; Friend’s husband –chemo; Robin, Karen- chemo; Friend’s daughter with depression; Suzanne, Kathie, Doris; Lorraine, Irene, Shirley; Jen in rehab; Milt, Steve; John-for healing and comfort from prostate cancer; Family and friend with cancer and heart issues; Daughters Carol; and Cathy; Mary Ann Donaldson; Vincent Picchinni for good health; Jan Primrose, Uncle Charles Robinson-he’s just been diagnosed cancer in his eyes; My brother Arthur and wife Debbie and Aunt Malglyn strength and healing; Steven, Margie Wright and family in the loss of her mother; Victoria-healing, Bill L., Bill F., Nancy, Terry, June H., June P., Lorraine H., Lorraine B., Jan’s Uncle, Bill M., Nick, Sherry, Lloyd, Jill, Jane, Dan, Robert, Jack and Barbara; Strength and patience for caregivers.

**Guidance** Nick – we continue to pray for strength and guidance; St. Paul’s church and leaders, country, county, local leaders; Lord, help my wife and I guide our children in the way that leads to your son, Jesus Christ; Ken dealing with myositis; Our country; My 6 grandkids-keep them safe and on the right path in life; Prayers for Eileen as this is her first Christmas without her husband Tony.

**Salvation** Friends and family to know you Lord.

**Travel Mercies** Julia, Michael, Amanda; Pallen Family especially holidays, Thanks.

**Ministry Fair**

Have you been searching for a way to get more involved at St. Paul’s UMC but weren’t sure what opportunities were available?

Are you looking for a way to meet new people and grow in your faith?

Look no further!  St. Paul’s UMC will be holding a Ministry Fair on Sunday, December 22, 2019 during coffee hour.

Please join us for breakfast treats, coffee, and tea and fellowship with our Ministry leaders to find out about all of the opportunities we have available.