



CHRISTMAS EVE

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER

DECEMBER 24, 2022 | 9:00 PM



You are welcome here.

A Little About St. Paul & the Redeemer

What kind of church is this?

St. Paul & the Redeemer (SPR) is a community that seeks to mirror the radical hospitality practiced by Jesus, holding together a progressive outlook and a rootedness in the Christian faith. We are woven of different races, economic statuses, cultural backgrounds, faith backgrounds, gender identities, and sexual orientations, and we are strengthened and enriched by each person's story and voice.

Let's Get Connected

Welcome! If you are new, tell us about yourself and get connected to what's happening at St. Paul & the Redeemer.



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Children & Youth at SPR

All children's and youth ministries will resume on Sunday, January 8.

Nursery, 9:00am-12:00pm

Professionally staffed nursery care is available during the service for children ages 0-4. The nursery is down the southwest stairs. Changing tables are in the downstairs restrooms and the nursery.

Children's Chapel, Sundays, during sermon

During the sermon at the 10:00am service, children from preschool to second grade are invited to a special liturgy in the children's chapel, featuring songs and a Bible story.

Godly Play, Sundays, after church

Children in preschool through fifth grade are invited to Godly Play. Children are welcome to join Godly Play at any time during the year.

Youth Group, Sundays, after church

Join us for youth group (grades 6-12). We gather every Sunday for 45 minutes to enjoy donuts, games, and discussion, and meet once or twice a month for field trips and special events.

SPR's Anti-Racism Vision Statement

We strive to become a beloved community that reflects on our own racial identities and recognizes racism and privilege in our church and society; works for justice by building relationships and sustained efforts to heal, reconcile, and seek Christ in each other; and acts to interrupt and dismantle white supremacist structures, transforming ourselves and our church to become a living embodiment of justice and peace.

Bulletin Rubrics

Throughout the bulletin, the congregation is invited to say all **bolded** text aloud. There are also times when it is customary to make the sign of the cross by touching your forehead, chest, left shoulder, and right shoulder. If you wish to do so, the **+** indicates that.

Giving to SPR

Every dollar you give to SPR supports our ministry to and with our community.



You may place cash or a check in the offering plate, give online at sprchicago.org/give-online or scan this code. If you are visiting, please do not feel obligated to give—it is our honor to have you as our guest!

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THE WORD OF GOD

Instrumental Prelude

Begins at 8:30 PM

Improvisation on *Divinium Mysterium*

C. Winston Cassler (1906-1990)

Mark Bilyeu, organ

Director of Music

White Christmas

Irving Berlin (1888-1989)

Edward Christensen, violin

Thomas Christensen, piano & arranger

Parishioners of SPR

Waltz of the Flowers

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

"Come Unto Him"

from *The Messiah*

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Betty-Ann Lynderd, flute

Community Member

Christmas Time is Here

Vince Guaraldi (1928-1976)

Edward Christensen, violin

Thomas Christensen, piano & arranger

Parishioners of SPR

I Wonder as I Wander

Appalachian Carol

Trio Sonata in B-flat Major

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Susan Hartger, flute,

Kerstin Wellbery, violin

Harold Hartger, harpsichord,

Roger Ferlo, cello

Parishioners of SPR

Christmas Pastoral

Marco Enrico Bossi (1861-1925)

Mark Bilyeu, organ

Director of Music

Entrance Hymn

All sing.

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye, O
 2. God from — God, — Light from Light e - ter - nal, Lo! he ab -
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing, all ye
 7. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je - sus, to

come ye to Beth - le - hem; come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 hors not the Vir - gin's womb; on - ly be - got - ten Son of God the Fa - ther;
 cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, — glo - ry in the high - est;
 thee be — glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

O come, let us a - dore him, — Christ — the Lord.

The Hymnal 1982 #83 "O come, all ye faithful"

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others.

Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. *The English Hymnal*. Final stanza harm. David Willcocks.

Welcome

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God,

you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ:

Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer,

may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge;

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

The Lessons

Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,
 and there shall be endless peace
 for the throne of David and his kingdom.
 He will establish and uphold it
 with justice and with righteousness
 from this time onward and forevermore.
 The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Christmas Carol

All sing.

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

The Hymnal 1982 #87 "Hark! the herald angels sing"

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: *Mendelssohn*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915).

Christmas Carol

Sung by the SPR staff singers.

Refrain:

All this time this song is best:

'*Verbum caro factum est.*' (The Word was made flesh.)

This night there is a child yborn

That sprang out of Jesse's thorn;

We must sing and say therefore: *Refrain*

Jesus is the childes name,

And Mary mild is his dame;

All our sorrow shall turn to game: *Refrain*

It fell upon high midnight:

The starres shone both fair and bright;

The angels sang with all their might: *Refrain*

Now kneel we down on our knee,

And pray we to the trinity

Our help, our succour for to be; *Refrain*

"All This Time"

Words: 16th century, anonymous.

Music: William Walton (1902-1983).

Epistle (New Testament) Reading

A reading from the letter to Titus.

Titus 2:11-14

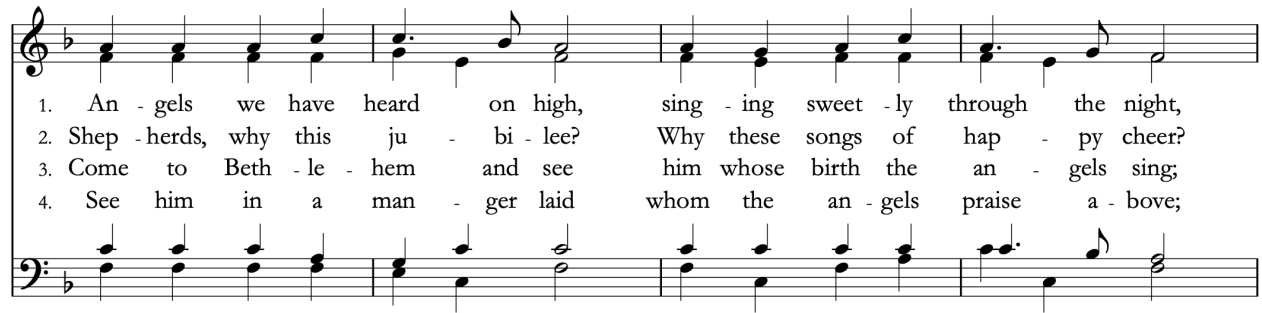
For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

All sing.



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



and the moun tains in re - ply e - cho - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright ness did you see? What glad ti - dings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.



Refrain
Glo - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.



Glo - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

The Hymnal 1982 #96 "Angels we have heard on high"
Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.
Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958).

Gospel Reading

At the + below, you are invited to trace a cross over your forehead, your mouth, and your heart.

+ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Luke 2:1-14

Glorify to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be

registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Today's Preacher: *The Rev. Catherine Healy (Rector)*

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the church and for the world.

Let us pray in the peace of God, that all the gifts we shall give and receive in these days be but small tokens of the gift that shines forth in God's Word made flesh this night. And from grateful hearts let us intercede for all who find themselves longing for this deepest, truest gift, saying,

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

May the peace proclaimed by angels in the shepherds' field be realized on every field of war and on every street of violence.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

May the child born to us find in our hearts a warm welcome by our openness to the needs of the homeless and the hungry.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

In this time of gift giving, may we become more responsive to the abandoned, the despairing, and the mourning.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

May the rejoicing of this day be a bond leading us to true communion of life and worship.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

May the joy and consolation of the wonderful Counselor enliven all who are struck down by disease and illness.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

May the blessed hope we celebrate at Christmas be the fulfillment of all who have gone before us in faith.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

I invite you to offer your own prayers and thanksgivings, ending each with "Lord, in your mercy."

God of darkness and silence, you have pierced the quiet of this night by the utterance of your Word in our flesh.

May our words of prayer and praise echo the song of the angels, so that all might come to the peace you promise in Jesus, who is Lord and God this night and forever. **Amen.**

Prayer List: Audrey Lisa Tate (friend of Shirley Knight), Jo Ann Roberts, Teresa Massie Peterson (friend of Jo Ann Roberts), Roger Wolcott (brother-in-law of Curtis Myers), Patrick Ferlo (brother of Roger Ferlo), Jake Dombroski (friend of Ryan Bailey), Mel Hodder (brother-in-law of Mary Naftzger), Bob Bator, David Farris, Jennifer Penn, Hyacinth Evans, Rahsaan Clark Morris, Tim Sehr, Pamela Anderson, D. Maria Neighbors, Dan Goering (brother of Barbra Goering), Barbara Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer), Stacey Morris, David Daniels, Marian Elliott, Naomi Haynes, Amelia Dammen (grandniece of Lisa Rademacher), Pauline and Bill Reynolds (parents of Liza Reynolds), Tim Brown (cousin of Maureen Jesuthasan), William Jenkins (uncle of Twila Jones), and Rock Sehr, as well as their caregivers.

Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Please remain at your seat and wave to greet your neighbors. Some announcements will be given; there's much more to find out in the front and back pages of this bulletin.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Sung by the SPR Choir.

Sleep, baby, sleep.

Mary and Joseph watch as you slumber,
sleep, baby, sleep.

Rest your weary head
on your tiny bed.

Angels guard you,
shepherds surround you;
rest your weary head.

The Wise Men travel from afar.
bringing gifts and led by a star,
journey to the manger low
to find the Child the whole world will know.

"Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praises to the newborn King!"

So sleep, baby, sleep.

Little Lord Jesus, sleep,
as we pray and sing this lullaby.

"Christmas Lullaby"

Text and Music: H. Leslie Adams (b. 1932).

The Great Thanksgiving

All stand as the offering is brought to the altar.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav'n _ and earth _ are
 full _ of your glo - ry. Ho san - na in the high - est. Ho san - na in the
 high - est. Bless'd is the one who comes _ in the name _ of the Lord.
 the high - est,
 Ho san - na in the high - est, _ Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

Music: *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Book of Common Prayer, 1979. Eucharistic Prayer D.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Oh thou that tell - est good ti-dings to Zi - on, Oh thou that tell - est good ti-dings to Je - ru - sa - lem:
Lift up your voice with strength, Lift it up don't be a - fraid. Be - hold your God.____
A - rise, and shine, for the light of the world is come. Be - hold your God!_

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are: "Oh thou that tell - est good ti-dings to Zi - on, Oh thou that tell - est good ti-dings to Je - ru - sa - lem: Lift up your voice with strength, Lift it up don't be a - fraid. Be - hold your God.____ A - rise, and shine, for the light of the world is come. Be - hold your God!_"

Lead Me, Guide Me #21 "Behold your God"

Words: Isaiah 40:9.

Music: Kenneth W. Louis, © 1985, Kenneth W. Louis.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All, without exception, are invited to receive communion. If you would like to receive communion at your seat, please let the ushers know. If you want gluten-free bread, tell the communion minister. If you would like a blessing in place of communion, cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Music

Sung by the SPR Choir.

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, love divine;
Worship we our Jesus:
But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine.
Love to God and to all the world,
Love for plea and gift and sign.

"Love Came Down at Christmas"

Text: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894), alt.

Music: Carson Cooman (b. 1982).

All sing.

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
2 They look - ed up and saw a star
3 And by the light of that same star
4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,
5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
3 three wise men came from coun - try far;
4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
5 full re - v - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
2 and to the earth it gave great light,
3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
4 and there it did both stop and stay
5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,
born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Words: English carol, 18th cent.

Music: *The First Nowell*, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1840-1901).

All sing.

1. 'Twas in the moon of win - ter - time, when all the birds had fled,
2. With - in a lodge of bro - ken bark the ten - der babe was found,
3. The ear - liest moon of win - ter - time is not so round and fair
4. O child - ren of the for - est free, the an - gel song is true;
that God the Lord of all the earth sent an - gel choirs in - stead;
a rag - ged robe of rab - bit skin en - wrapped his beau - ty round;
as was the ring of glo - ry on the help - less in - fant there.
the ho - ly child of earth and heaven is born to - day for you.
be - fore their light the stars grew dim, and won - dering hunt - ers heard the hymn:
but as the hunt - er braves drew nigh, the an - gel - song rang loud and high:—
The chiefs from far be - fore him knelt with gifts of fox and bea - ver pelt.—
Come kneel be - fore the ra - diant boy, who brings you beau - ty, peace, and joy.—
Refrain
Je - sus your King is born, Je - sus is born, in ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a.

The Hymnal 1982 #114 "Twas in the moon of wintertime"

Words: Jesse Edgar Middleton (1872-1960), alt.

Music: *Une jeune pucelle*, French folk melody, 16th cent.; hamr. Frederick Jackisch (b. 1922).

Let us pray.

God of abundance,

you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;

you have united us with Christ and one another;

and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Christmas Carol Following Communion

All sing.

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight,
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light

round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child, Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild,
 glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far, Heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

sleep in heav - en - ly peace. Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ, the Sa - vior, is born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

The Hymnal 1982 #111 "Silent night, holy night"

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1828); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885).

Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910).

Blessing

Live without fear: Your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road, and may the blessing of God, + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Mother of us all, be with you always. **Amen.**

All sing vs. 1, 2, & 4.

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her King;
2. Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our songs em - ploy,
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the ground;
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions prove

let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
he comes to make his bless - ings flow
the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness,

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, and won - ders of his love.

The Hymnal 1982 #111 "Joy to the world"

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Toccata on "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

From *An Advent Christmas Suite*

by Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)



Coming Up at SPR

Christmas Day Worship

Tomorrow, Sunday, December 25, join us for worship at 10:00 AM.

New Year's Day Worship

On Sunday, January 1, join us for worship at 8:00 or 10:00 AM.

New Worship Schedule Begins January 8

Thank you to all those who completed our recent survey about worship times! Over 80% of respondents were open to trying out a combined service, and 95% were excited about hearing a combined choir. Beginning January 8 and continuing through June 11, we will try out the following worship schedule:

8:00 AM: Worship (Rite I, spoken)

9:00 AM: Free time with child care provided; open space for small groups and committee meetings

10:00 AM: Worship (Rite II, with music)

11:05 AM: Formation for all ages

To ask questions or share feedback, please contact the Rev. Catherine Healy at healy@sprchicago.org.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the parish, with budget review and election of new vestry members, will be held Sunday, January 29, at 11:00 AM.

Love in a Dish

Please consider making a "Love in a Dish" meal for the Swift family as they transition into life with new family member Chloe (mealtrain.com/g6nq93), or for Patti Lanfair as she rebuilds her home after the recent Hyde Park condo fire (mealtrain.com/r2z81L).

Crèche Exhibit

Visit the Byllesby Room to see a display of crèches from around the world! This exhibit, created by Bob Bator, will be open until January 8.

January Adult Formation

In January 2023, **SPR's Faith in Action Team** will be hosting a 3-part series called "Putting Faith into Action: Housing Justice in Chicago." Join us in the parish hall at 11:05am on the following dates:

- **January 8:** Learn about the theology around housing and homelessness, and housing justice work of fellow parishioners, with the Rev. Lydia Gajdel and Leslie and Ron Gatton.
- **January 15:** Rev. Catherine Healy talks about the history of Martin Luther King Jr.'s work on housing justice in Chicago.

January 22: Hear from other organizations about their housing justice work and how to get involved, with Janice Miller from Sunshine Gospel Ministries and their Housing Equity Initiative

About This Evening's Music

The **instrumental prelude** is crafted and performed by parishioners, community members, and staff members of SPR. In 1970, English composer William Walton set the 16th century text "**All This Time.**" Fifty years later, African-American composer H. Leslie Adams penned his own text to create "**Christmas Lullaby**" and one year after that, Carson Cooman was commissioned to set Christina Rossetti's famous poem "**Love Came Down at Christmas**" to celebrate the 100th annual Christmas Carol Services of The Memorial Church at Harvard University. The **postlude** by Alfred Fedak is an exciting setting of the carol that despite being in a minor key, everyone (except, famously, Ebenezer Scrooge), loves to sing. Tidings of comfort and joy!

Serving Today

December 24, 2022, 9:00 PM

Presiders: The Rev. Catherine Healy,

The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur

Preacher: The Rev. Catherine Healy

Deacon: The Rev. Jack Seymour

Music Leader: Mark Bilyeu

Lectors: Steven Heyman, Claire Hartfield

Intercessor: John Adewoye

Staff

The Rev. Catherine E. Healy, Rector

The Rev. Barnabas E. Pusnur, Associate Rector

The Rev. Jack Seymour, Deacon

Mark Bilyeu, Director of Music

Megan Cather, Children's Music Assistant

Lindsey Strieter, Director of Children's Formation

The Rev. Roger Ferlo, Priest Associate

The Rev. Lydia Gajdel, Priest Associate

Lukasz Jedrzejewski, Sexton

Savannah Hegyi, Dennis Kalup,

Ian Murrell, & Ariana Strahl, Staff Singers

Sabrina Foster, Ashley Lanfair, & Patricia Lanfair,

Nursery Teachers

Vestry

Twila Jones, Warden

Frances Spaltro, Warden

O. Michael Agina

Tayo Adegoke, Treasurer

Traci Beck

Nicholas Bellomy

Jonathan Foiles

Vicky Legge

Meryl Prochaska

Jason Evans

Rebecca Luttrell

Celia Paris

Partners in Ministry

Beulah Shoemith Elementary School

We support our neighborhood school through tutoring, arts programs, and gardening.

Community Renewal Society

We are a member congregation of CRS, which organizes faith communities for social change.

Crossroads/Chicago ROAR

Chicago ROAR supports our anti-racism commitments through facilitation and training.

Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

We are proud to belong to the Chicago South Deanery of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago.

Murray Fellows

Through this program, we mentor and encourage the next generation of LGBTQ+ Christian leaders.

Open Kitchen

SPR members gather monthly to cook meals for Kenwood UCC's Feed the People Soup Kitchen.

St. Patrick's Church & School, Haiti

Our collaboration with St. Patrick's in Tom Gateau, Haiti, includes school lunch and music programs, teacher salaries, and capital projects.

St. Paul & the Redeemer Food Pantry

Our food pantry is open to the community every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 PM.

Syrian Community Network

Each year, SPR sponsors a newly resettled refugee family from Syria through visits, tutoring and more.



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