

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICE

St. Paul Sunday & Day School Children

December 10, 2025

7:00 pm

Reclaiming Christmas!**LESSONS AND CAROLS****AS WE GATHER**

“Reclaimed” wood is worn, beat-up wood salvaged from old structures like barns or factories. It is given a new purpose and beauty. It’s a way of restoring value to what the world might see as useless or forgotten. God chose to upcycle a manger into a throne of grace and redemption.

So this Advent season, let us reclaim Christmas from the commercialization, the material gifts, the activities that distract us from the true gift-- Christ, who came to reclaim us. When Jesus was born, laid in a likely beat-up, worn, ordinary feeding trough, God showed us he was willing to take us broken and beat-up people and reclaim us as His own, upcycling us into saved creations in Christ.

PRELUDE MUSIC

Hannah Hughes—Silent Night

Tyler Hughes—Away in the Manger

WELCOME - Pastor Chris**Processional**

OH COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

Students and Congregation

*(Congregation and Students)***Oh, Come all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!****Oh Come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem.****Come and behold him, Born the king of angels****Oh, come let us adore Him,****Oh, come, let us adore Him,****Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!***(Students Only)***Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,****Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!****Glory to God In the highest;****Oh, come let us adore Him,****Oh, come let us adore Him,****Oh come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!****INVOCATION****RESPONSIVE READING**

Reader #1 :

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
He came to bring light into the darkness and life to all people.

Students:**Come, Lord Jesus!**

Reader #2 :

The world is filled with noise, distraction, and hurry. But in a quiet manger, You
came to save us.

Students:

Come, Lord Jesus!

Reader #1:

We confess that we have been more concerned with gifts and busyness than with Your presence. Forgive us, Lord, and turn our hearts back to You.

Students:

Come, Lord Jesus!

Reader #2:

You did not come wrapped in gold or glitter, but in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger. You came to save us, not to sell to us.

Students:

Come, Lord Jesus!

Reader #1:

As You reclaimed a simple wooden manger for Your glory, reclaim our hearts, our homes, and our families for You.

Students:

Come, Lord Jesus!

Reader #2:

You are Emmanuel—God with us.

You are the true gift that will never grow old, become broken, or lose its value.

Everyone:

Come, Lord Jesus!

Reader #3 ISAIAH 7:13-14

13 Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest all things



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
might - i - ly; To us the path of knowl - edge show,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - jice! Re - jice!
And teach us in her ways to go. Re - jice! Re - jice!



Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

THE MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION *John 1:1 - 14*

READER #4: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

THE ANNUNCIATION TO MARY—*Luke 1: 26-35, 38*

Reader # 5

In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee,

to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

Reader #6

But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.

He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

Reader #7

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

SONG: MARY DID YOU KNOW—Sunday and Day School singers

Solos verse 1: Camilla Wyatt and Elise Argiros verse 2: Hannah Hughes and Maya Adler
Verse3: Kenadee Koch and Delaney MacInnis

THE BIRTH OF JESUS *Luke 2: 1 – 7*

Reader # 8:

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

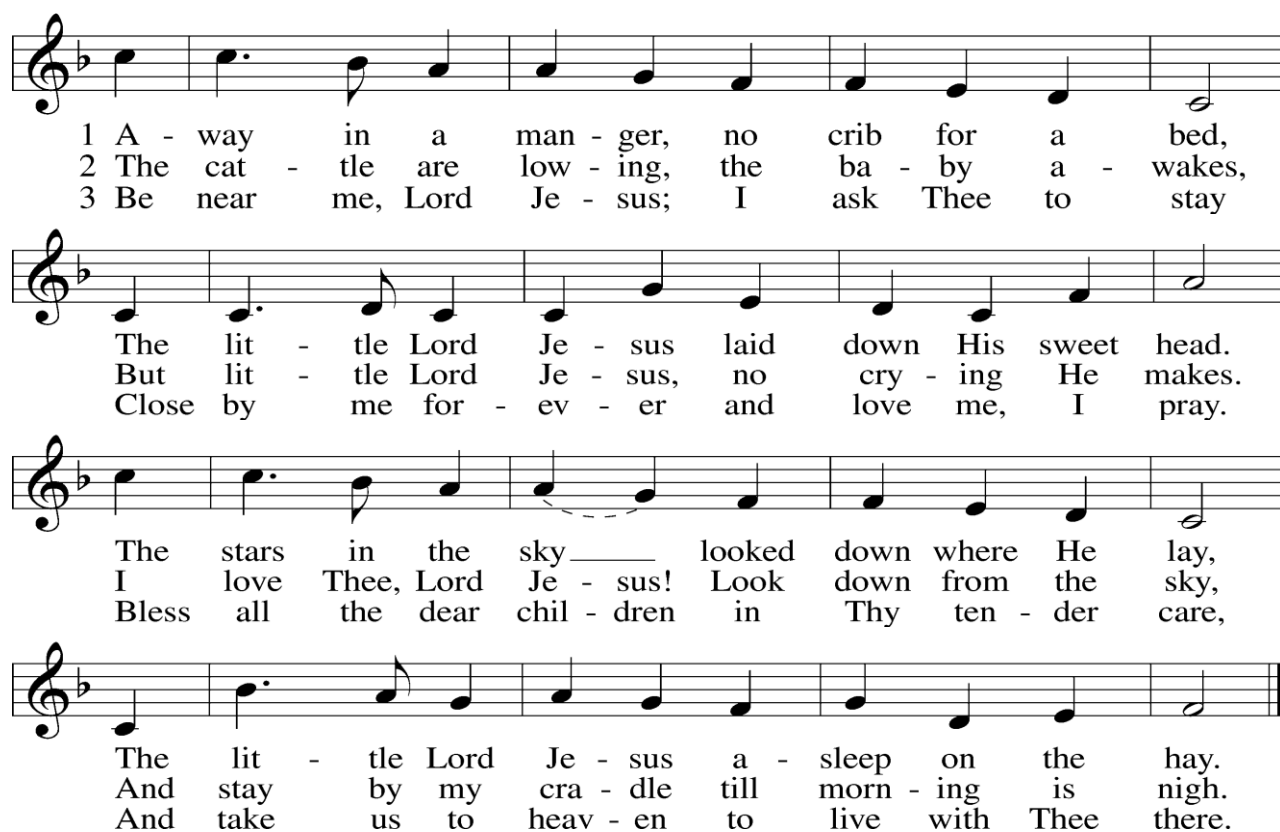
And everyone went to his own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Away in a Manger



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
 But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
 Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

The stars in the sky _____ looked down where He lay,
 I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

THE SHEPHERDS LEARN OF JESUS' BIRTH Luke 2: 8 – 16

Reader # 9

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

Reader #10

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Reader #11

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

Go Tell It on the Mountain—Students and Congregation

Refrain (students)

**Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!**

1 (Congregation)

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.

Refrain (students).

(Congregation)

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth.

Refrain (students).

(Congregation)

- 3 Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.
Refrain (students).

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing—CONGREGATION

Sunday & Day School Handchimes Haelyn Elliott - violin Jack Elliott - piano



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



Refrain
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

THE MAGI FOLLOW THE STAR— *Matthew 2:1 – 11*

Reader #12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born.

Reader #13

"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.'"

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

Reader #14

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE—Congregation

We three kings of Orient are;
 Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
 Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
 Following yonder star.

Refrain:

*O star of wonder, star of light,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

*Refrain***SPOKEN ENDING**—Readers #15 and 16**BLESSING** – *Pastor Chris*

Pastor: The Lord bless you with holy wisdom, keep you from all harm and danger, and bring you to the joys of light eternal and everlasting life in His glorious presence.

People: Amen.

Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -

room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His

sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

POSTLUDE

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Where We Serve

Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

Family Life

Elder

Jeanette Koch

Mark Potter

Ushers

Jerry Krause

Matthew George

Ronald Breuhan

Gabe Ruth

Marty Jenter

Mike Huskey

Elyse Huskey

Music Director

Paul Ventimiglia

Sunday School Director

Kristen Goodman

Sunday School Music

Jennifer Huggins

Reader list:

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| #1—Joshua Norton | #2—Lucy Adler |
| #3—Hannah Hughes | #4—Caleb Norton |
| #5—Aaron Robinson | #6—Tyler Hughes |
| #7—Lacey Babic | #8—Ellie Norton |
| #9—Henry Elliott | #10—Haelyn Elliott |
| #11—Sofia Palmer | #12—Maya Adler |
| #13—Jack Adler | #14—Jack Elliott |
| #15—Kenadee Koch | #16—Gabriel Robinson |

*Mary**Delaney MacInnis**Joseph**Brandan McCourt**Angels**Elise Argiros**Penelope Patterson**3 Wiseman**Bobby Argiros**Małsylimilian Pasek**Prince Patterson**Shepherds**Lucie Doombos**Kaidance Lawson**Kira McCourt**Cameron Babic**Chase Babic**Cookies and Refreshments in the Parish Hall after the service.*

Thank you to Mrs. Goodman, Mrs. Pifer and Mrs. Huggins for their time and talents in helping the children reclaim the True Meaning of Christmas!