

SAINT PAUL'S



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



December 28, 2025
“The God Given Task”
9:30 a.m.

Order of Worship: Sunday, December 28, 2025

9:30 a.m. Service of Worship

1st Sunday after Christmas

*stand as you are able

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Carolyn Williamson, Senior Pastor

Prelude

Noel: Laissez paitre vos betes

J.J.B. Charpentier

Call to Worship

Gary Eggebraaten and People

(People sing the refrain, "Joy to the World, The Lord is Come!" following each petition.)

Arise, shine: for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Let the light of Your face shine on us, O Lord!

Refrain

The sun will no longer be your light by day, nor will the moon give light to you by night;

But the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

Refrain

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness"

Refrain

This is the message we have heard from Jesus and proclaim to you, that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all.

Refrain

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name!

Refrain

*Opening Carols

*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing
Angels We Have Heard on High*

UMH 240

UMH 238

*Passing of the Peace

(Please join in singing the refrain of *O Come All Ye Faithful* twice, as you return to your seat)

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Williamson

Children's Chat

Rev. MaryAnn Piccioni, Associate Pastor

*Carols

*O Little Town of Bethlehem
Away in a Manger*

UMH 230 vs 1 & 3

UMH 217 vs. 1 & 3

The Offering

Offering Prayer
Offertory
***Doxology**

Love Came Down at Christmas

Rev. Williamson
Trad. Irish melody
UMH 95, Old 100th

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

Gary Eggebraaten

Sermon

"The God Given Task"

Rev. MaryAnn Piccioni

*Closing Song

Turn, Turn, Turn

(on screen)

*Sending Forth

Rev. Piccioni

Postlude

Toccata on 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing'

D. Cherwien

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ATTENDANCE PADS

In each pew you will find a black folder containing a sign-in. We would love for you to let us know you are here. You can also share your contact information, request info on various ministries, sign up for Wednesday night dinner or request a name tag.

Thank you for joining us in worship today! This QR code will take you to our webpage, where you may subscribe to our WEEKLY NOTES and give safely and securely online to support the ministries of Saint Paul's UMC.



THIS WEEK AT SAINT PAUL'S

Sunday, Dec. 28 - Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.
Contemporary Service, 6:00 p.m., Sanders Hall

Monday, Dec. 29 - MoLab Winter Camp - All Week
Daisy Scouts, 6:00 p.m., Room 301

Tuesday, Dec. 30 - End of Year Giving to Church office by 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 1 - Happy New Year - Office Closed
Crafty Crop, 10:00 a.m., Sanders Hall

Friday, Jan. 2 - Crafty Crop, 10:00 a.m., Sanders Hall

Saturday, Jan. 3 - Crafty Crop, 10:00 a.m., Sanders Hall

Sunday, Jan. 4 - Worship, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Contemporary Worship, 6:00 p.m., Sanders Hall

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS

Large print hymnals are available to those who would like to use them during worship. Please ask an usher.