

# 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*

UMH 240

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

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*

UMH 230 vs 1 & 3

*Away in a Manger*

UMH 217 vs. 1 & 3

<b>The Offering</b>		
<b>Offering Prayer</b>		Rev. Williamson
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Love Came Down at Christmas</i>	Trad. Irish melody
<b>*Doxology</b>		UMH 95, Old 100th
<b>Scripture</b>	Ecclesiastes 3:1-15	Gary Eggebraaten
<b>Sermon</b>	“The God Given Task”	Rev. MaryAnn Piccioni
<b>*Closing Song</b>	<i>Turn, Turn, Turn</i>	(on screen)
<b>*Sending Forth</b>		Rev. Piccioni
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Toccata on ‘Hark the Herald Angels Sing’</i>	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.

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## 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.

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