

SAINT PAUL'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



December 21, 2025

"Songs for the Waiting: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"
9:30 a.m.

Order of Worship: Sunday, December 21, 2025

9:30 a.m. Service of Worship

4th Sunday in Advent

*stand as you are able

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. MaryAnn Piccioni, Associate Pastor

Prelude

Noel on "Angels We Have Heard on High":
Theme, I, II and V

L. Visser

Lighting of the Candles

Acolytes

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Jonathan, Amy & Grayson Leach

Responsive Litany

Leaders and People

During Advent, we wait for the one promised in scripture.

And he will be called Mighty God.

We wait for the one whose power has no limits and whose strength knows no end.

And he will be called Mighty God.

We wait for the one whose everlasting light can illuminate the darkest night.

And he will be called Mighty God.

We wait for the one whose mercy never ends and whose faithfulness endures forever.

And he will be called Mighty God.

Candlelighting

Prayer

Children's Christmas Pageant

Bliss Amort-Murphy, Narrator

*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. Piccioni

The Offering

Offering Prayer

Rev. Carolyn Williamson, Senior Pastor

Offertory

The Beautiful Impossible

J. Martin

Covenant Chancel Choir

*Doxology

UMH 95, Old 100th

Scripture

Luke 1:5-25

Rev. David Williamson

Sermon	"Songs for the Waiting: <i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i> " Rev. Carolyn Williamson	
*Closing Carol	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	UMH 216
*Sending Forth		Rev. Williamson
Postlude	<i>Noel on "Angels We Have Heard on High":</i> <i>Grand Jeux VI</i>	
		L. Visser

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 and the choir's gifts under the direction of Cynthia Prescott.

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. 21 - Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Children's Christmas Pageant, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.
Contemporary Service, 6:00 p.m., Sanders Hall

Monday, Dec. 22 - MoLab Winter Camp—All Week
Chair Yoga Class will resume on January 5th

Wednesday, Dec. 24 - Prayer Meeting, 8:00 a.m., Zoom
Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday, Dec. 25 - Merry Christmas - Church Office Closed

Friday, Dec. 26 - Church Office Closed

Saturday, Dec. 27 - Soul Food, 9:30 a.m., Lake Ella

Sunday, Dec. 28 - Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.
Contemporary Service, 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.