

# SAINT PAUL'S

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



**December 7, 2025**  
**“Rains of Peace”**  
**9:30 a.m.**

# Order of Worship: Sunday, December 7, 2025

9:30 a.m. Services of Worship

2nd Sunday in Advent / Sacrament of Holy Communion

\*stand as you are able

**Welcome & Announcements** Rev. MaryAnn Piccioni, Associate Pastor

**Prelude** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* setting by G. Sewell

**Lighting of the Candles** Acolytes

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** Rick and Laura Wright

**Responsive Litany** Leaders and People

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

**And he will be called the Prince of Peace.**

We wait for the one who can turn discord into perfect harmony.

**And he will be called the Prince of Peace.**

We wait for the one who can replace hate with love, and anger with understanding.

**And he will be called the Prince of Peace.**

We wait for the one who can replace division with unity, and war with peace.

**And he will be called the Prince of Peace**

**Candlelighting**

**Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* UMH 203

**\*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. Carolyn Williamson, Senior Pastor

**Children's Chat** Rev. Piccioni

**The Offering**

**Offering Prayer** Rev. Williamson

**Offertory** *The New Noel* T.L. Boyd

Covenant Chancel Choir

**\*Doxology** UMH 95, Old 100th

**Scripture** Psalm 85 (NCV) Jim Rolfe

**Sermon** "Rains of Peace" Rev. MaryAnn Piccioni

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation/Confession and Pardon

UMH p. 12

The Great Thanksgiving for Advent

UMH p. 15-16

Breaking the Bread/Giving the Bread and Cup

Music for Communion

Ellen Osborn, piano

**\*Closing Hymn**

*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

UMH 218

**\*Sending Forth**

Rev. Williamson

**Postlude**

*Partita on "Besancon": III*

J. Bertolozzi

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

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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. 7** - Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.

Come to Christmas, 4:30 p.m., Sanders Hall, 300 Level, Parlor

**Monday, Dec. 8** - Congregational Care Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Room 326

Chair Yoga Class, 11:00 a.m., Sanders Hall

**Tuesday, Dec. 9** - Men's Reading Community, 8:30 a.m., Ology Northside

United Women in Faith, 10:00 a.m., Sanders Hall

Silver Liners Christmas Lights Event, 5:30 p.m.

Covenant Chancel Choir, 6:00 p.m., Choir Room

Selah, 7:30 p.m., Choir Room

**Wednesday, Dec. 10** - Prayer Meeting, 8:00 a.m., Zoom

Tallahassee Newcomers Group, 11:00 a.m., Sanders Hall

PreSchool Music, 5:10 p.m., Room 200

Wednesday Night Dinner (Smorgasbord Night), 5:15 p.m., SH

Kids@Art, 6:00 p.m., Room 200

Wednesday Night Youth Rooted, 6:00 p.m., Parlor

Kids@Art Musical, 6:45 p.m., Sanctuary

**Thursday, Dec. 11** - Alzheimer's Early Stage Support Group, 10:00 a.m., Rm 327

Guardian Ad Litem Toy Drive, 10:30 a.m., Sanders Hall, 300 Level

**Friday, Dec. 12** - Alzheimer's Respite, 9:00 a.m., Parlor

Guardian Ad Litem Toy Drive, 10:00 a.m., Sanders Hall, 300 Level

**Saturday, Dec. 13** - Guardian Ad Litem Toy Drive, 8:30 a.m., Sanders Hall

Choir Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Elf Day, 1:00 p.m., Nursery, Foundation

**Sunday, Dec. 14** - A Service of Lessons & Carols, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.

Starting Point Class, 10:45 a.m., Side Narthex

Youth Movie Day/Christmas Party, 12:30 p.m., Parlor

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.

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