

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion

Friday, December 24, 2021

6:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m. 10:00 p.m.

10 West 31st Street Savannah, Georgia 31401 (912) 233-8895

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+ *Please Stand*

Prelude Music

Piano & Organ *Rebecca McClain*

Festival Brass Quartet

Blayze Jackson, Trumpet

Bill Schmid, Trumpet

David Elliott, Trombone

Dave Fulton, Trombone

Choral Call To Worship

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” Natalie Sleeth
Emma Martin, Soprano

Welcome & Announcements

+ **The Preparation, Confession & Invocation**

“Angels From the Realms of Glory”

The Chancel Brass & Organ

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
once you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations, you have seen his natal star.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

The Confession

P Beloved in the Lord, on this Holy Night of our dear Savior's birth, let us draw near in faith and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him, in the name of Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C **Amen.**

P Lord, we often lose the bright joy of Christmas in our rush for less important things.

C **Restore to us the joy of your salvation.**

P Too often we live as though there were no Birth, as though you do not live among us.

C **Be born afresh in our hearts, O Lord.**

P When we become burdened and depressed with foolish cares and sorrows.

C **Forgive us, Father.**

P When we grow weary and discouraged for your Kingdom's sake.

C **Renew us with your Spirit and let us dance with the joy that comes from the birth of the Messiah.**

P When we neglect those who need us, those both near and far.

C **Forgive us, Lord, and remind us again how to care for others as you care for us.**

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“O Come All Ye Faithful”

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the king of angels.

Refrain

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! ***Refrain***

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest: ***Refrain***

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: ***Refrain***

The Invocation

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day

Children’s Sermon

The First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.⁴ For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Gospel Response

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

Rev. Peter J. Hartmann

The Sermon Hymn

“Angels We Have Heard On High”

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived
by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died and was buried. He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
+ I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

The Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever, Amen.

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“Silent Night”

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

Benediction

P The Lord Bless You & Keep You, The Lord Make His Face Shine
on you and Be Gracious to You, The Lord Look Upon You with
Favor, and Give You Peace.

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The Recessional Hymn

“Joy to the World”

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

The Words of Institution & The Communion

Organ Postlude

“Joy”

Michael Dell

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Flowers in the Chancel...

are Given to the Glory of Almighty God
And in Memory of J.P. & Frieda Shealy By the Family

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We Remember in Our Prayers...

Betty Bacon, Kevin Boatright, Ronnie & Delores Boatright, Angie Briggs, Jean Camp, Chuck Campbell, Jennifer & Rob Campbell, April Cory, Virginia Huber, Denny Jacobi, Clarke Jones, Don Kennedy, Shirley Kennedy, John I. Lanier, Ann Lariscy, George Martin Sr., Joan Martin, Jane McClain, Nancy Merk, Rita Monson, Jodi Ragno, Leonora Reid, Frankie Rivenbark, Ed Robb, Kay Robb, Kay Sellman, Bonnie Sessums, Barbara Tyson, Bart Waller, Melissa Waller, Rachel Warsaw, Simone Wiggins, Wayne Woodside and Stan Woo.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021
LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE
ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:00 AM

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Current Budgetary Needs Each Sunday From 2021 Offerings
\$8,000.00

Received From Current Offerings Last Sunday
\$4,812.00

Received From St. Paul's Angels Last Sunday / Total Received
\$ 10,400.00 / \$ 28,900.00

Worship Statistics Last Week In Person & At Home

8:30 - 53 11:00 - 65 Facebook - 80

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Our Lectors Today

Ricky Truluck

December Altar Guild

Natasha Smith & Kristin Chmela
Lisa & Ben Neville and Donna Wall