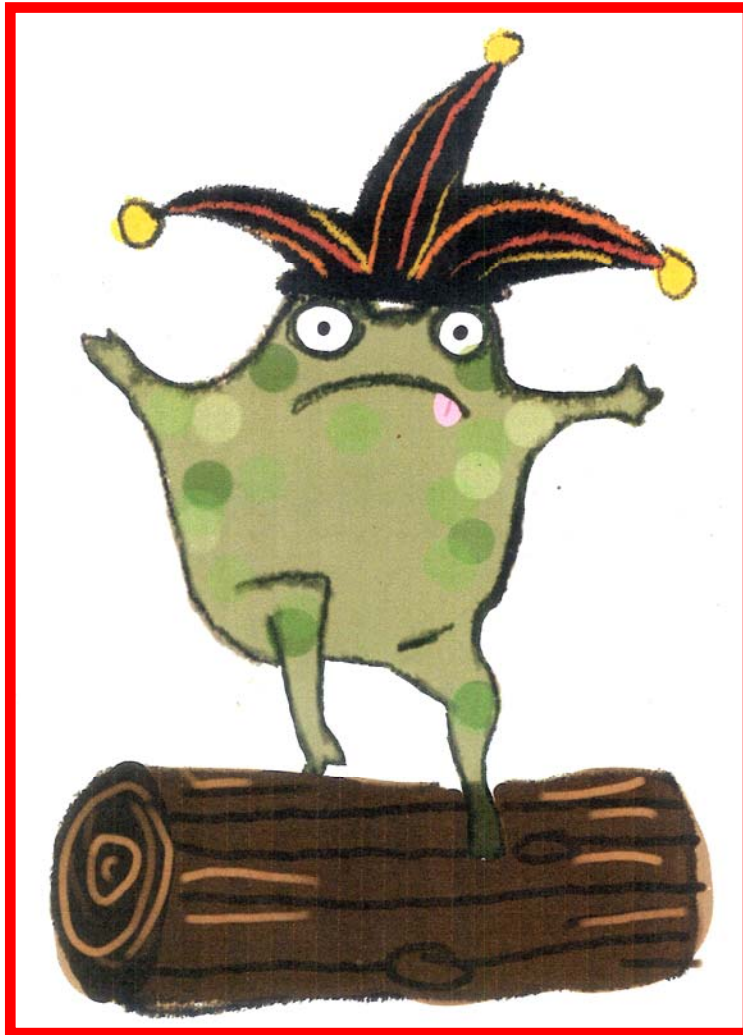


St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



The Fourth Sunday in Advent

“The Frog King”

Sunday, December 24, 2023 10:00 a.m.

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

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Welcome & Announcements

Choral Prelude

“Island Harmony Quartet”
“*Infant Holy*”

Opening Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #60

- 1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

- 2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel! ***Refrain***
- 3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth,
born to give us second birth. ***Refrain***

The Lesson

Luke 1:39-56

Paine Froistad

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." ⁴⁶And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." ⁵⁶And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

Chancel Choir Anthem

"The Very Best Time of Year"

Sir John Rutter

"The Frog King"

Solo

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Teaker Harris, Jr.

Pageant Hymn

Silent Night #65

Women of Choir ONLY

1 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.

SOLO: Emma Martin

2 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!

Congregation

3 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.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885

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Shepherds (Men of Congregation)

*"We are the shepherds brave and true,
watch our sheep the whole night through."*

Angels (Women of Congregation)

*"Baby in a manger you got to see,
Leave your sheep for the big city"*

Shepherds (Men of Congregation)

"We are scared, don't know the way."

Angels (Women of Congregation)

"The Star will guide you this Christmas Day"

Pageant Hymn

Away In A Manger #67

Men of Choir ONLY

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the sky looked down where he lay;
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

SOLO: Reagan Barnard

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Congregation

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

Text: North American, anonymous, 19th cent.

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Chancel Kazoo Choir

We Three Kings

Conductor - Rachael Hartmann

Solo

"O Holy Night"

Melissa Flummerfelt

We Wish You A Merry Christmas

We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy New Year

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year

We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy New Year

Closing Hymn

Go Tell It On the Mountain #70

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872-1925, stanzas, alt.
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Choral Postlude

“Island Harmony Quartet”

“While By Our Sheep”

**We Welcome You to
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church...**

Whether you are a long time member, friend at St. Paul's, or here for the first time, we are glad you are with us in worship today! If you are in need of pastoral care, please give us a call. If you will be entering the hospital or preparing for any surgical procedures, please let the Pastor know so he can plan to visit and have prayer with you during this time. Thank you for checking the "prayer list" posted in the bulletin today and for helping us to keep this list current by notifying the office with any updates. All are welcome to partake in The Communion during the service. After The Consecration, come forward as able to receive the Blessing and The Body & Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ and then return to your pew to complete the service.

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We Remember in Our Prayers...

Kevin Boatright, Ronnie & Delores Boatright, Angie Briggs, Florence Brown, Tom Brown, Jean Camp, Mike Hatfill, Don Kennedy, Shirley Kennedy, Dottie Kraft, Ann Lariscy, George Martin Sr., Joan Martin, Leonora Reid, Al Schunemann, Kay Sellman, Isabelle Sherouse, Mary Sikes, Charlie Smith, Barbara & Tim Tyson, and Melissa Waller.

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Current Budgetary Needs Each Sunday From 2023 Offerings
\$8,600.00

Received From Current Offerings Last Week
Offering \$2,852.00 E-Giving \$205.80

Christmas Angels Last Week - \$1,565.00 Total to Date - \$15,975.00

Worship Statistics Last Week In Person & At Home

8:30 am - 31 11:00 am - 29 Facebook - 68

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W E L C A

DECEMBER COLLECTIONS ...

**Household Items, monetary donations and baby supplies
for "Shelter from the Rain", a service for
Single Mother Assistance...**

**\$20 Generic Gift Cards or WalMart Gift Cards for
"Park Place Outreach" - A shelter for homeless older teens...**

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Our Worship Leaders & Staff...

- Senior Pastor...** The Rev. Peter J. Hartmann
- Director of Music & CFO ...** Donald R. Martin, Jr.
- Senior Organist ...** Rebecca T. McClain
- Office Administrator ...** Fran Snipes
- “The Epistle” ...** Betsy Martin
- Facebook Live Broadcasting...** Lisa B. Martin
- Chancel Choir Soprano Section Leader ...**
Melissa Flummerfelt
- Chancel Choir Tenor Section Leader ...** Carl Lettow
- Chancel Choir Bass Section Leader ...** Anthony Broadnax
- Pre-School Director ...** Gina Johnson
- Assistant Pre-School Director ...** Cynthia Thomas
- Parish Housekeeping ...** April Reilly

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Our Lectors Today Paine Froistad & Charlie Schafer

Today We Welcome Back to Our Services...

“Island Harmony Quartet”

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“The Frog King”



*Christmas Eve
Sunday
December 24th*

Two Evening Services

Candlelight Communion Services

w/ Choirs, Organ & Brass

6:30 PM & 10:00 PM

*New Year's Eve
Sunday
December 31st*

One Service of Lessons & Carols

Worship with our Chancel Choir

10:00 AM



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