

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday December 24, 2023

6:30 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

*Alyse Hudson, Noel Imel Hutcheson
David Elliott & Dave Fulton*

Choral Call To Worship

“For Unto Us” John Carter

Welcome & Announcements

The Preparation, Confession & Invocation

“Angels From the Realms of Glory” #50

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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.**

+ **“O Come All Ye Faithful” #45**

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 (6:30)

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. ⁴For 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.

Anthem “Make My Life A Bethlehem” Craig Courtney
Melissa Flummerfelt, Soprano

The Second Lesson **Titus 2:11-14**

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Anthem “My Heart Always Wander” Trad. Scandanavian
Emma Martin, Soprano

+ **The Holy Gospel** **Luke 2:1-14**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Second Chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,¹⁴ ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!’

The Gospel Response

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

“Jesu Bambino”

Pietro A. Yon

Rev. William “Bill” Gardner

The Sermon

Rev. Peter J. Hartmann

The Sermon Hymn

“Angels We Have Heard On High” #71

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 glad 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.

The Words of Institution & The Communion

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“Silent Night” #65

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 Extinguishing of Candles

The Recessional Hymn

“Joy to the World” #39

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.

Organ Postlude

“Joy”

Michael Dell

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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.

Our Lectors Today

Ricky Truluck

December Altar Guild

Natasha Smith & Becky Truluck
Lisa Neville & Donna Wall

Communion Assistants

6:30 - Toni & Richard Wolf
Julia & Hunter Hadden, Christopher Leary

10:00 - Bill & George Wiggins
Chuck & Jared McCallar
Janet Gnann

Acolyte & Crucifer

6:30 - Reagan Barnard & Joey Barnard
10:00 - Jared McCallar & George Wiggins

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

NEW YEAR'S EVE

**"LESSONS & CAROLS" AT 10:00 AM
WITH THE CHANCEL CHOIR**

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Christmas 2023
Poinsettia Dedications

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
10 West 31st Street
Savannah, Georgia 31401

*The poinsettias Beautifully adorning the church are given to
the Glory of God and ...*

IN HONOR OF...

Our Children, Grandchildren,
and Great-grandchildren
Our Children, Anne Shealy, Cara & Matt Getter
Parker Sass, Ryan & Kathlyn Sass
Our Grandchildren, Page and Landis Getter,
Baker Sass
My Family
Pastor Hartmann
Miriam Fulton
Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division
Zach and Cody
Billy Mintz
Coraline, Zoe, and Jackson
Granddaddy Mintz
Our Children and Grandchildren
My Dear Husband, Alan Cale
My Children and Grandchildren
Nonnie & Pop Pop

Jasper & Lorellai
Lisa Martin
Emma & Charlie Levy
Allie & Joey
Rebecca McClain
Fran Snipes

IN LOVING MEMORY OF...

Nancy Flood
Betty Miles
Anne Fretwell Mintz
Karl Dieter Renelt and Alfredo Valladares

Our Parents, Ann & Luther Stripling
J. P. & Freida Shealy
Norbert Tremko, Sr.
Betty Miles
Mr. & Mrs. Albert W. Kraft
John Waldhauer
John Waldhauer "Papa"
Lib & Jack Gnann
Mickie Braun
Our Parents, Carl & Caroline Lettow
and Bernice & Dock Lane

GIVEN BY...

Carl & Faye Lettow
John & Cindy Shealy
John & Cindy Shealy
Billy Mintz
Billy Mintz
Becky & Ricky Truluck
Charles & Martha McCallar
Bill & Kheira
His Family
Candy & Maurice Green
Children and Grandchildren
David & Dianne Fennell
Kelley Cale
Miriam K. Fulton
Donald, Lisa, Emma, Charlie Allie &
Joey
GDaddy
Donald Martin
Donald & Lisa Martin
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Donald Martin

GIVEN BY...

Tom & Susan Brown
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Billy Mintz
Dr. Alex & Kemberly Renelt
and Ander
Anne and Sarah
John & Cindy Shealy
John & Cindy Shealy
The Craft Group
Dottie Kraft
Mickie Waldhauer
Nicholas Waldhauer
The Family
Janet Gnann
Carl & Faye Lettow

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF...

Christopher "Rudy" Roth

Patricia Charlena Tyson Roth

Dana Martin Tyson
Thomas L. Fulton, Jr.
Martha Hartmann
Nelson Graff
Simone K. Wiggins
Simone K. Wiggins
Scott Leary

Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Poston, Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. R. H. Fennell, Sr.
Loved Ones
Our Parents, Bob & Florence Fennell
Grammy and Mom, Bonnie Sessums

Bill Sessums

Billy, Elouise, and Ann Kilpatrick
Charles & Joyce McCallar
Benjamin Neville
Johnny & Beverly Brisendine
Neb & Betty Neville
My Husband, Tom Fulton, and
Parents, Perry & Douschka Kessler
Poppie, Damma, & Ariel

Scott Leary

"B" Neville
William B. Clarke, Jr.
"God Betty"

GIVEN BY...

His children, Victoria and
Christopher
Her children, Victoria and
Christopher
His parents, Barbara & Tim Tyson
Becky & Ricky Truluck
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Frances Graff
Bill Wiggins
George Wiggins
Toni, Christopher, Megan,
and Walden
David & Dianne Fennell
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Bill & Patty Cannady
Kelley, Alan, Katey and
Carson Cale
Kelley, Alan, Katey and
Carson Cale
The McCallar Family
The McCallar Family
Lisa & Ricky Neville
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Lisa & Ricky Neville
Miriam K. Fulton

Donald, Lisa, Sandy, Emma, Allie
& Joey
Donald, Lisa, Sandy, Emma, Allie
& Joey
Donald, Lisa, Sandy & Emma
Donald Martin
Donald & Emma

Merry Christmas!

MERRY CHRISTMAS
FROM THE ENTIRE STAFF...



Pastor Hartmann
Donald, Rebecca & Fran
Anthony, Melissa & Sarah
Gina, Cynthia & April