

# St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



*The Fourth Sunday in Advent*

**“The Three Santas”**

December 22, 2024 10:00 a.m.

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

**Sunday, December 22, 2024**

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**Bulletin Cover - Original Painting By Elizabeth Emde**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Choral Prelude**

“Island Harmony Quartet”

**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***

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph 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. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And 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. <sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

### **Chancel Choir Anthem**

**“Come To The Stable”** Garry Cornell

Laura Fennell, Flute

### **“The Three Santas”**

#### **Solo**

**“Santa Clause Is Coming to Town”** Melissa Flummerfelt

#### **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

**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.

**Chancel Kazoo Choir**

**We Three Kings**

*Conductor - Rachael Hartmann*

**Solo**

**“Blue Christmas”**

John Martin / London Bottoms

**Solo**  
“Someday at Christmas”

Teeker Harris

**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.

**Choral Postlude**

“Island Harmony Quartet”

**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.

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**We Remember in Our Prayers...**

Kevin Boatright, Ronnie & Delores Boatright, Angie Briggs, Florence Brown, Tom Brown, Jean Camp, Alice Ann Duggar, Miriam Fulton, Frances Graff, Gene Henry, Don Kennedy, Shirley Kennedy, Ann Lariscy, George Martin Sr., Joan Martin, Sydney Oetgen, Al Schunemann, Kay Sellman, Isabelle Sherouse, Charlie Smith, Barbara & Tim Tyson, Melissa Waller & Joe Whitaker.

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**Current Budgetary Needs Each Sunday From 2023 Offerings**

\$8,600.00

**Received From Current Offerings Last Week**

Offering \$4,480.00

Christmas Angels Last Week - \$9,353.00 Total to Date - \$12,553.00

**Worship Statistics Last Week In Person & At Home**

8:30 am - 37 11:00 am - 48 Facebook - 59

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**Sunday January 5th - 2025**

9:00 am-10:00 am Fellowship Time

**10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion**

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**2025 Annual Pet Blessing**  
Saturday, January 11th  
**11:00 AM in the Sanctuary**

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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 ...** Jared Hall
- Organ Curator ...** James Freeman
- 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”*

***Bulletin Cover***

***An Original Painting By Elizabeth Emde...***

*“The Three Santas”*

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**GIVE NOW**

*Your generosity is helping us impact our community with the Good News of the Gospel!*



*Christmas Eve*  
*Tuesday*  
*December 24th*

**Two Evening Services**

Candlelight Communion Services

w/ Choirs, Organ & Brass

6:30 PM & 10:00 PM

*Lessons & Carols*  
*Sunday*  
*December 29th*

**One Service of Lessons & Carols**

Worship with our Chancel Choir

& James Freeman at the Organ

10:00 AM

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