

9:00 AM - Traditional Worship

“Redeeming Grace”

RINGING THE BELLS

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Pastor Mary Hurley

OPENING MUSIC Rick Hobbs

INTRODUCTION and GUIDED MEDITATION

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE TTT Class

UNISON PRAYER FOR LOVE

In the silence of the night,
By the star’s gentle light,
Peace is born.
Joy is born.
Love is born.
Amen.

SPOKEN RESPONSE

“Silent Night, Holy Night” (v.3)

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love’s pure light
Radiant beams from Thy Holy Face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy Birth!
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*OPENING SONG “Calm and Bright” (on screen)

*PRAYER

Merciful God, You come into our midst longing for
communion with us, becoming one of us. Break our
resistance to life with You, show us the path toward right
relations, and bring us into Your unimaginable peace; in
Jesus’ name. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

Dear people all around the world
Let us unite and we will show
How Love can change us,
How Love can help us grow.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

WITNESS TO THE LIGHT IN MUSIC Traditional Choir
“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Doxology Tune of “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, in gratitude for all that You have given
us, we bring our tithes and offerings, and labor to help
feed a world hungry for healing and hope; for the sake
of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CAROL OF RESPONSE # 91

“Love Came Down at Christmas”

SCRIPTURE READING John 1: 1-5, 14, 16-17 (NRSV)

WITNESS TO THE LIGHT IN WORD Pastor Mary

“LOVE - God’s Way”

*CLOSING CAROL # 110

“What Child is This?”

*BENEDICTION

Go with God into this day
May the Spirit guide your way
Offer LOVE to all you greet
Like Christ, see God in all you meet.

*SUNG RESPONSE (in unison)

We need a silent night in here.
We need your presence to come near.
Give us the hope we seek
and the LOVE we need.
We need a silent night, we need a silent night,
We need a silent night in here.

CLOSING MUSIC Rick Hobbs

11:00 AM - Discovery Worship

“Redeeming Grace”

GATHERING MUSIC
“Let This Christmas Be”

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SONG OF RESPONSE
“Calm and Bright”

*PRAYER

THE ABC’S OF CHRISTMAS

A is for Angel
B is for Bethlehem
C is for Census
D is for Donkey
E is for Exhausted

SONG “O Little Town of Bethlehem”
(For each song the children will sing the first verse
then the congregation may join in.)

F is for Family
G is for the Good News

*SONG “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

H is for Hope
I is for Imagine
J is for Joy
K is for King
L is for Lost
L is also for Love
M is for Manger

SONG “Away in the Manger”

N is for Noel
O is for Offering

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND MUSIC TO GOD Pastor Mary
 Offertory "Come Now Our King"
 *Doxology

P is for Peace
Q is for Quiet
R is for Revealed
S is for Star
T is for Table
U is for Unity

SONG "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

V is for Vulnerable
W is for Wonder
X is for Christ
Y is for You
Z is for Zeal!

SHARING THE LIGHT

*CLOSING SONG "Joy to the World"

*SENDING FORTH

What's happening...

SUNDAY - 12/16
 9:00 am Traditional Worship
 9:30 am Praise Singers
 10:00 am Breakfast, Sunday School
 11:00 am Discovery Worship with Children's Program
 12:00 pm Youth Group

MONDAY - 12/17
 8:00 am Head Start
 9:30 am Senior Exercise Class
 6:30 pm 208 Reserved

TUESDAY - 12/18
 8:00 am Head Start
 8:00 am WW
 3:00 pm Open Gym
 5:00 pm **55+ Christmas Caroling**

5:15 pm WW
 5:30 pm Gym Reserved
WEDNESDAY - 12/19
 8:00 am Head Start
 9:30 am Senior Exercise Class
 3:00 pm Open Gym
 5:30 pm Gym Reserved

THURSDAY - 12/20
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
 8:00 am Head Start
 9:30 am Discovery Study Group
 5:30 pm Women at the Well
 7:00 pm **BLUE CHRISTMAS** at St. Peter's Highland UCC

FRIDAY - 12/21
 9:30 am Senior Exercise Class
 TBD **55+ Food Prep** for Youth/UCS

SATURDAY - 12/22
 7:30 am Youth Group serves breakfast @ UCS

Those who serve...

Nursery Attendants
December 16
 9:00 am & S.S. Hour
 Stacey Henderson & Theresa Herrenbruck
 11:00 am Stacey Henderson
December 23
 9:00 am & S.S. Hour
 Stacey Henderson & Destiny Whitaker
 11:00 am Stacey Henderson

Greeters
December 16
 9:00 am Kookie & Gary Ruminer
 11:00 am Judy Batteiger, Judy Lockhart
December 23
 9:00 am Polly Ellison
 11:00 am Tracey & Keith Kolb

Ushers **December**
 9:00 am Louis Buschkill, captain; Bob Dreier, Darlene Dycus, Jim Geiser
 11:00 am Earl Smith, captain; Jacob Jackson, Mike O'Nan

Deacon (offering) **December**
 9:00 am Louis Buschkill
 11:00 am Karen Daniel

SUNDAY - 12/23
 9:00 am Traditional Worship
 9:30 am Praise Singers
 10:00 am Hospitality Donuts
 10:00 am Breakfast, Sunday School
 11:00 am Discovery Worship

Calm and Bright : 200 Years of Silent Night



Celebrate Christmas Eve at St. Paul's UCC

Worship services at 4:00 PM and 10:00 PM.

Our 4:00 PM worship service will be family oriented.

Our 10:00 PM worship service will be more traditional in nature with time-honored Christmas liturgy.

Those in need of prayer...

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| Ed Albin* | Gayle Hochstetler | Liz Roberts (friend of Tonette Smith) |
| Orion Bays | Joanne Jackson* | Jeanett Rueger* |
| Evelyn Bernard* | Tara Jackson | Bob Russell |
| Cammie Barning Breitenmoser | Connie Jourdan | Jerry Schreiber |
| Tony Bogan | Mary Rita Jourdan | Don Schuldt |
| Jeanne Brame | Joan Kappler | Mel Schwartz* |
| Ron Burgdorf | Karroll Kolb | Ali Shanks |
| Diane Burkhart | Bob Kraemer | Bob Sheets |
| Louis Buschkill | Mary McIntosh | Shirley Sheets |
| Eloise Castleman* | Bernice McReynolds | Marilyn Smith* |
| Katzie Crowley | Eileen Moore | Billy Thomas |
| Dr. Larry Deitch | Margaret Moore* | Nima Trautvetter* |
| John Endress* | George Murphy* | Alfred & Sara Wassner |
| Bill Grisham* | Marylee Murphy* | Kathy Waters |
| Clarence "Butch" Hahn | Arthur Nendel* | Lowell Woosley (brother of Russ & Susie Woosley) |
| Gary Hahn | Rosalie Newell* | |
| Helen Hammer* | Karen Norman (sister of Kris Effinger) | |
| Jackie Hammer | Susan Raber* | |
| | Marie Rayoum* | |

*Shut In

Blue Christmas

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

December 20th + 7 pm

St. Peter's UCC, 7014 Darmstadt Road, Evansville, IN 47710

Join us for a quiet, reflective journey through the Christmas story. This service is for everyone, but is especially designed for those for whom the Advent/Christmas seasons are not necessarily times of joy and happiness. Our service will include altar communion and a chance to light candles in memory of loved ones who are no longer with us. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Co-sponsored by Bethany Christian Church, St. Paul's UCC

Rev. Dr. William J. Wassner, Senior Pastor

Rev. Mary Hurley, Associate Pastor

Katie Maurer, Director of Music Ministries

Rick Hobbs, Organist

Karen Daniel, Kasey Gathercole, Song Leaders

Lisa Conkling, guitar; Don Armstrong, bass; Bob Koch, drums

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