

# St. Paul's

United Church of Christ  
Evansville, Indiana

## First Sunday of Christmas December 27, 2020

WELCOME

Rev. Mary Hurley

PRELUDE

*Joy to the World!*  
(Charles Rider)

Katie Maurer

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Congregation's response in **bold** print)

Rejoice in God, who is our life and salvation. Christ has come to make us heirs of God's promises.

**God commanded, and we were created. We are children of the Most High.**

Praise God from the heights of heaven. Praise God, all people of the earth.

**God opens our eyes to see the light. We will be called by a new name.**

Men and women, youth and ages, sing of God's glory; shout your praise.

**God has made us heirs of promise. We will praise God's holy name.**

**INVOCATION** (in unison)

**Faithful God, by whose spirit all people and places become holy, lead us by that Spirit today. We have come to celebrate a birth that offers us rebirth. We have garnered that you might claim us as heirs, with Christ, of eternal life. United our hearts and minds in a chorus of praise, that the life of this church might be**

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quickened, renewed, and refocused. May our faithful people become a crown of beauty in your hands. Amen

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Hope Has a Name*  
(Stanfill, Curran & Sooter)

Worship Band

### MORNING PRAYER

concluding with **The Lord's Prayer**

### OFFERTORY

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*  
(Henry Thomas Stuart)

Katie Maurer

### OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

**With joyous praise, we return to you a portion of all you have given to us. May our giving exceed the demands of the law. You have invited us to sacrifices befitting our blessings. You have asked us to care for those less privileged. What we offer in these moments is a beginning. We will ponder again your amazing grace in granting us life, in offering the child Jesus to bring us back to you, and in giving us the name "Christian." Praise be to you, O God. Amen**

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2: 22-40

### SERMON

"Simeon and Anna"

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**CLOSING PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Sing We Now of Christmas  
(from a French carol)*

Katie Maurer

**Celebrating Worship on this First Sunday of Christmas:**

**Rev. Mary Hurley**  
Pastor

**Katie Maurer**  
Director of Music Ministries

**Don Armstrong**  
**Bob Koch**  
**Dirck Stahl**  
St. Paul's Worship Band