



*Wishing you a blessed and beautiful Christmas Eve, as we celebrate God's love and the great gift He gave us on the first Christmas.*



**Christmas Eve Service**  
**December 24, 2021**  
**8:00 p.m.**

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**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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**SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
CHRISTMAS EVE**

WELCOME	Bill Barrett	CAROL	"Hark, The Herald Angels Sing"	# 93
PRELUDE	Bells	SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 9: 1-7 Luke 2: 1-20 (NRSV)	Cynthia Nendel
RINGING OF THE BELLS		SERMON		Pastor Mary
*OPENING CAROL	# 90 (vs 1,5,6)	INVITATION TO THE OFFERING		Cynthia Nendel
	"O Come, All Ye Faithful"	Rejoice! For I bring good news and great joy to all people: today is born to you a Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.		
* CALL TO WORSHIP	Bill Barrett	OFFERTORY		Katie Maurer
Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.		*RESPONSE	"Doxology"	# 621
<b>People: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness-on them light has shined.</b>		*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)		
Leader: The light shines in the darkness.		<b>On this glad new day for all the earth we are grateful for giving hearts made joyful in the gift of your Son. For you, O God, are generosity itself. Bless these gifts we offer to the benefit of those in need. Bless our lives in service of sharing your love in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.</b>		
<b>People: And the darkness did not overcome it.</b>		*CLOSING CAROL	"Silent Night"	# 89
Leader: For Christ is born in Bethlehem.		(lighting of the Christmas candles)		
<b>People: Come, let us adore him.</b>		*BENEDICTION		
*INVOCATION (in unison)		*POSTLUDE		
<b>Almighty God, Christ your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, born in Bethlehem. May we receive Christ into our lives and become, through him, your blessed children who walk in the light you have sent into our world. Through Christ we pray. Amen.</b>				
*RESPONSE- Gloria Patri	# 614			
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE	The Jackson Family			
MORNING PRAYER	Pastor Mary			
Leader: The Lord be with you.				
<b>People: And with you.</b>				
Leader: Let us pray.				
*THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)				

