



St. Paul's United Church

Christmas Eve Communion Service

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*The people of St. Paul's United Church welcome you.
May there be a blessing for you in this house tonight.*

Prelude What is This Lovely Fragrance arr. Scott

Introit O Come, O Come Emmanuel VU 1 (vs 1)
**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lowly exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Scripture Reading John 1: 1-5

Christmas Welcome and Invitation

Call to Worship

Do you think that this is an ordinary night?

No - the waiting is almost over,

our excitement grows.

The time is coming near,

the time of Jesus' birth,

God's gift to the world.

That is why we're here.

Because of a baby

born in a stable.

God's love with a human face

the face of a baby.

Let's sing about that special baby – born one night so long ago and
born in our hearts forever. This is certainly no ordinary night.

Communion Hymn

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear VU
44 (vs 3, 4)

We Spread the Light of Christmas



"Jesus Christ, the Light of the world."

Hymn: Silent Night VU 67

Benediction

Postlude In Dulci Jubilo arr. Martin

Gratitudes

The flowers in the sanctuary are placed in loving memory of
Ralph Dingee, by his daughter Mary and grandchildren Melinda
and Michael Jacobs.

A donation has been made to St. Paul's in loving memory of our
parents; Robert & Marjorie Davis and Emery & Viola (Logan)
Walker by Robert & Etta Davis.

A donation has been made to St. Paul's Foundation in loving
memory of our parents; Frank & Mary Hallett from daughters,
June Hallett and Roberta Watson.

A donation has been made to the Memorial Chimes Fund in
memory of Marion Blackmer by her son and family.

A donation has been made to the Operating Fund in memory of
Harold Forbes, James Cameron and Janice Cameron-Gionet by
Barbara Forbes.

Hymn In the Bleak Midwinter VU 55 vs 3

3rd **SCRIPTURE READING:** Luke 2: 8-14 Rev. Lori Beth
The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn In the Bleak Midwinter VU 55 vs 4

4th **SCRIPTURE READING:** Luke 2: 15-20 Kevin Bourque
The Gospel of Christ..
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Anthem Mary's Song Cook & Page

Reflection The Journey Taken

Hymn Infant Holy, Infant Lowly VU 58

Responding To The Word

The Presentation of the Offering

Offertory O Jesulein Suss arr. Paxton

Dedication Verse Once in Royal David's City VU 62 (vs 1)

Offertory Prayer

Communion Hymn
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear VU 44(vs 1,2)

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Hymn Joy to the World VU 59

Lighting of the Advent Candles *Larry and Jan Buick*
We have come now to the night for which we have all been waiting and preparing.

Our Advent journey has taken us through hopeful anticipation, peaceful acceptance, joyful celebration and loving action. Now we celebrate with full hearts the arrival of the Promised One, the Prince of Peace, the Light of the World.

As we light this Christ candle, look around this sacred place and see all the lights that are burning. See the light that shines in each one of us.

From the Light of the World comes light for everyone of us.

Take this light with you tonight and remember who you are and who has made it so.

Prayer (in unison)

Thank You, God, for sending Jesus into our midst, the greatest gift of all. May Christ's spirit which gives us direction in our lives and hope to the world be with us as we gather to remember His birth tonight. Amen.

We Hear God's Word

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