

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Red Lion
Third Sunday of Advent
December 20, 2020
Pastor Tim Funk

The Sounds of Christmas Musical

Life at St. Paul's

Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Love

Hymn # 384 (vv. 1 & 3) "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Sunday School Orchestra

"Christmas Everywhere"

"Away in a Manger/Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

Prayers of the People of God & The Lord's Prayer ("debts")

Natasha Maskaly

"Gesù Bambino"

Scripture Lesson: John 1:1-14

Joyful Vibrations Hand Bell Choir

"Morning Procession"

"Christmas Medley"

"Christmastide"

Worship Team

"It's Christmas"

"Joy to the World/Unspeakable Joy"

Benediction

Postlude

Scripture reader today is Mary Hake.

Worship through the End of the Year: There will be one, streamlined worship service at 10:00 AM in the sanctuary through the rest of the year. This is to minimize contact and the spread of COVID-19. There is no "Passing of the Peace," Children's Sermon" or "Offering," though plates are located at various locations for those who wish to give. Children will be dismissed to the Sunday school room right after the announcements. Please wear masks and distance 6 feet from others. Families may sit together.

Today's altar flowers

are presented to the glory of God and in honor of our parents,
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Pressel, by Jim & Judy Pressel.

The pedestal flowers

are in belated honor of Lee & Joyce Seitz's 68th wedding anniversary and Joyce's 85th birthday this past week,

and

in memory of Mr. Charles R. Nitchkey; Mr. & Mrs. Martin R. Nitchkey; Mr. & Mrs. Ira C. Seitz and daughters, Beulah & Marie.

Today's bulletins

are presented in loving memory of Mike Fritz, who was the nephew of Phyllis Gould and son of Dorrie & Harold Anstine. Mike passed away nine years ago on July 18, 2011.

Note: there will be no children's worship activities today or next Sunday.

Bible Study and Midweek Service are on break until late winter or early spring. Watch the bulletin for the start-up dates.

Christmas Eve & Candlelight: Thursday, December 24. Due to COVID there is only one service at 8:00 PM in the sanctuary. Please, use your best discretion. If you are in the high risk category for COVID, please consider staying home. We are working to record the 8 PM service and have it online by 11 PM for those used to attending the late service. If you choose to attend, please wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Maintenance Projects: We have quite a list of work that needs done to our building to keep it from deteriorating. The list appears in a letter sent out in October to each member. The total cost for these projects is well over \$150,000.00. So far, we have received \$35,535.00! Thank you. Work on the roof continues for another week or so yet. The organ was scheduled to be fixed this past week, but was postponed because of the snowstorm. Then we will decide how to proceed with the stained glass window repair. The upgrades for our church computers that were approved have been received and are being put into use. With the Lord's help and your generosity we will complete these projects and keep our facilities presentable to all who worship with us and, most importantly, to God.

Now on our website:

1. The Upcoming Maintenance Projects has now been included in the Online Giving options.
2. The weekly bulletins and inserts are now posted with the worship services on the website.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated to our Kids Helping Kids Project! We had enough items to fill 21 bags! We beat our goal. The kids were so excited by all of the donations. It was fun to watch them making sure that each bag had a little bit of everything in the bags for the kids. Your support meant a lot to them.

Andrea

Zoom – I would like to offer my time to meet with individuals to demonstrate how to participate in Zoom meetings. Several people were unable to attend the previous Sunday morning session but still want to learn how to use Zoom. If you would like a one on one session, contact me and we will make arrangements to meet at St. Paul's. Andrea 717-449-9942 or andreastpaulsumc@gmail.com.

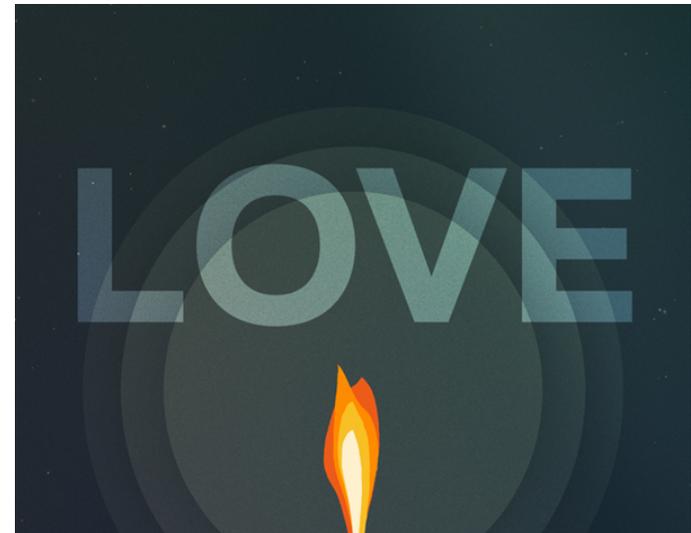
Scripture readers needed. We are looking for volunteers to read the Scripture on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please

sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary. It covers the period January-April, 2021. You will be notified by phone the week prior to the Sunday selected of the verses you will be reading so you have time to review them. Thank you for helping with this important job.

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10:00 AM

Fourth Sunday of Advent
The Sounds of Christmas



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