

A Christmas Love Feast

Prelude	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	Brass and Organ
Trinity Chimes		
Musical Introit	“O Come, O Come, Emanuel	Tenor Solo
Processional	“O Come All Ye Faithful	
Lighting of the Advent Wreath		
Call to Worship		Reader
Leader: During this time of Advent preparation, we wait the coming of Christ as we look forward not only to the birth of Jesus, but also the time when Christ comes again.		
People: Let us keep watch for Christ in the world.		
Leader: God is coming to sustain us and comfort us when our journeys are difficult.		
People: Let us keep watch for Christ in our lives.		
Leader: God is coming to call us into a relationship with those who need to hear Words of hope.		
People: Let us watch for Christ in those around us.		
Leader: God is coming in the form of a little baby.		
People: Help us to join the angels’ song Alleluia!		
Anthem	“Sing Alleluia, Christ is Born” ... John Purifoy	Chancel Choir
Introduction to the Moravian Tradition		Reader
Moravian Prayer of Blessing		Reader and Congregation
	Come Lord Jesus, our guest to be, and bless these gifts bestowed by Thee. Bless our loved ones everywhere, and keep them in Thy loving care. Amen	
Serving of the Feast (As you eat and drink of the feast, take time to reflect and meditate on the music)		Organ and Brass
Prayer of Illumination		Reader
	Open our hearts and minds, O God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that in the proclamation of your word we may hear your message with joy this day. Amen	
Carol	“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”	Choir and Congregation

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11		Reader
Carol	“Angels We Have Heard on High”	Choir and Congregation
*Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:1-8		Reader
Tenor Solo	“O Holy Night”	... Traditional Hymn
Advent Meditation	“The Christmas Story”	Reader
OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD		
OFFERTORY	“Silent Night” ... Robert Lau	Ladies Ensemble
*DOXOLOGY, Hymnal 95		“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Anthem	“Morning Star” ... Johan Scheffler, 1624-1677	Chancel Choir
Distribution of Candles		
Leader:	Jesus Christ is the light of the world.	
People”	A light no darkness can overcome.	
Lighting of the Candles	“Joy to the World”	Choir and Congregation
	(during the final verse, the Reader and the Congregation are asked to lift your candles high as an act of rededication to Christ)	
An Invitation to Advent Discipleship and Benediction		
Leader:	You are the light of the world, so let your light so shine before all people so that they may see your good works.”	
People:	Thanks be to God!	
Postlude	“Rejoice, Angelic Choir Rejoice”	Brass and Organ

Christmas at Saint Paul United Methodist Church

All Christmas Memorials and Honorariums will be listed in the bulletin next Sunday, December 20th.

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service will be at 5:00 p.m. December 24th.