

**Worship Leadership**  
The Rev. John Ward-Diorio

**Ministry of Music**  
Sarah Myers, Organist  
Patrice Miller, Assistant Organist  
Eric Dundore, Minister of Music

**Ministry of Service**  
Bill Cashman, Head Usher

**Readers**

4:00 Service

First Lesson	Colleen Eichman
Second Lesson	Mary Runkle
Third Lesson	Victoria Velez
Fourth Lesson	Dennis Plymette
Fifth Lesson	Joan Moyer

10:45 Service

First Lesson	Bill Cashman
Second Lesson	Kathy Williams
Third Lesson	The Rev. Anna Thompson
Fourth Lesson	Rick Ayers
Fifth Lesson	Mike Gray

**Greeters**

Joan & Ernie Moyer 4:00  
Joan & Jim Quick 10:45

**Acolyte**

Katelyn Chamberlain 4:00

**Musicians**

Youth Choir 4:00  
Chancel Choir 10:45  
Kevin Neidig 10:45

Katelyn Chamberlain 4:00 & Eric Dundore 10:45, Soloists

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# Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

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December 24, 2010



**GOD IS STILL SPEAKING**



No Matter Who You Are, or Where You Are on Life's Journey You are  
Welcome Here!

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES 2010  
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION  
4:00 and 10:45 PM

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE GREETING

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING THE CANDLES

Organ "Recitative And Chorale"(from Christmas Oratorio) J.S. Bach  
10:15-10:45 Prelude provided by Sarah Myers and Patrice Miller

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response) "The Angel Gabriel Said: // 'Nothing Will Be Impossible With God.'"// Thus Jesus The Christ // Is Birthed By Mary; // Thus The Christ // Is Born Anew //In Believers' Hearts. // Nothing Will Be Impossible With God. // Nothing. // Amen.**

**\*THE PROCESSIONAL CAROL**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come, ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels.**

**Refrain**

**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

**Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
O sing all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest. R**

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

**Glorious, giving God, You gifted us with Your son, Jesus. You trusted us with Your Child. You continue to trust and bless us. On this night in particular, we remember You come to us again, choosing to live within us, waiting to be born. Break through our defenses, our doubts, our resignation, and our fears. Help us to accept the gift of Your presence; to be transformed by Your Spirit; and to share with the world Your vision for justice and peace, and Your all-encompassing love. Amen.**

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

God cannot stand to be separated from us. God comes to us in many ways, over and over again. We quite often refuse the gift of God's presence, wisdom and guidance. Let us join in the unison Prayer of Confession.



Bill and Alice Crouse

Julie DeLuca

Jackie Diorio

Pat Eakin

Stacey Fisher

Dave & Jane Hall

Bob Heisler

Phyllis Hershey

Homeless Family

Bob Kayer

Megan Kern

Lonardi Family

Bud Miller

Jean Myers

Virginia O'Connell

Ursula R. Pike

Jack Rhoads

John Scott

Peg and Don Seiler

Leah van Olden

Sue Ward-Diorio

Doris Washam

Woodfill Family

Sue Worley, Jean and Willard Jones and Family

Russ and Grace Young

All the People affected by the Earthquakes; All the People and the Environment affected by the oil spill in the Gulf Coast, All the People in the Middle East struggling for peace; All the people in the military and their families; All the people who have lost jobs and their families and All who lost loved ones this past year.

*Celebrations*

THE THIRD LESSON: “She Laid Him In a Manger Because There Was No Room For Them In The Inn”  
Luke 2:1-7

THE CONGREGATIONAL CAROL “What Child Is This, Who Laid to Rest”  
**What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary’s lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?**

**Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mary.**

**Why lies he in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here The silent Word is pleading. R**

THE FOURTH LESSON: “Do Not Be Afraid; For See—I am Bringing You Good News Of Great Joy For All the People”  
Luke 2:8-14

THE CONGREGATIONAL CAROL “Angels We Have Heard On High”  
**Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.**

**Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. R**

THE FIFTH LESSON: “The Shepherds Returned, Glorifying and Praising God For All They Had Heard and Seen”  
Luke 2:15-20

THE CONGREGATIONAL CAROL “Joy To the World”  
**Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room, And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness, And wonders of his love, And wonders of his love,  
And wonder, wonders of his love.**

THE OFFERTORY

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done, and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to You. Forgive us, for our Savior Christ’s sake, and renew our lives to the glory of Your Name. Amen.**

THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive)

Minister: God receives our apologies and repentance, and has assured us that our sins are forgiven.

**All: Let us receive and pursue the new lives, which Jesus showed were possible for all of us. Amen.**

\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*THE GLORIA PATRI

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE



CHRIST

4:00 PM Katelyn Chamberlain, Ally Moyer, Beth Pirtle, Chelsey Wirth and Mike Brown  
10:45 PM Dave and Lois Ritter and Kim Nalepka

ADVENT MEDITATION AND CANDLE LIGHTING





## POINSETTIAS



### Given By

Terry & Gene Shaner  
 Rena Smith  
 Donald & Donna Sponsler  
 Susan & Matt St. John  
 Susan & Jerry Stada  
 The Steck Family  
 The Sterner Family  
 Cathy, Brandon & Bradley Thomas  
 Anna Thompson  
 Susan & Edward Thorn  
 The Ward-Diorio Family  
 Margaret A. Wightman & Family  
 Art & Kathy Williams  
 Art & Kathy Williams  
 Art & Kathy Williams  
 Eleanor Witt  
 Ruth Wrightstone

In Memory of Loved Ones & In Honor of Family  
 In Memory of John Smith  
 In Loving Memory of Parents  
 In Memory of Wm McCracken & Frieda St. John  
 In Loving Memory of Chrissy Stada  
 In Memory of Father & Grandparents  
 In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Sterner Sr.  
 In Loving Memory of Charles & Mary Grove  
 In Honor of Family  
 In Memory of Ken & Edna Garrett  
 In Honor of Evelyn Diorio  
 In Memory of Glenn C. Wightman  
 Honoring our Families  
 In Memory of Family Members  
 In Celebration of Family  
 In Memory of Robert Witt  
 In Memory of Parents, Brother & Sisters

If you ordered Poinsettias, you may start to pick them up after the 4:00 PM Service tonight.

**Pictorial Directory** - if you had your picture taken for the Pictorial Directory and have not gotten yours yet, please stop by the table in the commons on your way out to get yours.

**THE 2011 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are on the table in the Common area. Please pick up your box of envelopes and any of those that you can deliver. If you don't see yours, please check with Terry in the church office. Thank you.

**CONTRIBUTIONS** for the year 2010 must be in the church office by **December 31, 2010**. If you have any questions on your 2010 contributions, please see Terry in the Church Office. **Monies received after the start of 2011 will be booked as a 2011 contribution.**

**CHRIST  
 THE SAVIOR  
 IS BORN!**

**A MERRY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS  
 TO ONE AND ALL!!!**

CHOIR ANTHEM 4:00 – Youth Choir “Still Is the Night”  
 10:45 – Chancel Choir “Bring Us Peace”

Martin  
 Courtney

\*THE DOXOLOGY

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**Amazing God, we want to invest in Your promise of endless peace when the authority of Your holy child is established. Let Your peace come here and now as we dedicate ourselves and our offerings for the purpose of upholding justice and extending the gift of salvation to all people. May our offerings and our lives be a blessing to others, proclaiming good news of great joy in ways that all of us can understand. Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

One: God Be With You.

**Many: And Also With You.**

One: Lift Up Your Hearts

**Many: We Lift Them Up To God.**

One: Let Us Give Thanks To God

**Many: It Is Good To Give God Thanks and Praise.**

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
 (Debts and Debtors)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

(We will share in the Sacrament in our pews tonight. Please hold the elements until all have been served and we will eat and then drink together. There will be bread and gluten-free wafers on each plate and wine and white grape juice in each cup holder. All are welcome to participate. Thank you.)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

**Eternal God, You have called Your people from east and west, and north and south, to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank You for Christ's presence, and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to Your Will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure, that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church, of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.**

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD: John 1:1-18

**\*THE PASSING OF THE LIGHT**

*The ushers will light the candle of the worshipper nearest the aisle. Candles should be secure before lighting. Dip only the unlit candle when lighting your candle from your neighbor's. Help your younger children. Keep your candle lit until the conclusion of the Service. Always hold your candle in an upright position and maintain a safe distance between the candle and yourself and other people and things. As you leave the Sanctuary, please place the candle and holder in the receptacle in the Narthex.*

**\*THE CONGREGATIONAL CAROL "Silent Night"**

**Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child, Holy infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.  
Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven a far, heav'nly host sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

**\*THE BIDDING TO MISSION**

**\*THE WORLD PEACE PRAYER**

**One: Lead us, O God.  
All: Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.  
Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.  
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.  
Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. Amen.**

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*THE POSTLUDE "And The Glory of The Lord" (from "The Messiah') G.F. Handel**

**\*\*Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand.**

We welcome warmly all who are visiting with us. Please register your attendance on the Friendship Form that is located in the red pad on the aisle side of the pew so that others may greet you in the name of the Living Christ. **Remember to place a check mark under the communion heading if you partake of communion.**  
The person at the end of the pew should place the finished sheet in the offering plate.

**References:**

The Prayer of Confession is from A New Zealand Prayer Book, The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, 1997, HarperSan Francisco.

The Prayer of Dedication is from Taught By Love, by Lavon Bayler, 1998, United Church Press.

The World Peace Prayer is a paraphrase of a verse from the Upanishads, the most ancient scriptures of Hinduism, and is also prayed daily by Roman Catholic Benedictine Sisters.



**POINSETTIAS**



**Given By:**

**Kathy, Mike & Christy Aumiller  
Chris & Tina Bowers-Paris  
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The Cashman Family  
The Cowan Family  
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Cleason Cromer & Sharon Hutton  
The Davinroy Family  
Evelyn Diorio  
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The Dundore Family  
Scott & Amanda Endy  
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Fenton Fox  
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Susan & Ron Gabriel  
Missy & Scott Gates  
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Richard & Michael Gray  
Rick Holtzapple**

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**Mr. & Mrs. Willard Jones  
Martha & Gene Keith  
Glenn & Esther Kline  
Elaine McCracken  
Gregory, Patrice, Devon & Ryan Miller**

**The Murphy Family  
Sarah Myers  
Sarah Myers  
Christal & Jonathan Nase  
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Tom & Betty Olsen  
Julie Patton & Family  
Wes Rhoads  
Peggy & Don Seiler**

**In Memory of our Parents & Grandparents  
In Loving Memory of our son, David F. LaPierre  
In Loving Memory of Robin  
In Honor of Parents & Grandparents  
In Honor of Caleigh's 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas  
In Memory of Ruth Conroy  
In Memory of Florence Cromer  
In Honor of Family  
In Memory of John Diorio  
In Memory of Robert Diorio  
In Memory of Tillie & Libri Diorio  
In Honor of Mothers and Grandmothers  
In Loving Memory of Sister, Kim Kahmer  
In Loving Memory of Father, Richard Endy  
In Loving Memory of Father, Albert Kahmer  
In Honor of Rick  
In Memory of my Parents, Sidney & Ferne Dilling Fox  
In Honor of my Sister, Dawn A. Fox  
In Loving Memory of Parents  
In Honor of Bella  
In Honor of our Parents & Grandparents  
In Memory of Mary Lou Gray  
In Memory of my Parents, Curvin & Martha Holtzapple  
In Honor of my Children: Melissa, Matthew, Jared & Julia  
In Memory of Parents  
In Honor of Family  
In Memory of Loved Ones  
In Memory of Loved Ones  
In Loving Memory of Charles & Mary Grove and Hank & Arlie Miller  
In Loving Memory of our Families  
In Memory of Father & Grandparents  
In Honor of Mother  
In Loving Memory of Grandparents  
In Honor of Mother  
In Loving Memory of Mother  
In Memory of Loved Ones  
In Memory of Parents, Fred & Ruth Thornton  
In Memory of Loved Ones  
In Honor of our whole Family (all 31 of us)**