



# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



St. Paul  
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***Welcome to  
St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Child Development Center and Pre-School  
Rev. Dr. George R. Qualley, D.R.S., Ph.D., Pastor***

*December 8, 2024*

# Second Sunday of Advent



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# MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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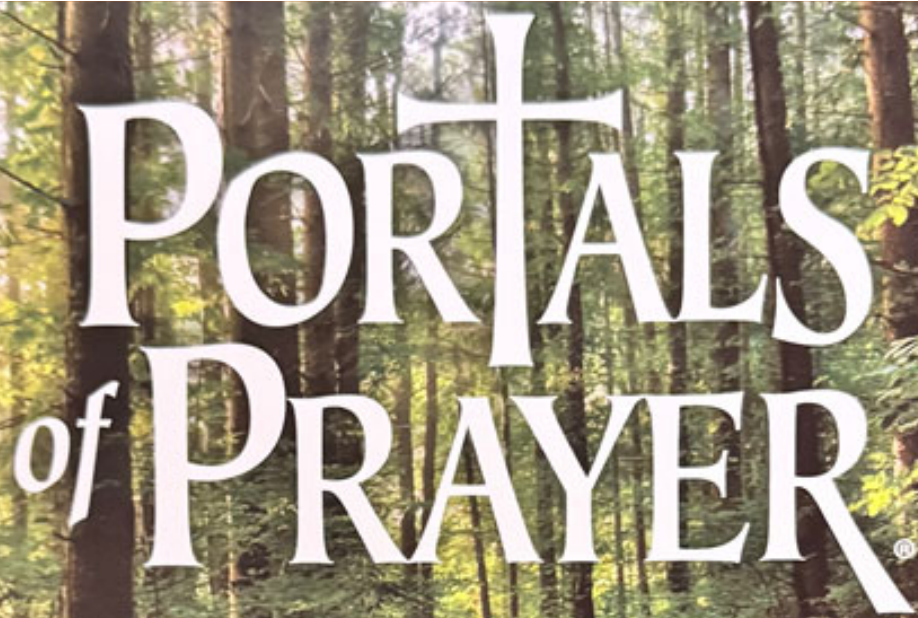


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With the Christmas season upon us, we are asking you to pray and search your heart to help 4 of our CDC Families that need our help for Christmas in order for it to be MERRY AND BRIGHT. We have 4 families that have a total of 11 children. Monetary donations are preferred so an equal number of items can be purchased for all of these children by Rita Kelm, our personal Santa Claus.

There is a BLUE lock box in the Narthex for these donations. We will be accepting donations until Sunday, Dec. 22nd.





# PORTALS *of* PRAYER



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*The new Portals of Prayer are available at  
the front entrances and in the Narthex*

# A New Star

THE SAVIOR IS BORN



WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU JOINED US



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**WELCOME**

*PLEASE REMAIN SEATED FOR THE ENTIRE PROGRAM*

***A New Star!***

# LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH PRAYER – Second Sunday of Advent

*Praise to you, O God, who gives us courage to start again. You fasten righteousness around your waist and baptize with the Holy Spirit's fire. Bless us as we mirror your mighty fire in these simple flames, and teach us to mirror your justice in the paths we prepare. We ask that peace abound, until none hurt or destroy over all the earth.*

***Amen.***

*Light the second candle.*





***PRELUDE – Alleluia Ringers Handbell Choir***



## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

A brief silence.

Refining God, move through your church. Root out practices that harm your people, and kindle a fire for sharing the gospel among bishops, pastors, deacons, and all the baptized. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, transform your creation. Steer us from habits that harm what you have made, and guide us in practices that preserve and restore creatures and habitats. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Ruling God, teach the nations your ways. Strengthen organizations and communities that broker peace and care for refugees, immigrants, and all caught in the center of conflict. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Rescuing God, restore your people who are in any need. Heal all who are suffering (especially). Provide comfort and strength, and nurture sustained wholeness for the future. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Reforming God, fill this congregation with your presence. Enrich our seasonal preparations, and bless the efforts by worship committees, music ensembles, staff, clergy, and lay leaders as they work in the weeks ahead. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for all our military, especially those deployed. We keep in our prayers all the Wounded Warriors that have returned home to heal. We pray for our missionaries; for Cheryl Kruckemeyer our missionary in Tanzania, for Gloria in Kenya, serving with the World Mission Prayer League, and for our sister congregations at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Wuthrich Hill, Texas & Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Tacoma, Washington. Bless and protect all our local nurses, doctors, healthcare workers and first responders, our students, teachers and school administrators. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**



Reassuring God, we remember those who have died and rest in you. Guide us in deep gratitude for their life, and allow us to learn from their faithful witness.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

# **NEW STAR**

By Sharon Kay Chatwell

A wooden arrow pointing to the left, with the word "NAZARETH" carved into its shaft in a bold, sans-serif font. The wood has a natural grain and is set against a dark background with a white glow around the arrow.

NAZARETH

# **Congregational Song**

**“O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

**Hymn # 279**



**1 O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless  
sleep  
the silent stars go by;**

Hymn # 279

**yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light,  
The hopes and fears of all the  
years  
are met in thee tonight.**

Hymn # 279

**2 For Christ is born of Mary,  
and, gathered all above  
while mortals sleep, the angels  
keep  
their watch of wond'ring love.**

Hymn # 279

**O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the king,  
and peace to all on earth!**

Hymn # 279



**3 How silently, how silently  
the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heav'n.**

Hymn # 279

**No ear may hear his coming;  
but, in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive  
him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.**

Hymn # 279

**Final O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in,  
be born in us today.**

Hymn # 279

**We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
oh, come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Immanuel!**

Hymn # 279



A wooden arrow pointing to the left, with the word "BETHLEHEM" written in white, bold, uppercase letters across its center. The arrow has a natural wood grain texture and a pointed tip on the left side. The background is black, and the arrow is highlighted with a soft white glow.

BETHLEHEM

*Song - "There's a New Star in the Sky"*

A wooden arrow-shaped sign pointing to the left. The sign is made of dark brown wood with a visible grain. The word "BETHLEHEM" is written across the center of the sign in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The sign is set against a solid black background.

BETHLEHEM

**Congregational Song**

**“Angels We Have Heard on High”**

**Hymn # 289**

**<sup>1</sup> Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.**

**[Refrain]**

**Hymn # 289**



**[Refrain]**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Hymn # 289

**<sup>2</sup> Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heavenly  
song?**

**[Refrain]**

**Hymn # 289**

**[Refrain]**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Hymn # 289

**Final Come to Bethlehem and  
see**

**him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn  
King.**

Hymn # 289

[Refrain]

[Refrain]

**Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Hymn # 289

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BETHLEHEM

*Children Sing - “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star”  
“Away in a Manager”*



A wooden arrow pointing to the right, with the word "JERUSALEM" carved into it in a bold, sans-serif font. The arrow is set against a dark background with a soft white glow behind its tip.

JERUSALEM

A wooden arrow-shaped sign pointing to the left. The sign is made of dark brown wood with a visible grain. The word "BETHLEHEM" is written across the center of the arrow in a white, bold, sans-serif font. The letter 'L' has a small dot above it. The sign is set against a black background.

BETHLEHEM



NAZARETH

**Congregational Song**

**“Silent Night, Holy Night”**

**Hymn # 281**

**<sup>1</sup> Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and  
child.**

Hymn # 281

**Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.**

Hymn # 281

**2 Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar,**

Hymn # 281



**heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!**

Hymn # 281

**Final Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from your holy  
face,**

Hymn # 281

**with the dawn of redeeming  
grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.**

Hymn # 281

The End

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**Join us after service in the Fellowship Hall for  
our Christmas Potluck Fellowship Luncheon  
honoring new members**