

The United Church of Christ of Robesonia

301 West Penn Avenue, Robesonia, PA 19551

*No matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey,
you're welcome here.*



*Welcome to our Combined
10:15am Worship Service
In-Person & Streaming Online*



December 18, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love
10:15 a.m.

Welcome

*May God's loving presence be very real to you,
and may you receive strength and guidance today
That will enable you to handle life's challenges.*

Children's Bulletins

Crayons and activity bulletins are available in the narthex.
The activities match today's Bible readings and are designed for 3-6 & 7-12 year olds.

Biblias en Español

Biblias Bilingües en Español y Inglés están disponible en el vestíbulo narthex en la mesa de visitantes azul.
(*Bilingual Bibles in Spanish & English are available in the narthex hallway on the blue visitors' table.*)

Nursery

Persons of all ages (including children) are very welcome to participate in the entire worship service. For an additional option, we have supervised nursery for 0-8 year olds, located on the first floor.

Junior Worship

On the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month, following the mini message, the option of "Junior Worship" is offered downstairs for elementary age children to learn more about today's scripture lessons with fellow youth.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located both on the first and second floors to the left of the elevator.

Changing Tables

All four of our restrooms have changing tables. Each restroom has two "child care protection seats" to keep toddlers safe and secure while their parents use the restroom.

Water Fountains

For the safety of all, our water fountains are disabled during the pandemic.

Sunday School & Adult Faith Formation Classes

Classes for all ages are held at 9:00am.

Sunday Worship

Sunday Worship is held at 10:15am.

Prayer and Care

If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list, or request a pastoral call, please call or email the church office. You are welcome to take home with you a copy of *Our Daily Bread* daily devotional booklet, located on a table in the narthex hallway.

Looking for a Church to Call Home

If you are looking for a new church family home, we would be happy for you to consider St. Paul's or Zion United Church of Christ. For more information about St. Paul's, Zion, and the UCC, we invite you to talk with our pastors, an usher, a greeter, or any member of our churches.

More Information...

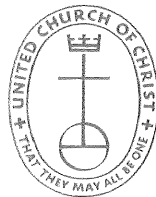
Additional literature about our missions, ministries, and fellowship opportunities is located on the *Blue Visitor Table* in the narthex hallway, or contact us using the contact information on the front page of this bulletin.

Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you or if there is any way in which we can help make your worship experience more meaningful.

{*Symbols used in this bulletin: * = if able please stand; ♪# = Red Hymnal Page; □# = Blue Hymnal Page*}



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If you have any access problems, please let us know at 610-621-5770 or Office@sprucc.org

We Gather

*We are coming together as a community of faith to worship our God,
and provide for one another our love, support, and care.*

*Please Do Not move the red ribbons or sit where they are placed.
They are there for your safety and the safety of those around you to help designate social distancing.*

A TIME OF GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*{If you have not already done so,
please sign and pass the pew welcome pad
to the person next to you}*

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP® (Unison)

Dearest Jesus, the anniversary of your birth is drawing near. Today we have stars galore in all of their glory. Their beams remind us of your radiant love. No person can escape your love. This love flows into ourselves and all of creation – to the animals, to the plants, back to the stars themselves. Let us open our hearts to receive this love and then radiate it. In the name of our Jesus who came to earth as a baby so we might know your love more fully. Amen.

PIANO PRELUDE

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Gustav Holst 1906;
arranged for piano by John Purifoy

{Those who are able, please rise}

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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*INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of God the Father, and of God the Son, and of God the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP - from Psalm 136

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,

People: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Who alone does great wonders,

People: for his steadfast love endures forever;

Leader: who by understanding made the heavens,

People: who spread out the earth on the waters,

Leader: who made the great lights,

People: the sun to rule over the day,

Leader: the moon and stars to rule over the night,

People: for his steadfast love endures forever!

We Repent

This is a time to confess our wrongdoings and neglects, ask for God's mercy, admit our need for God's forgiving grace, hear the assurance of our forgiveness, and then give God our thanks and praise.

(Please be seated)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE FOR LOVE - adapted from John 3:16 & Luke 6:31 &
John 15:12

Reader:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only son so that everyone who believes in him will have everlasting life. In return, we want to show our love to God and each other. We shall treat each other like we want to be treated. We shall love God with all our heart, mind, and strength and we shall love our neighbors as ourselves, even as much as Jesus loves us.

We light the candle of peace love we sing:

**Light one candle for love, one bright candle for love.
God brings love to every heart, He comes! He comes!**

**Light one candle for love, one bright candle for love.
God brings love to every heart, He comes! He comes!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM – “Starlight”

Written and Directed by Sheri Rowe

Song *“Little Star of Bethlehem”*

Music & text by
Pastor Robert Masenheimer

Printed on Separate Paper

Verse 1 – Youth Choir Sings

Verses 2 & 3 – Congregation Sings

Song *“Christmas in Your Heart”*

Printed on Separate Paper

Verse 1 – Youth Choir Sings

Verse 2 – Congregation Sings

CALL TO PRAISE ®

Leader: May we be filled with the Holy Spirit.

People: **May we sing our praise of the Light of God come to earth.**

**Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.**

We Hear the Word of God

We seek to learn more about God's love and grace, and how we are to live our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Bible is our primary text on faith, which we consider to be scripture - sacred writings. We believe the Bible to be the "inspired word of God." Gospel (which means "Good News") refers to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which are Christians' most central books of the Bible.

Proclamation of Scripture

1 John 4:7-16

God Is Love

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

We Respond with Thanks

*We have heard God's call and have come and worshiped,
we have confessed our sins and been assured of our forgiveness, we have
learned more about God's grace and God's will. We now respond by
re-affirming our faith in God,
praying with and for one another, trusting in God's providence in our world, and
giving of ourselves for the sake of the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.*

(Please be seated)

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

"One-Sentence Prayers" by Young People

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: God, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER *(Unison)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

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**Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION ¹⁰

Leader: Just as God gives love to us,

People: We return God's love to God.

Leader: Just as God gives love to everyone,

People: We will try to pass God's love to everyone we meet.

OFFERTORY

CHORAL OFFERTORY *"Who Is This King of Glory?" a text adapted from Psalm 24:7-8 and
Isaiah 40:4-5; set to music by Douglas Wagner*

{Those who are able, please rise}

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *"We Give Thee But Thine Own"*

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**We give thee but thine own whate'er the gift may be.
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

*{As we share in hybrid worship, there is no passing of the plate in person.
A plate is placed in the rear of the sanctuary for offerings to be placed
when arriving or departing from the sanctuary.*

*Whether worshipping in person or online,
the safest way to offer your tithe and offering to God through his church
is through St. Paul's UCC secure [Online Giving](#) option on our website at [sprucc.org](#). [St. Paul's UCC Click Here](#)
Offerings may also be mailed to St. Paul's UCC; 301 West Penn Ave; Robesonia, PA 19551
or Zion UCC; PO Box 97; Womelsdorf, PA 19567}.*

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (Leader) ⑩**

Loving Father, bless these gifts which we bring to you for your children and grown-ups who need clothing, food, shelter, warmth, and clean water. Also thank you for the part of this offering which will help this church to be a church.

All: Amen.

We Are Sent Out

*In response to God's love and grace,
we go out into the world to share God's Good News
through our words and actions.*

***COMMISSION ⑩**

Leader: Let us go into the world telling everyone about Jesus.

People: What if they don't want to hear?

Leader: Let us be somewhat polite about it but Jesus does want us to tell people.

People: Okay, we will try to do this since Jesus wants us to do it.

***BENEDICTION**

***THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN**

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***SENDING HYMN**

"Angels, From the Realms of Glory"

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*{Acolyte carries the light back into the world, leading us,
as we now go to carry God's light and love back into the world.}*

POSTLUDE

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP



The Flow of the Worship Service

Our worship service has an intentional order to it. The flow of worship is called the liturgical movement. The movement reminds us weekly of our journey in faith of moving from being separated from God by sin, to being restored by God's grace as disciples of Christ. It is based on the sixth chapter of the Biblical book of Isaiah.

- (1) God welcomes us and invites us
- (2) We respond to God's call by worshiping Him
- (3) We confess our need for God's forgiveness and grace
- (4) We are assured of God's forgiveness and grace
- (5) We learn more about God's will through scripture, song, and sermon
- (6) We grow closer to God and one another through prayer
- (7) We give God thanks by offering our time, talent, and treasure
- (8) God sends us into the world to share His love and grace with others



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About Today

Church Season: Advent – is a season of preparation for the coming of Christ: (1) the second coming of Christ; (2) the preparation for the anniversary of Jesus’ birth on Christmas; and (3) the reminder to be daily aware of Christ’s presence for the Kingdom of God is near.

Color of the Paraments (cloths on the altar and pulpit):

Blue – symbolizes the hope found in the anticipated coming of Christ

Violet – symbolizes royalty and penitent preparation for Christ our King, who offers forgiveness

Rose/Pink – symbolizes joy, as expressed by Jesus’ mother Mary

The suggested scripture lessons are from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), which selects passages throughout the Bible over a three year cycle. The RCL is the most common lectionary used by Christian churches. We are in **Year A**, which emphasizes the Gospel of Matthew.

The Bible is in two sections: Old Testament - OT (scripture prior to Christ’s birth), located in the first 2/3 of the Bible; and New Testament - NT (about Christ & early church).

This Sunday, December 18, 2022 -- Lectionary Reading for the 4th Sunday in Advent: Love

1 John 4:7-16

The First Letter of John

This epistle (letter) is a homily to the apostle John, as is the Gospel of John. Of the core 12, John is believed to be the “beloved disciple” (John 19:26). This epistle is believed to be written in Ephesus around 100 A.D.

Next Sunday, December 25, 2022 -- Lectionary Reading for Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10

Hebrews 1:1-4

John 1:1-14

December 18, 2022

Resources and webpage from the PSEC Stewardship team

The PSEC Stewardship/Development Mission Team now has a page on the PSEC website with resources for churches, including the new OCWM video .

The Stewardship/Development webpage can be found by visiting psec.org/stewardship-development-mission-team/ or by going to [psec.org](#) and clicking the first sliding "banner."



PSEC 2022 Giving Cut-Off

Books of the PSEC will close Jan. 16. All OCWM contributions for 2022 must be in our office by that date or they will be counted towards 2023 contributions. **Please mail your contributions as soon as possible due to possible mail delays.**



"When Does Closure Become an Option Workshop"

A workshop will be held Feb. 4 in Limerick to create a safe space where difficult questions can be asked and information shared with congregations facing decline and potential closure. You will receive resources and hear about church closure experiences.

Watch an upcoming Communitas for more information including free registration information.

**From the Addiction & Recovery Taskforce:
Recovery in the Holidays**

For the Recovering Person:

Holidays can be both joyous and difficult and it is necessary to keep recovery first!

12-Step recovery meetings are available around-the-clock during holidays. Meetings are a safe space to share concerns, fears, anger, gratitude, and joy.

When attending a holiday event, bringing a recovering friend provides accountability and strength to stay clean and sober. It is suggested that recovering persons discuss a plan with a sponsor, such as an early exit strategy. This is especially important if feeling overwhelmed or uncomfortable. If a person cannot legally drive, bringing another recovering person or even asking a family member to take them home is often the best solution.

Recovering persons should not feel obligated to attend holiday parties where there may be substance use.

For Friends or Family Members of a Recovering Person:

If a loved one or friend is in recovery, consider having a non-alcoholic holiday. If alcohol is served, have other alcohol-free options available. Do not offer non-alcoholic renditions of a beverage as these are known triggers for people in recovery. Being patient, supportive, and compassionate during these times will make all the difference.

If a recovering person declines the invitation to attend, understand that this can be a life-or-death decision and should not be taken personally. Prayers and well wishes for a safe and happy holiday will be deeply appreciated.

Weekly News from
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 Worship 10:15am



Sunday, December 18, 2022
4th Sunday of Advent

+++ Worship Participants & Sponsorships +++

Thank you to all who have made this worship experience possible.

	<u>This Sunday - Dec 18th</u>	<u>Christmas Eve 7:00pm - Dec 24th</u>	<u>Christmas Eve 11:00pm - Dec 24th</u>	<u>Next Sunday - Dec 25th</u>
Usher Captain	Michael Pastor	Robin Henning	Geri Gammel	Barb Orth
Usher Co-Captain	Terry Pastor	Jon Henning	Elsa Wertz	Dale Mentzer
Usher/Greeter	Mary Ann Schwartz	John Eiceman	-	Kim Trout
Usher/Greeter	Ray Trone	Linda Eiceman	-	Peggy Trout
Usher/Greeter: Downstairs	Cory Putt	-	-	Cory Putt
Acolyte	Vaughn Ulrich	Arial Meehan	Geri Gammel	Ethan Motz
Welcome/Announcements	Dale Mentzer	Jon Henning	Elsa Wertz	Terry Pastor
Layreader	Jon Henning	Terry Pastor	Elsa Wertz	Pastor Bob
Cantor	Brian Keppley	Wanda Moore	Geri Gammel	Sheri Rowe
Children's Message	Children's Program	Pastor Ben	Pastor Ben	Pastor Ben
Nursery	TBD	TBD	N/A	TBD
Junior Worship	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
AV Tech	Steven Motz	-	-	-
G3 Group Helper	Sheri Rowe	Robin Henning	Robin Henning	Robin Henning
Koffee Klatch	Kirk & Geneva Aulenbach	None	None	None
St. Paul's Counter	Carl Unger	Carl Unger	Carl Unger	Carl Unger
St. Paul's Counter	Jon Henning	Jon Henning	Jon Henning	Jon Henning
Bulletin Sponsor	-	-	-	-
Altar Flowers Sponsor	Brenda Conlon	-	-	-

The altar flowers are sponsored by
Brenda Conlon
in memory of
Michael Conlon's birthday.

+++ General Announcements +++

Visitation Care Team

Our Visitation Care Team (VCT) is composed of lay members who have been trained for visitation. If you are in need of prayer, a visit, or just a listening ear, they are here to be of support to you. To contact the Visitation Care Team with a visitation request or to share information about a potential care need email the VCT at CareTeam@sprucc.org. For more information, go to our "[Visitation Care Ministries](http://www.sprucc.org)" page at www.sprucc.org under the "ministries" tab.

Do We Have Your Email Address?

It is extremely helpful to us if we can communicate with you by email! Please consider sharing your email address with us.

Fourth Advent Candle: Peace

The fourth candle of Advent is known as the Angel's candle; it signifies PEACE. It is purple and it reminds us of the angels' message, "Peace on earth, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14). We are reminded that Jesus came to bring peace to our hearts and to our world. Our Advent candle lighters today are Akira, Joel, Garrett, Baylor and Fletcher Palmer.

Children's Christmas Program - Today

The children have been preparing for their Christmas Program which will be presented during today's worship service. We hope you enjoy the production. May it help to prepare your heart for the arrival of Jesus.

Parsonage Furnace

Recently the furnace in the church parsonage was replaced. This was a large expense that the church had to absorb (~\$10,000). If you are able to help with this expense, please donate by using your offering envelope or placing money in the white plastic container found on the hallway table.

Angel Tree Mission Project

This year's Angel Tree Mission Project will benefit Lebanon Veterans Affairs. We have been provided with a list of items needed by veterans that we can collect and donate. These items include clothing, personal care items, and assorted things such as books, games, playing cards, fleece blankets, and puzzle books.

The Christmas tree on the upper level (across from the elevator) will hold tags that have a specific item listed on them. Choose one or more tags from the tree, purchase the item(s), and return them to the church placing them under the tree. No need to gift wrap. *If you would rather give a monetary donation that would be fine. We have a few people willing to shop. They will take the collected money and purchase the needed items.* **The collection will begin the first Sunday in Advent, November 27th and continue through December 18th. Donations are needed as soon as possible.**

Please help us provide our Veterans with gifts this holiday season. They have sacrificed so much for our country and this will be a wonderful way to show them how much we appreciate their service.

Women's Christmas Party

ALL the women of the church (St. Paul's & Zion) are invited to the Women's Annual Christmas Party to be held on **Monday, December 19th (tomorrow) starting at 7:00pm in the Miller Fellowship Hall.** Please bring your favorite appetizer to share with everyone. In lieu of exchange gifts, we will be accepting donations to benefit the parsonage furnace replacement fund.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

The weekly Tuesday morning Zoom Bible study is at 9:00am. It is based on the scripture passages for the coming Sunday. We hope you will consider joining the study group. The same Zoom numbers are used each week. They are:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87452124156?pwd=RzI3dTI4Uy8vWGpBQnRzOGV2bnlrdz09>

Meeting ID: 874 5212 4156 Passcode: 783249

For those joining with telephone, choose one of the following toll free numbers:

+1 301 715 8592 (Washington, DC) or +1 646 558 8656 (New York)

Book of Acts Evening Bible Study

The next evening of study will be on **Tuesday, December 20th at 6:30pm.** There will be no Tuesday evening Bible study on December 27th. Starting in January, the Bible study will return to Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm.

Singing Choir Rehearsal

The choir will practice on Thursday evening at 6:00pm.

Handbell Choir Rehearsal

The handbells will practice on Thursday evening at 7:00pm.

Christmas Eve Worship Services

We hope you will join us on Saturday, December 24th - Christmas Eve, to celebrate the birth of baby Jesus. We will be offering two services: **7:00pm and 11:00pm.** They will be offered in-person, as well as virtually. There will be communion, plenty of music, and candlelight.

Christmas Day

This year Christmas will be on a Sunday. There will be no Sunday school. **Worship will be an hour earlier at 9:15am.**

PLARN = Plastic Yarn

Our first PLARN mat has been delivered to Zion United Methodist Church. It is the one that was made by Yvonne Rentschler and dedicated during worship in October. Zion UMC delivers mats to Philadelphia where they are used by homeless people.

There will be one more PLARN session for 2022 on **Tuesday, December 27th from 12:30 to 2:00pm.** Starting in January 2023, contact Pastor Mary Etta if you need any materials for whatever stage of the process that you are doing. Pastor Mary Etta will meet with you to give you what you need, or receive what you have done, or if you have any questions. If you are interested in helping with this mission project, there are good teaching videos available. Pastor Mary Etta's contact information is mestme@aol.com or 610-659-2775.

New Years Day Worship Service

This year New Years Day will be on a Sunday. There will be no Sunday school. **Worship will be an hour earlier at 9:15am.**

Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner

The Men's Group will be having their Annual Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner on **Sunday, January 1st from 11:00am to 2:00pm** in the fellowship hall. It will be eat in or take out. Church will start at 9:15am (no Sunday school that day) and end at 10:15am so we may prepare for the 11:00am start time. The meal includes pork & sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, apple sauce, and cake. We hope that you will stop by for a meal. If you would like to help, please contact the church office at 610-621-5770 or Brian Keppley at 610-670-2835.

Ukraine Emergency Appeal

Uniting in prayer, action, and giving, we stand as a people of faith in love and compassion with the people of Ukraine and all who are affected, and with our global partners who are welcoming those driven from their homes. Thank you for all your donations. **So far \$1,590.50 has been collected.**

You may contribute by: (1) putting a donation in an envelope and marking it "Ukraine Relief"; (2) sending a check to St. Paul's UCC, 301 West Penn Ave, Robesonia, PA 19551 with "Ukraine Relief" written in the memo line; or (3) click on this "[online giving](#)" link, select the "Other 1" or "Other 2" box, and fill in the necessary fields. Type "Ukraine Relief" in the "Note" box.

Hurricanes 2022 Fund

Thank you for your support of disaster relief. Your generosity has aided hundreds of families in need of help to rebuild their homes and lives. We request your renewed support for the Hurricanes 2022 Fund for those in crisis in the aftermath of Hurricanes Fiona and Ian, and other significant storms that may arise in the warm Atlantic waters. Your gift to the Hurricanes 2022 Fund will help with immediate needs while basic infrastructure is repaired, and more complete assessments can be made.

You may donate through St. Paul's UCC. Please be sure to note "Hurricanes Fund 2022" in the memo section of your check. You may also donate electronically on the church's website. Go to sprucc.org, click on the green "Online Giving" button, click on the "Special Mission" donate link, and fill in the blanks. Thank you for your generosity.

*Please lift up those listed here in your prayers this week.
"Pray for one another, so that you may be healed.
The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." ~ James 5:16b*

† **St. Paul's Prayer List** †

**Medical Concerns, Healing, Help
& God's Assuring Presence:**

Beatrice Achey
Scott Balthaser
Rich DiGirolamo
Dean Dilliplane
Sandie Kramer
Carol Krott

**Medical Concerns, Healing, Help
& God's Assuring Presence:**

Janice Lamm
Ella Loose
Dale Mentzer
Erma Mentzer
Jim Seifrit
Rob Seifrit
Jodi Seifrit
Mildred Unger

Social Concerns:

Those who serve in the armed forces
Peaceful outcome in the Ukraine

Mourning:

Family & friends of Harold "Utzer"
Gruber
Family & friends of Matthew Miller
Family & friends of Paul Y.

† **Zion's Prayer List** †

Help & Healing:

Tina A.
Jeanette B.
Michael B.
John Endy Evie
Jimmy F.
Sharon F.
Dolores H.
Betty H.
Dolly I.
Amanda K.
Kathy K.
Bill M.
Leon M.
Peg M.
Rosie M.
Michelle N.
Joyce P.
Claudia S.
Ray T.
Wendy W.
Greer Z.

College People:

Madison H.
Jack S.

All Military People Especially:

Sgt. Benjamin (Bibs)
Sr. Airman Sarah (Karen Schoener)
MASN Cody (Wanda Moore)
PO3 Lucas (Wanda Moore)
Cpl Ben (George & Dottie McLain)

Thanksgiving:

For All the People who serve faithfully in
Worship and on Consistories and
Committees

Guidance:

Serving God well together as one congregation

New Babies and Their Families:

Fletcher Palmer
Felicity Sage Harvey

Mourning:

Nancy Fralick on the death of brother,
Donald Dissinger

Protection & Support:

People of Ukraine
People traveling

Peace:

For ALL people everywhere

To Cease:

Violence by guns

Cooperation:

Governments working together for the
greater good
Governments working together to help
our environment & climate

*Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you.
All are welcome to add names to the prayer list.*

*Names are generally left on the list for about four weeks.
Please let us know if you would like a name to remain longer or shorter.
If you would like someone's name added to the prayer list,
please contact the church office at 610-621-5770 or office@sprucc.org or Pastor Mary Etta.*

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358 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Bb Eb Bb Bb F7 Bb F Eb Bb F7 Bb

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel-ling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;
 3 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot-less let us be;

Eb Bb F7 F#dim7 Gm Eb Bb F7 Bb

fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest.
 sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
 let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee:

Gm Gm Gm D7 Gm D Bb Eb Bb F C7 F7

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning, Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,

Bb Eb Bb F7 F#dim7 Gm Eb Bb F7 Bb

vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Little Star of Bethlehem

RGMJr

Piano

Lit-tle star of Beth-le - hem, — shine your light on me.
Lit-tle star of Beth-le hem, — you can light our way.
Lit-tle star of Beth-le - hem we praise you for your light.

5

Pno.

Lit - tle star of Beth - le - hem, help my eyes to see.
Lit - tle star of Beth - le - hem, help us now we pray.
You ful - fil the Pro - phets in the words they write.

9

Pno.

Je - sus Christ our — Sav - ior, you came to set us free;
Je - sus Christ our — Sav - ior, — in a man - ger lay;
You led those three wise - men, — though is was mid - night.

13

Pno.

take a - way all the things that would keep us from serv - ing Thee.
He's the one who was prom - ised to take our sins a - way.
'On they came with their gifts so rare led by — your star light.

Little Star of Bethlehem

2
17

Pno.

Lit - tle star of Beth - le - hem, shine your light on me;
Lit - tle star of Beth - le - hem, you can light our way.
Lit - tle star of Beth - le - hem, we're lost in the night!

The first system of music consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a 2/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

21

Pno.

Je - sus Christ our Sav - ior, — bless us cease - less - ly.
Lead us on to join this Ba - by on His Na - tal day.
Bring us out of dark - ness, — in - to Christ's true Light.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It also consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a 2/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Christmas Isn't Christmas

(Till It Happens in Your Heart)

Musical score for the song "Christmas Isn't Christmas (Till It Happens in Your Heart)". The score is written in B-flat major, 4/4 time, and consists of five systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. Chord symbols are provided above the vocal line. The lyrics are: "Christ - mas is - n't Christ - mas till it hap - pens in your heart; Some - where deep in - side you is where Christ - mas real - ly starts. So give your heart to Je - sus; you'll dis - cov - er when you do That it's Christ - mas, real - ly Christ - mas for you."

$\text{B}\flat$ Dm $\text{Fm}\flat$
 A $\text{A}\flat$

Christ - mas is - n't Christ - mas till it hap - pens in your

G G^+ G Cm G^+
 B

heart; Some - where deep in - side you is where

Cm F $\text{B}\flat\text{M}7$ $\text{B}\flat$
 $\text{B}\flat$

Christ - mas real - ly starts. So give your heart to

$\text{B}\flat$ E
 F

Je - sus; you'll dis - cov - er when you do That it's

$\text{B}\flat$ $\text{Cm}7$ F $\text{F}7$ $\text{B}\flat$ $\text{B}\flat$
 F

Christ - mas, real - ly Christ - mas for you.

215 Were You There on That Christmas Night

N.C. F Dm Gm $\frac{Gm7}{Bb}$ C $\frac{C}{E}$

1 Were you there, were you there on that Christ - mas night, when the
 2 Did you see, did you see how they hailed him King, with the
 4 Did you know, did you know it was God's own Son, the sal-

F Am Am7 Bb Bbmaj7 C7 $\frac{C}{Bb}$ Am $\frac{Am}{C}$

world was filled with a ho - ly light? Were you there to be -
 gifts so rare that they chose to bring? Did you see how they
 va - tion of the world be - gun? Did you know it was

Dm Gm Gm7 C7 $\frac{Bb}{C}$ C7 F $\frac{Bb}{F}$ F (Fine)

hold when the won - der fore - told came to earth?
 bowed, as they praised him a - loud at his birth?
 love that was sent from a - bove to the earth?

$\frac{F}{A}$ Bb $\frac{C}{Bb}$ Am $\frac{Am}{C}$ Dm

3 Did you hear how the choirs of an - gels sang at the

CHRISTMAS

Gm $\frac{Gm}{F}$ $\frac{C7}{E}$ C F $\frac{F}{A}$ Bb

glo - ry of the sight? Did you hear how the

Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of music. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords: Gm, F, E, C, F, A, Bb. The lyrics are: "glo - ry of the sight? Did you hear how the".

$\frac{C}{Bb}$ Am $\frac{Am}{C}$ Dm G7sus G7 Csus *to verse 4*
C

bells of heav - en rang all through the night?

Detailed description: This system contains the second two staves of music. The treble staff continues the melody with notes: Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The bass staff continues the accompaniment with chords: Bb, Am, C, Dm, G7sus, G7, Csus, C. The lyrics are: "bells of heav - en rang all through the night?". A bracket above the final measure indicates a transition "to verse 4".

Angels, from the Realms of Glory 189

Bb Bb/D Bb Bb/F F/Eb Bb/D Eb Bb/D Gm F/A F7 Bb

1 An-gels, from the realms of glo-ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a-bid-ing, watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3 Sag-es, leave your con-tem-pla-tions, bright-er vi-sions beam a-far;
 4 Saints be-fore the al-tar bend-ing, watch-ing long in hope and fear,

Bb/F Bb/D Bb F7/C Gm/D D Gm D Gm/Bb Gm F/C C7 F

you who sang cre-a-tion's sto-ry, now pro-claim Mes-si-ah's birth:
 God with us is now re-sid-ing, yon-der shines the in-fant light:
 seek the great De-sire of na-tions, you have seen the na-tal star:
 sud-den-ly the Lord, de-scend-ing, in his tem-ple shall ap-pear:

F Bb Eb Cm Bb/D Cm/Eb Gm Fsus F7 Bb

Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born King.

WORDS: James Montgomery (1771-1854)
 MUSIC: Henry T. Smart (1813-1879)

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