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SAINT PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Fleetwood, Pennsylvania
First Sunday after Christmas
December 30, 2018

GATHERING PRAYER

O God, into a realm of clerics and kings you sent your child to teach the wise and show the world what power there is in love. Keep me vigilant as I worship this day, to hear the voices of those who speak your truth. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

INTROIT

(All who are able please stand.)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us share signs of Christ's peace with one another.

(The congregation may be seated.)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CENTERING

PRELUDE (8:55) "Good Christian Friends Rejoice" traditional German melody
(10:25) "Welcome to Our World" Chris Rice Allen Crockett - vocal solo

(All who are able please stand)

Pastor: We gather in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All(singing) AMEN!

Pastor: Hear the choices God sets before us: life and prosperity or death and adversity.

People: O God, you have searched us and known us. You know our thoughts and every move we make.

Pastor: Listen to the ordinances of our God; love God and walk in the way God commands.

People: O God, we will listen for your words. We will seek to walk on the paths you intend.

Pastor: Happy are those who delight in God's law; blessed are all who meditate on God's Word.

ALL: Wonderful are all your works, O God. We are your creation; we are in your hands.

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PENITENCE

Pastor: Because we have passed through the waters of baptism, we dare to bare our souls before God and reveal the bitterness that dwells in our hearts. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**ALL: God of wonder,
you surround us with signs of your glory
and surprise us with your presence,
yet we often miss the marvels you place before us.
Forgive our dullness and make us alert
to the ways you make yourself known,
that we might be witnesses to your good news
and proclaim your extravagant love;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

(Silent prayers of confession)

Pastor: In Jesus Christ God saved us, not because of any good works that we have done, but according to God's mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. People of God, rejoice! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. As the Lord has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(The congregation may be seated.)

Recognition of Retiring Consistory Members

Installation of 2019 Consistory

-Introduction

-Presentation

-Covenant

-Laying on of Hands

-Prayer

-Declaration

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:55) "Welcome to Our World" Chris Rice Allen Crockett - vocal solo

ANTHEM (10:25) "One Small Child." From "Emmanuel" Christmas Cantata.
Lloyd Larson

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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OLD TESTAMENT First Samuel 2:18-20, 26 OT pg. 245

SERMON TEXT Colossians 3-3-12 NT pg.201

GOSPELL Luke 2:41-52 NT pg. 59

SERMON "New Clothes"

RESPONSIVE HYMN "Sing a Different Song" Pg. 150

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY "The Rocking Carol" traditional Czech melody

(The congregation may stand)

THE DOXOLOGY

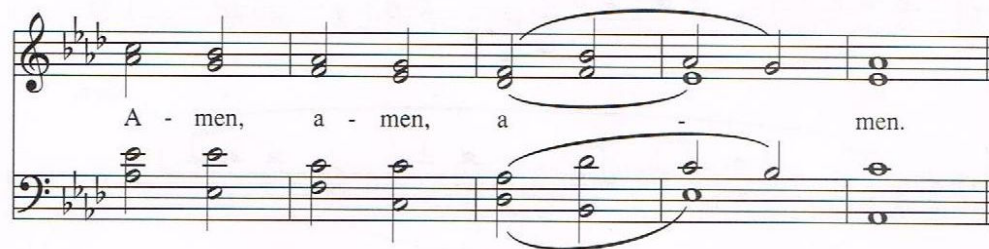
OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE SENDING OUT

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN "Go Tell It On the Mountain" Pg. 126

THE BENEDICTION

THE THREEFOLD AMEN



THE POSTLUDE "Once in Royal David's City" H. Gauntlett

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MISSION STATEMENT

As Followers of Jesus Christ we commit ourselves to:

- Enthusiastically proclaim and teach God's love through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Share God's love with neighbors near and far.
- Live as a Christian community of hope, acceptance, and encouragement in a rapidly changing world.

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S

- If you are visiting and would like to know more about St. Paul's please fill out the visitor's card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. One of our pastors will contact you.
- There are assisted listening devices for the hearing impaired available at the sound board in the rear of the church.
- **Adult Sunday school is held at 9 a.m. - Generations Class in the Lounge off the Narthex. Also, Adult Bible Study is held Wednesday mornings. See Announcement sheets in the bulletin for details.**
- **Bible Study is held on Wednesday's at 10:00 a.m. in the Lounge**
- Children are always welcome in our worship space (as are the joyful noises that they sometimes add). For those moments when it might be needed, we do have a nursery room in the rear of the church that anyone with younger children is welcome to use. The room is equipped with a speaker that will allow you to continue enjoying the service. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.
- Activity bags for children can be found on a rack in the Narthex.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Altar Flowers** are sponsored by Lorraine Bingaman in loving memory of Kenneth N. Bingaman
 The **Bulletins** are sponsored by Pastor John Folk in memory of his dad, Bill Folk
 The **Upper Room Publication** for this month is sponsored by Anna Mae Weiss wishing everyone a "Happy New Year".

Coffee Time Sponsor:

Readers: 8:55- Nancy Boyer **10:25-** Jim Goldman
Acolytes: 8:55-Cassandra Batz, Aidan Strohl **10:25-** Chase Reifsnyder, Stella Koch
Ushers: 8:55- Caroline Blickley, Jamin Valick, Melissa Blickley, Dennis Wanner
10:25- Jim Goldman, Marie Richdale, Jason Crockett

Attendance: December 23rd, 2018 8:55 a.m. – 129 10:25 a.m. – 72
 December 24th, 2018 7:00 p.m. - 181 10:30 p.m. - 241

	Income	Expense	Difference
October			
General Acct	\$ 33,625.27	\$ 32,832.50	\$ 792.77
Other Accts	\$ 2,759.00	\$ 4,366.34	-\$ 1,607.34
Year to date			
General Acct	\$330,776.30	\$370,119.03	-\$ 39,342.73
Other Accts	\$ 62,823.76	\$ 62,445.85	\$ 377.91