

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Communion Sunday and Joint Service of
Waverley United Church and St. Paul's United Church, Midland
Sunday, December 03, 2017



Ministers: Rev. Bev Irwin &
Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam
Music Director: Victoria Warwick

CAROL: VU #1 O Come, O come Emmanuel (vs. 1,2,5)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED:

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE-

Sung Response: VU #6 A Candle is Burning (vs.1)

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright.

A candle of hope in December's dark night.

While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

OPENING PRAYER:

CAROL: VU #14 To A Maid Whose Name Was Mary

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS VU #932(sung)

Holy, holy, holy are you,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are filled with your glory,

Hosanna in the Highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in your name.

Hosanna in the highest,

hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (SUNG TWICE) VU #933

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come, come again.

SHARING THE BREAD AND WINE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ALL: In this Advent time of preparing, O God, we come knowing that you offer hope to all. May the bread and wine remind us that you are our hope in the midst of darkness and fear. Be with us as we await your promised one. Amen
(Discovery Kids continues upstairs)

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT (unison) May these words be a source of wisdom, courage and strength. Amen

SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:26-38; 46-56

ANTHEM: Come to Us, Emmanuel

SERMON

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY:

*DOXOLOGY: VU #40 (vs. 3)

The love that we have always known, our constant joy and endless light, now to the loveless world be shown, now break upon its deathly night. Into one song compress the love that rules our universe above: sing love, sing love, sing God is love. Sing love, sing God is love.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CAROL: VU #5 All the Earth is Waiting

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION: VU #974
Amen, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen. (2x)



POSTLUDE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 22nd, 2017 www.stpaulsmidland.org

Welcome Friends!

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey,
You are welcome here!

Whether you are a child, youth, adult or elder,
You are welcome here!

Whatever your ethnic origin or language;
sexual orientation or gender identity;
religious tradition or theological position;
whatever your economic status or political persuasion
You are welcome here!

If you are differently abled,
you are welcome here!

If you are spiritually weary and in need of rest,

If you are mourning a deep loss in your life,

If you are skeptical;

if you have been hurt by religion,

If you have questions,

If you come full of doubts or confidence, joy or sorrow,

You are welcome here because you are God's creation, and WIDE is God's
Welcome!!

Friends! You are Welcome in this Place – Just as you are.

Advent Services 10 am

Advent 1 – Dec. 3rd, Communion

Advent 2- Dec. 10th, Children's Musical (*Arrest These Merry Gentlemen*)

Advent 3 – Dec 17th, Choir Cantata

Advent 4 – Dec. 24

Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve Service -
7 pm. Come join us with your friends



Christmas food drive: St. Paul's annual Christmas Food Drive continues December 3rd and December 10th. **Please Share Because You Care!**

Upcoming meetings:

Hub Meeting

Dec. 4th, 7 p.m.

Board of Trustees

Dec. 11th, 7 pm.

Pledge cards and envelopes for 2018 are ready and are in the Atrium. Please help us keep costs down by picking them up. We are working on the 2018 budget and your pledge card to the church is a very important part of that budget. If you don't have envelopes and would like a set, please contact the church office at 705-526-6077.

Fellowship Christmas Dinner:

This year's event is on Tuesday December 12th. Happy hour is at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 and are available at the church office or from Sharon Whiteside after Sunday service.



Save the date! There will be a **luncheon with Christmas carols and special guest on December 17th after the service.** There will be a freewill offering to cover expenses. Volunteers are needed for this event, so if you're able to assist, please contact Colin Whiteside at 705-526-9527 or call the church office at 705-526-6077.



Poinsettia orders: We are selling memorial poinsettias again this year. Deadline for ordering is Thursday December 7th by 10 am. The cost ranges from \$8 to \$25. Please drop by the church office or email to order. If you wish the flower to be placed in memory of a loved one, please include the person's name.

UCW Church Calendars:

U.C.W have a limited number of 2018 calendars for sale at \$6.00 each. Please contact Helen French at 705-526-8293 if you are interested.

Northern Waters Presbytery Reps are needed to represent St. Paul's. Please contact Karen or the church office if interested.