



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The church with a heart in the heart of Toledo.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church & HeART Gallery

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OFFICE HOURS
MON – FRI 9AM – 3PM

SERVICE TIMES
Sundays at 10:15AM

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Kate Philabaum

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FEBRUARY 2, 2025 – 10:15 AM

ELW SETTING #10

Service led by Pastor Peter Bowmer

Music provided by Kate Philabaum and Vince Krolak, trumpet

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

We are committed to you, the community, and the world around us. We believe God's love embraces all persons equally, no matter their age, ethnicity, race, abilities, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, citizen status, political leanings, religious expression, or any other boundaries the world uses to decide who is worthy and who is not. We are striving to be open and inclusive. We commit to loving YOU and caring for YOU by showing YOU the love of Jesus that we have received freely from God.

Please stand as you are able.

GREETING

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

P When we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore we confess our sins to God.

Most merciful God,

C I confess that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. I have not loved you with my whole heart. I have not loved my neighbor as myself. I have neglected your Word. Forgive me for the sake of Jesus Christ that I might live according to your mercy. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son for us. Jesus died for our sins and is raised for our justification. Therefore, as a called and ordained minister in the Church of Christ, and by Jesus' authority and command, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and the † Son, and the Holy Spirit.

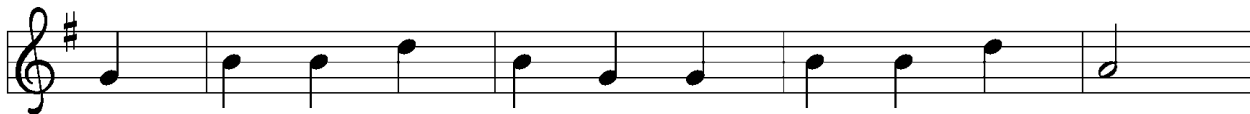




1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt.
 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

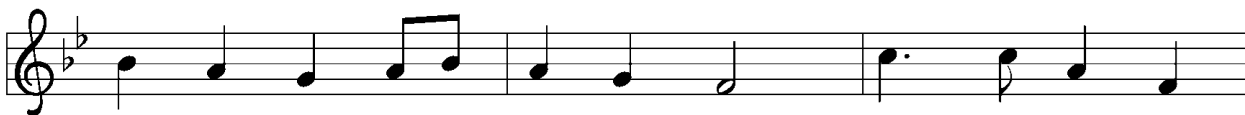
C **Amen**



1 In his tem - ple now be - hold him, see the long - ex -
 2 In the arms of her who bore him, vir - gin pure, be -
 3 Je - sus, by your pre - sen - ta - tion, when they blessed you,



pect - ed Lord; an - cient proph - ets had fore - told him,
 hold him lie, while his a - ged saints a - dore him,
 weak and poor, make us see your great sal - va - tion,



God has sent the prom - ised Word. Now to praise him,
 ere in per - fect faith they die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 seal us with your prom - ise sure; and pre - sent us,



his re - deem - ed shall break forth with one ac - cord.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Lo, the in - car - nate God Most High!
 in your glo - ry, to your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.

Text: Henry J. Pye, 1825–1903, alt.
 Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

Please be seated

FIRST READING - MALACHI 3:1-4 (read by volunteer)

L The Holy Scripture from the book of Malachi.

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like washers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord, as in the days of old and as in former years.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING - HEBREWS 2:14-18 (read by volunteer)

L The Holy Scripture from the book of Hebrews.

¹⁴Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Celtic Alleluia"



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker
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Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL READING - LUKE 2:22-40 (read by volunteer)

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²²When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷

Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law,

²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹"Master, now you

are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word,³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,³² a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”³³ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too.”

³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage,³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day.³⁸ At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him.

L The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Peter Bowmer

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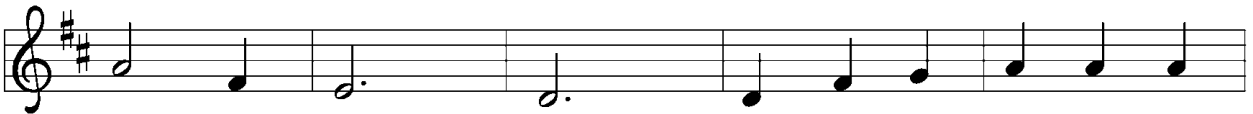
HOTD

“I Want To Walk As A Child In The Light”

ELW# 815



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934
Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson
Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration

APOSTLE'S CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(read responsively)*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ: our Good Samaritan, who tends the wounds of body and spirit with the oil of consolation and the wine of hope; the Son of righteousness, who raises us to life on his healing wings. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

CONGREGATION:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Holy Communion is the meal Jesus shares with us, therefore ALL are welcome to attend communion. Blessings are offered to those who prefer not to receive communion. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are also available. Please, come down the center aisle and return by the side aisles. Place empty glasses in the baskets at the end of the first pew.

P The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Vince Krolak, trumpet

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

C Amen

BLESSING

P The Spirit of the triune God † bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

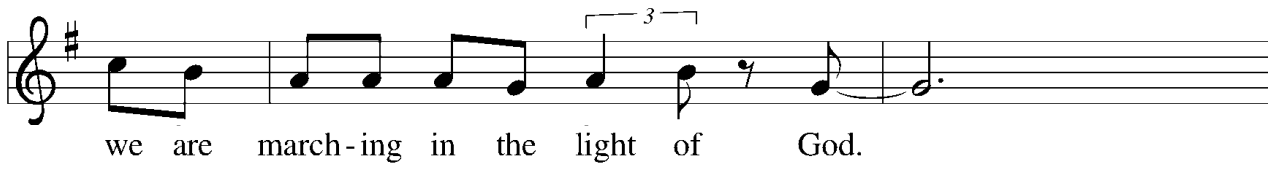
C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

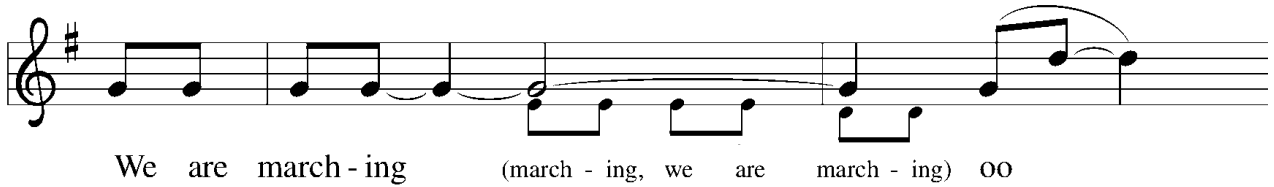
"We Are Marching In The Light"

ELW# 866

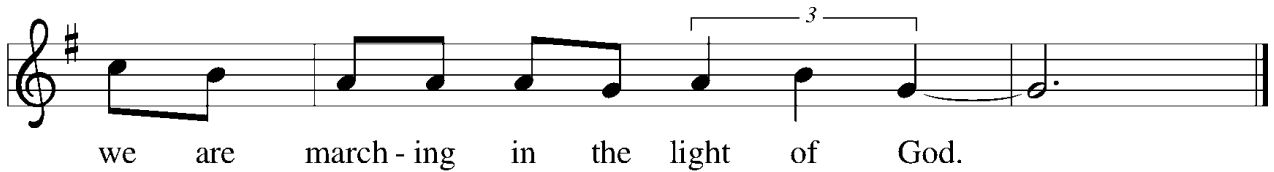
The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God. We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO". The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, along with triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) and fermatas. The final note is a whole note with a fermata.



we are march - ing in the light of God.



We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

Text: South African traditional; tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984

Music: SIYAHAMBA, South African traditional

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Live in hope.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU!

Judy and Dan Kolhoff want to thank St. Paul's staff, congregation and especially Kate, for the countless amount of teddy bears, over \$2500 in gift cards and prayers! Please don't stop praying for these little one's who are God's children! Your outreach is very much appreciated!

CREATIVI-TEA

Molly Miller returns to teach an acrylic snowman painting class on Sat Feb 8 at 11am. Our CREATIVI-TEA class series ends with tea and scones as your project dries. Cost is \$20pp. Next painting class will be Sat Feb 22 at 11am with a winter scene. No painting experience or supplies needed. Come to enjoy the process. You will leave with a finished piece that you're proud to display! RSVP to kate@stpaulstoledo.org

LUNCH & LEARN: TEA HOUSE DETECTIVE RADIO MYSTERY

This month's Lunch & Learn will be on Thursday, February 8 at 12PM. The "Old Man In The Corner" sits in a London Tea House and solves mysteries based on what he reads in the paper and overhears from guests having tea. This radio-style mystery includes a dose of British humor as each table helps provide clues. Can the mystery be solved by the old man in the corner before tea is over?

A themed lunch will reflect a traditional London tea house surrounded by artwork by the Athena Art Society. Some pieces will be paired with tablescapes from local garden club members and designers. A feast for the eyes and a challenge to solve the mystery! To make reservations to kate@stpaulstoledo.org.

RIVERSIDE WRITERS

Riverside Writers will meet in the Social Room on Thursday, February 13. Contact kate@stpaulstoledo.org for more information.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 2

10:15 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary

MONDAY – FEBRUARY 3

10:00 AM Community Heart Cafe – Social Room

WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 5

9:30 AM Café Volunteer Meeting – Social Room

10:00 AM Community Heart Cafe – Social Room

FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 7

10:00 AM Community Heart Cafe – Social Room

SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 8

11:00 AM Creativi-Tea - HeART Gallery

SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 9

10:15 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary

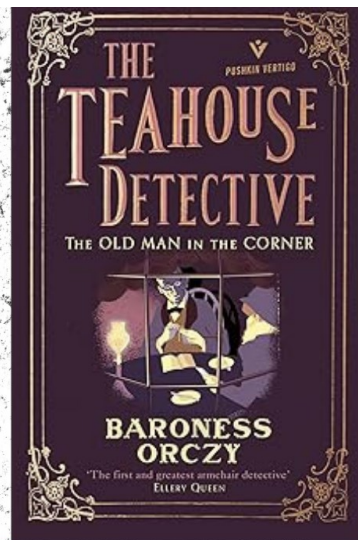
11:30 AM Lunch Bunch - TBD

ALTAR FLOWERS - None

CHANCEL FLOWERS - None

ANNIVERSARIES - Robert &
Victoria Holmes

BIRTHDAYS - Madonna Bowmer,
Diane McCue, Don Rydman,
Jeanne Sonnenberg



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