

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
"We Shine For All Through Christ"

St. Marys, Ohio

December 27, 2020 First Sunday after Christmas 10:30a.m.

Order of Service

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP
WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Light the candles; the hope of our hearts has been born! The star to guide
 our spirits has risen! Believe in the mystery: the love and hope we long for

is

 here. Let us open our hearts to receive the newborn King.

UNISON PRAYER

Immanuel, God with us, we are awed by your presence this Christmas; help us to give with generous hearts and receive with thankfulness. Give us patience in the face of irritation and kindness in the face of anger; fill us with contentment and peace and remove all jealousy from us. May our celebration of your birth give honor to you in all we say and do and may we enter the New Year refreshed and recommitted to your service. Amen.

HYMN 218 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Joys and Concerns of our Church Family
The Wave

TIME FOR CHILDREN
Holtzapple

Mary

HYMN 210 "Love Came Down at Christmas"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC Becky Anderson

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 2:41-52
SERMON "Childhood Faith" Rev. Rhonda Hainer

HYMN 225 "I Wonder as I Wander"

BENEDICTION

May the God who gave us this year and the Savior who walked at our side each day and the Spirit who filled us with life abundant, grace the coming year with peace and hope and joy, Amen.

POSTLUDE Depart to serve

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Our Giving to God December 20, 2020
Current - \$1985.00 and Mission - \$350.00

SPECIAL THANKS TO CLARE CAYWOOD FOR SINGING OUR HYMNS TODAY

LUKE 2:41-52

41Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. **42**When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. **43**After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. **44**Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. **45**When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. **46**After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. **47**Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. **48**When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

49"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" **50**But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

51Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. **52**And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.