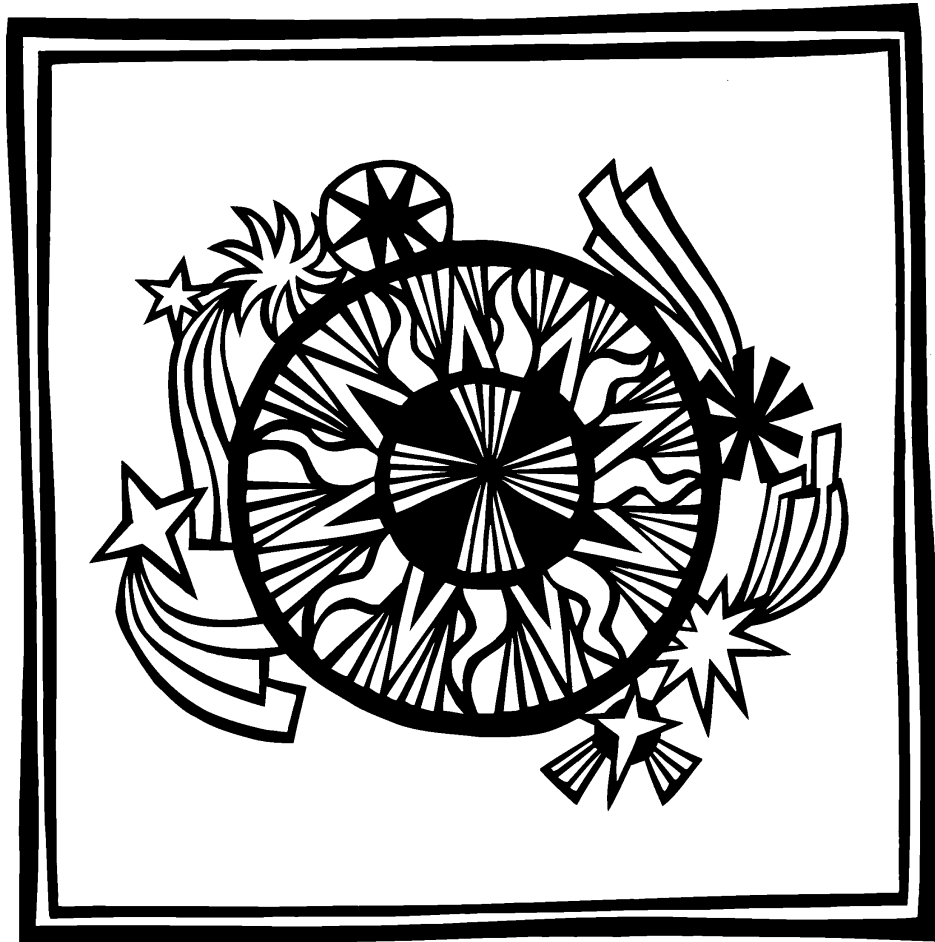


*Second Sunday of
Christmas*



WNY Church Unleashed

January 3, 2021

*Welcome to WNY Church Unleashed hosted by:
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rev. Steve Biegner
Parkside Lutheran Church, Rev. Jeremiah Smith
Zion Lutheran Church, Rev. Julius Carroll*

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*Future services will be recorded and aired on YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV.
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For DirecTV: Ch. 67; For Cable, Fios, and Dish: Ch. 5; For "Rabbit Ears": Ch. 67-1*

Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who was in the beginning, who makes a dwelling among us, who covers us with justice and mercy.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. God of goodness and lovingkindness,

C we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have turned away from your invitation to new life. We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden. In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins, those we know and those known only to you, for the sake of the one who came to live among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

P Hear the good news of peace and salvation! God forgives us all our sins, not through our own work, but through ✝ Jesus Christ, made known to all people. With all who come to the manger, rejoice in this amazing gift of grace.

C Amen.

It Came upon the Midnight Clear



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king.”
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Children's Time

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 1st Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 1:1-9

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

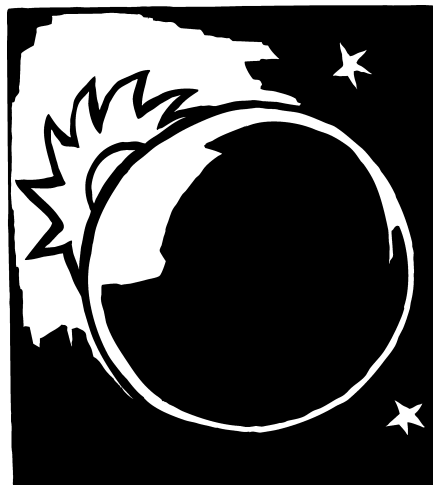
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

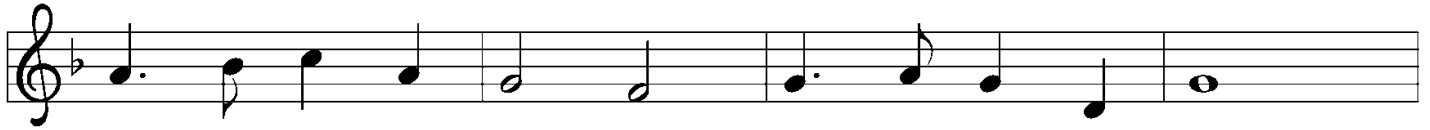
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon



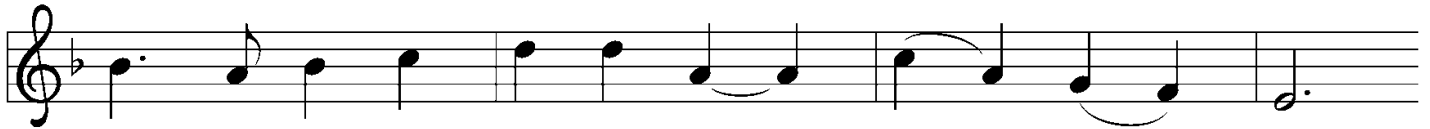
In the Bleak Midwinter



1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;
3 What . . . can I give him, poor as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed
if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Youth Time

Apostles' Creed

P Let's confess the faith of the Church together using the Apostles' Creed:

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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

Benediction

P And now as you go on your way, may the Lord go with you. May he go before you to show you the way, behind you to encourage you, beside you to be your friend, above you to watch over you, and within you to give you peace. Go today celebrating in the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, and all God's children said...

C Amen.

Sharing the Peace and Sending

P Go in peace, remember the poor, and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: January 3-10, 2021

- TODAY:** 9:00-11:00 am: Family Blessing Service
10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:30 am: Zoom Half-Hour (Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/950766486>,
Meeting ID: 950766486)
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
- Wednesday:** 10:00 am: Comforters Meeting
- Thursday:** 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
- Saturday:** 9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
9:00 am: Daily Bread Food Truck at St. Paul's
- Sunday:** 10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
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5:00 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck at Windermere Elementary

Attendance last week: YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ Offering: 12/20/2020: \$5,338.00
12/27/2020: \$5,914.00

Prayer List: In our congregational family: (* indicates new names or changes added this week)

Marion Alexander: Tennyson Court, #127 in Memory Care Unit, Williamsville, NY 14221

Neal DeLeo: Brothers of Mercy, 10570 Bergtold Road, Clarence, NY 14031

Susan Epstein: 70 Fairlawn Drive, Amherst, NY 14226

Claire Franke: Elderwood, 225 Bennett Road, #223, Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Christopher Magin: 22 Dale Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150

Dorothy Menth: GreenField's Rehab Center, 5949 Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086

Don Neubauer: 25 Robie Street, Buffalo, NY 14214

Alison Silsby: 4360 Peet Street, Middleport, NY 14105

Norma Stevenson: Weinberg Campus, 2700 North Forest Road, Getzville, NY 14068

Mary Elizabeth Stewart: 69 Washington Highway, Amherst, NY 14226

Scott Vahue: 475 Berryman Drive, Amherst, NY 14226

David Wolf: P.O. Box 198, Clarence Center, NY 14032

Prayer List: In our and extended family: The family of Dolores Shearer; Scott Greenawalt (Marilyn Emerson's nephew); Wendy Coyde (friend of Jean Brundage); Mary Jo Williams and family in the passing of her mother-in-law; Linda Schunak and family in the passing of her cousin; Jeff Keefe (Janelle Franasiak's uncle); Thomas Maier

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-Person Worship: We have suspended in-person worship until further notice due to Erie County being designated an "orange Covid-19 zone." Please continue to worship with us as WNY Church Unleashed on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am on WBBZ, YouTube, or Facebook. Stay safe, be healthy.

Covid-19 Restrictions: With the current status of Orange/Red zones in Erie County, we ask that you not stop by the Church Office unannounced. If you have a need to come to the office or meet with Pastor Steve, please call ahead and make an appointment (716-835-0407). This way we can help keep you and our staff safe during this difficult time.

Family Blessing Service: Come and celebrate the new year with your family on Sunday, January 3 from 9:00-11:00 am. This year's Family Blessing will take place outside – drive-thru style. You and your family can either choose to stay in your car or come and stand around the baptismal font which will be placed outside of church.

Tigers Den Food Pantry: The Food pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. January Pantry hours are Thursday 1/7 and 1/21 from 3:00 pm-6:30 pm, and Saturday 1/9 and 1/23 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm.

Bible Study Returns: Mary Wolf will resume Bible Study on Tuesday, January 12 beginning at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Room. Topic: Esther: Queen and Heroine

ST. PAUL'S FIRST RESPONDERS AND FRONT-LINE HEALTH CARE WORKERS

Please remember all of these dedicated people in your prayers:

Ashish Bhatia
Kris DiPasquale
Stephen DiPasquale
Chad and Danielle Israel
Ryan Jones
Amber Krol
Jennifer Leary
Lisa Magin
Amber Mata
Ian Miller
Jill Pogodzinski
Thomas Quatroche

Michael Richardson
John Rodriguez
Michael Ruckdaschel
Kaetlyn Simpson
Angela Stark
Ira Striejewske
Ben Vilonen
Rick Vilonen
Mary Jo Williams
Patrick Wisniewski
Pam Wunderlin
Robert Zielinski

Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements - January 3rd, 2021

At Parkside we are rediscovering the radical love of Jesus -

Gathering All, Serving All, Caring for All

2 Wallace Ave Buffalo, NY 14214 (corner of Depew)

(716)836-1361 parksidelutheran@gmail.com

There are 3 ways to watch the recorded Service 10am Sundays:

- 1) Watch on your TV: Station METV - channel 5 on Cable, Fios & Dish or channel 67 on DirecTV
- 2) WNY Unleashed Facebook Page
- 3) WNY Unleashed YouTube Page

Indoor Worship is suspended while Erie County is in Orange or Red.

North Buffalo Food Pantry Hours are Saturday 9am-1pm - enter on Depew. Donations can be dropped off at the Pantry during regular Pantry hours or call the office to arrange drop off.

Donations requested for January-Crackers, Toilet Paper & Tissue

Volunteers are needed. Contact the office if you are interested in helping on the occasional Saturday for 3 hours.

Nonperishable food donations can also be left in our little red "**Blessing Box**". Please only leave foods that can withstand freezing weather. Granola bars, peanut butter, crackers, instant noodles, etc.

Meals on Wheels Parkside LC location is in great need of volunteers - if you can help 2 or 3 mornings during the week for an hour or two, please contact the office.

Prayer Tree:

Congregation: Friends & Family as they mourn the passing of Ron Arnold; Tanya Scaccia, and her mother, Priscilla Jane Scott, who is in hospice care; Mike Miller as he heals; Joan Bauer; Tanya Scaccia for her nephew Aubree; Continued healing for Lina; Marlene & Andrew; Ruth; Joyce & Roman S; Pam; Janet Stout; Becky & Vince; Eileen & Ken Moser; Norra Carroll; Gratitude for the birth of Stephanie & Kevin's baby girl.

Friends & Family: Helen Wolfman; Carol & Larry McAteer; Joan's son, Donald Railey who is facing multiple health challenges and other family members, Jameson & Kevin; Melanie's sons Nick and Paul and their families; Jess & Ed Forster; Bailey & Family; Donna Durkin; Beverly & Bob; Ed Yeltsis; Cory DeAeth (Ruth's grandson), and cousin Alan; Catherine (sister of Gigi & Jeff Jankowski), for her multiple myeloma to remain in remission.; Lysander Pope; Jim C. (Cheryl Kinsman's brother in law); Bobby Amann; Pray for Carson to remain cancer-free; Victims of coronavirus, health workers, and those who are most vulnerable at this time; We offer our prayers for the church, the world & all people in need.

If you would like to add to the prayer list or share some good news, please contact the office.

Parkside For Social Justice

Recommended Resource: Have you ever wondered what a modern day Prophet might sound like? I invite you to join your Church Council in reading *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black preacher to the whitest denomination in the Country*.

“Part manifesto, part confession, and all love letter, *Dear Church* offers a bold new vision for the future of Duncan's denomination and the broader mainline Christian community of faith. Duncan gives a blueprint for the way forward and urges us to follow in the revolutionary path of Jesus.” <https://www.amazon.com/Dear-Church-Preacher-Whitest-Denomination/dp/1506452566>

Have a suggested resource or question about this Parkside For Social Justice?

Contact Pastor Jeremiah or Alison Smith alisonmsmith07@gmail.com. All are encouraged to sign the ELCA's Anti-Racism Pledge found here: <https://www.elca.org/racialjusticepledge>.



Every fourth Tuesday of the month, volunteers from Parkside hand out Burritos in Downtown Buffalo. We also distribute hats, scarfs, gloves, and masks! Donations will be collected now until spring. Contact the office if you'd like to arrange for drop-off. Thanks for putting love of neighbor into action!

Want more information about all that is happening at Parkside LC?

Sign up for our weekly email

on our website - parksidelutheran.org Like us on Facebook - Follow us on Instagram

We would like to express our gratitude to the following individuals
who have been gifting their services to help bring you
the Sunday MeTV productions:

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Michael Shamrock

Soloist:

Sandra Holt

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Nick Stroczkowski, Brothers and Sisters Film Production Company

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Andrew Gruszka, The Record DJ Co.

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