

**St Paul's
UCC**

**Henderson
MN**

**December
18th,
2022**



Organ Prelude

**Ringling of
the Bell**

***Call to Worship**

Reader: Blessed be the Lord and all who
gather for the Christmas story

People: Blessed be to the birth of Jesus.

Amen

UNISON PRAYER

Reader: With full assurance of faith and sincerity of heart, let us pray together.

Awesome and wonderful God, we sit as Mary and Joseph sat those last few weeks before birthing Your Son into our world. We sit with faith and tender hope, holding the promises announced by Your angels.

**Meet us here. Show us how to prepare
for Your majesty in our midst. Bring us
Your peace. Teach us how to welcome
You as we welcome our neighbors. Help
us to see You, hear You, touch You, and
feel You in this season in a new way, with
a new spirit. Fill this sanctuary and our
hearts with Your glory this morning.
Amen.**



Prayer

of confession

Gloria Patri

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.***

*Welcome
&
Announcements*



Fourth Sunday Of Advent

Hope

Peace

Joy

Love



Christmas Pageant

We dedicate the 2022 Christmas Program to the memory of our dear friend, Cheri Mattson for her years of planning and service in past plays and programs.

Reader: Ashlynn Dhaene

Mary: Ellie Conrad

Joseph: James Schultz

Baby Jesus: Mable Jo Boelter

Cast: Children of St.Paul's United Church of Christ and friends

Children's Concert

Deck the Halls

O Christmas Tree

The Lights on the Tree

Jesus Born Today

Merry Christmas to You

Away in a Manger – congregation join in on Versus 2

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,

But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes;

I love thee Lord Jesus look down from the sky,

And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Pastoral Prayer - Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 and ever.

Cares Chorus

*I cast all of my cares upon you.
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.
And any time I don't know what to do,
I will cast all of my cares upon you.*



Invitation

Offertory Music

OFFERING
WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD



Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.***

*** Prayer of Dedication**

We rejoice in the many gifts you have given us, and we pray that the gifts that we return to you be used according to your will.

Amen.

Joy to the World #313

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare Him room

And heaven and nature sing

And heaven and nature sing

And heaven, and heaven, and nature
sing

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Let men their songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks, hills
and plains

Repeat the sounding joy

Repeat the sounding joy

Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and
grace

And makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness

And wonders of His love

And wonders of His love

And wonders, wonders, of His love

A lit candle with a bright flame is positioned in the center of the frame. To its right, a large, glowing bokeh light creates a warm, golden glow. The background is dark with several other smaller bokeh lights scattered throughout. The text "Benediction & Blessing" is written in a white, elegant cursive font across the middle of the image, partially overlapping the candle's flame.

Benediction & Blessing