



St Paul's
**United
Reformed
Church**

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Order of Service

Sunday 16 January 2022



Christmas continues

Please use 'T' on your hearing aid if you need to use the Hearing Loop.

This morning's service is being led by: **Mr Hamish Cook**
The Organ is played by: **Mr Edward Rook**

We extend a very warm welcome to you. If you do not attend a church elsewhere, we invite you to join regularly with us in our Sunday worship and other activities – see www.stpaulsucr.org.uk

You are welcome to use the time before worship for quiet preparation, especially once the music begins. We light a candle at the start of the service to remind us all of Christ's message of peace.

The Reformed Church recognises God's Word as its supreme authority and **you are asked to stand as the Bible is brought in** at the start of worship, **and again as the Bible is taken out after the blessing.**

Important notes:

- It is a joy to welcome you to this service! St Paul's URC has a **full Covid-19 Risk Assessment**, to help keep us all safe, so please follow the notices and advice you are given in church.
- Please continue to **maintain social distancing** where possible and we encourage people to **wash and sanitise their hands regularly.**
- In line with new government guidance **you are required to wear a face covering indoors unless exempt**. Please bear with one another to keep us all safe.
- The hymns and responses are in this **Order Sheet**, but feel free to pick up a **Hymn book or Bible** should you wish.
- **Offertory** – we circulate the collection bag for contributions to the church's work, but standing orders and bank transfers are preferred (please ask an elder or welcomer for details) and we have a credit card reader if you prefer that..
- We pray that you will know God's presence as we worship – in church, at home, online, outdoors, at work, school; in all places.

Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship

Bless the almighty, O my soul,
All my being *bless* the holy name.

**Bless the almighty, O my soul
and remember all his benefits**

Bless the eternal, O my soul,
All my being *bless* the holy name.

**Bless the eternal , O my soul
and remember all his benefits**

Opening song 159: Hark The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth, and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful, all ye nations, rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With th' angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark, the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

2 Christ, by highest heaven
adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel.
Hark, the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of peace
Hail! the Son of Righteousness
Light and life to all he brings
Risen with healing in his wings
Mild he lays his glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the things of earth
Born to give us second birth
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Prayers of approach, confession and pardon

The Lord's prayer

Talk - Memories of Christmas

Song 201: O sing a Song of Bethlehem

1 O sing a song of Bethlehem,
Of shepherds watching there,
And of the news that came to them
From angels in the air:
The light that shone on Bethlehem
Fills all the world today;
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth
The angels sing alway.

3 O sing a song of Galilee,
Of lake and woods and hill,
Of him who walked upon the sea
And bade the waves be still:

For though, like waves on Galilee,
Dark seas of trouble roll,
When faith has heard the Master's word,
Peace falls upon the soul.

4 O sing a song of Calvary,
Its glory and dismay;
Of him who hung upon the tree,
And took our sins away:
For he who died on Calvary
Is risen from the grave,
And Christ, our Lord, by heav'n adored,
Is mighty now to save.

Reading: Matthew 7:24-27

24 “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. 25 The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

Sermon

Song 317 Lord Thy Word Abideth

1 Lord, thy word abideth,
and our footsteps guideth;
who its truth believeth
light and joy receiveth.

2 When our foes are near us,
then thy word doth cheer us,
word of consolation,
message of salvation.

3 When the storms are o'er
us,
and dark clouds before us,
then its light directeth,
and our way protecteth.

4 Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure
by thy word imparted
to the simple-hearted?

5 Word of mercy, giving
succour to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying.

6 O that we discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
evermore be near thee

Offertory and prayer

Prayers of Intercession

Closing song 153 Sussex Carol

On Christmas night, all Christians sing
To hear the news, the angels bring
On Christmas night, all Christians sing
To hear the news, the angels bring
News of great joy, news of great mirth
News of our merciful King's birth

Then why should men on Earth be sad?
Since our Redeemer made us glad
Then why should men on Earth be sad?
Since our Redeemer made us glad
When from our sin He set us free
All for to gain our liberty

When sin departs before His grace
Then life and health come in its place
When sin departs before His grace
Then life and health come in its place
Angels and men with joy may sing
For all to see the newborn King

All out of darkness we have light
Which made the angels sing this night
All out of darkness we have light
Which made the angels sing this night
Glory to God on earth be peace
Goodwill to all shall never cease

Sending out:

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:8-9

We extend a very warm welcome to you!

United Prayer Time Fridays at 7:30-8pm

for St Paul's and South Croydon United Church

'Zoom' Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820

Church Meeting – a short meeting will take place after worship and refreshments spaced out in the large hall.

Book Club - Is now reading *Circe* by Madeline Miller, discussion and chat is at 7.30pm on Thursday 10 Feb at St Paul's.

Tuesday morning 'Guild' – on 18th Jan Bea Pollard is sharing insights about Robbie Burns. 10.15 for 10.30 start All welcome

Pauline Copy Date – Please send items to Pat Granville-Overton as soon as possible – hope to issue next Sunday

Next Sunday – worship at 10.30am with Albert and Elizabeth Wood

LICC Learning Hub – Session 1 from 9-12.30 on Saturday 29th January. Please put it on your diaries – see last October's Pauline

For future events and activities please see our website



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