



# PARK AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

A CONGREGATION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) + THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 24, 2023

## PRAISE & WORSHIP

**Someday At Christmas**  
*Composed by Bryan Wells & Ron Miller*

## WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Rev. Kaji S. Douša

## PRAISE & WORSHIP

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (TCNH # 144)**  
*Hymn Tune: MENDELSSOHN,  
Felix Mendelssohn & Charles Wesley,  
arr. William Hayman Cummings*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-38 (Year B, pg. 14)  
*Stefani Enriquez*

## CAROL

**What Child Is This (TCNH # 148)**  
*Hymn Tune: GREENSLEEVES,  
English Melody; Hymn Text: William C. Dix.*

## THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Dr. Richard Sturm &  
The Rev. Kaji S. Douša

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION & THE PRAYER FOR THE MEAL

### CHRIST'S PRAYER

Our God in heaven,  
hallowed be Your name.  
Your Kindom come, Your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins/debts/trespases,  
as we forgive those who  
sin/debt/trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Yours is the kindom, and the power,  
and the glory forever. Amen.

*Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos  
santificado sea tu nombre.  
Venga a nosotros tu reino, hágase  
Tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdona nuestras deudas/ofensas, como  
también nosotros perdonamos  
a los que nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en tentación  
y líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder y  
la gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén.*

## PARTAKING OF THE FEAST

Follow us on:

<b>COMMUNION MUSICAL MEDITATION</b>	<b>Give Love On Christmas Day</b> <i>Composed by Berry Gordy, Alphonzo Mizell, Christine Perren, Freddie Perren, &amp; Deke Richards</i>
<b>THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING</b>	<b>The Rev. Dr. Richard Sturm</b>
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	<b>Luke 2:1-20 (Year B, p. 17)</b> <i>Sigrid Sunstedt</i>
<b>INVITATION TO THE OFFERING</b>	
<b>OFFERTORY MUSIC</b>	<b>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (INSTRUMENTAL)</b> <i>Hymn Tune: IN DULCI JUBILO; Text: John Mason Neale</i>
<b>DOXOLOGY</b>	
<b>PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE</b>	<b>The Rev. Dr. Richard Sturm</b>
<b>PRE-SERMONIC SELECTION</b>	<b>O Po' Little Jesús</b> <i>Negro Spiritual</i>
<b>HOMILY</b>	<b>The Rev. Kaji S. Douša</b>
<b>POST SERMONIC MEDITATION</b>	<b>Now Behold The Lamb (INSTRUMENTAL)</b> <i>Composed by Kirk Franklin</i>
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	<b>Colossians 1:15-20 (Year B, p. 23)</b> <i>Rebecca Stanton</i>
<b>CAROL</b>	<b>Away and In Danger</b> <i>Hymn Tune: MULLER; Hymn Text: Anonymous</i>
<b>THE BLESSING &amp; LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE</b>	<b>John 1:1-14 (Year B, p. 23)</b> <i>The Rev. Kaji S. Douša</i>
<b>CLOSING SELECTION</b>	<b>Silent Night. Holy Night</b> <i>Composed by Franz Gruber &amp; Joseph Mohr;</i> <i>HymnTune: STILLE NACHT</i>
<b>PASSING OF THE PEACE</b>	

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## This year's poinsettias are given in thanksgiving for God's many blessings from:

- ❖ Dona & Ron Raines, *in honor of John & Jensene Payne*
- ❖ Sharon M. Combs, *in honor of Dr. Walter & Helen Combs;*  
*Ms. Madina Kamara*
- ❖ Hillary Buckland, *in memory of Carl A. Buckland Sr. &*  
*Randolph G. White*
- ❖ Bonnie English, *in memory of Bonnie Warne Champenois*
- ❖ Ben & Amanda Cathers *in celebration of The Cathers Family*
- ❖ Sigrid Sunstedt *in memory of Walter & Hildegard Goos*
- ❖ Nadeige & Stephen Sekyiamah *in memory of Ima Jean Kidd &*  
*Frank Tyson*

## ROUNDING UP: 2023

Our church offices will be closed between  
December 25 - January 2

For New Year's Eve worship:  
You're invited for a small in-person worship.  
For our online community, tune in at 11 am to  
catch a virtual message into the New Year.

Follow The Park on our social media to stay  
updated about our upcoming projects.

If you're still considering contributing to The  
Park and its ministries, please donate by  
December 31, 2023.

Thank you for supporting The Park!

# HAPPY NEW YEAR



## Prayers

### WE LIFT BY NAME:

THE FAMILY OF REV. DAN & GLORIA FELICIANO, THE FAMILY OF DEBORAH OWEN, PEGGY OWEN CLARK, MARY DEVON O'BRIEN, HILLARY, THE FAMILY OF RANDOLPH WHITE & THE BUCKLAND FAMILY, PATRICIA & HER SON QUINCY, CHRISTOPHER, DONNA MARIE, & HENDERSON FAMILY, HARRY & HIS FAMILY, HELEN, MARY, & THEIR EXTENDED FAMILIES, BETH, THE FAMILY OF ANADITH REYES, SIGRID, MARIA & THE FAMILY OF SANTOS MORALEZ, THE FAMILY OF SARAH MOOK, DONALD WONG, THE FAMILY OF FREDRICKA CUNNINGHAM, LUIS-ALFREDO, EVELYN & THEIR FAMILY, JARED SOUDER & FAMILY, WILLIAM ALLEN, THE ALLEN FAMILY, KEVIN SANTOS, ELIAS, LIDIS, BABY LUCAS, FRANCINE DOZIER, CHRISTOPHER HENDERSON, THE FAMILY OF ELAINE CUNNINGHAM, FREDDIE MAE JACOBS, LINDA, JOE, JASON, ERIC, JAMESON, JACOB, THE PACHOMSKI FAMILY, EDWARD & EMILY, ROSA & MICHAEL, WENDY, ANTHONY, CAROL, JENNIFER & MARVEN, PAM & BRUCE WOOD, THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE, REBECCA, THE BEZNER FAMILY, TAMMY, STAR, ELLE & THE JUARBE FAMILY, MIGUEL, SALOME & THE WATSON FAMILY, MARSHA, SHANNON, TODD & HIS FAMILY, AHMIR, LENNY & HIS FAMILY, MARYLYN & HER FAMILY, JIMMY, DANN, DYLAN, WAYNE, BRAD, BRIAN, JEAN, DOBIS, SAMUEL, JENSENE, BRIAN, HALEY, THOMAS, TANYA, ADOLPHUS, JAY, EARL, & GLORIA.

MAY THE LOVE OF CHRIST BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.

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## Praise and Worship –

**Someday At Christmas** – Composed by Bryan Wells & Ron Miller  
ESL – 36183      Harry Fox – S48675

## Praise and Worship (HYMN OF THE MORNING) –

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing** – Hymn Tune: MENDELSSOHN,  
Felix Mendelssohn & Charles Wesley,  
arr. William Hayman Cummings  
Public Domain      CCLI – 27738      ESL – 25274      TNCH #144

## Carol –

**What Child Is This** – Hymn Tune: GREENSLEEVES, English Melody;  
Hymn Text: William C. Dix.  
Public Domain      CCLI – 30983      TNCH #148

## Communion –

**Give Love On Christmas Day** – Composed by Berry Gordy, Alphonzo Mizell,  
Christine Perren, Freddie Perren,  
& Deke Richards  
ESL – 43788      Harry Fox – G24610

## Offering – (INSTRUMENTAL)

**Good Christian Friends, Rejoice** – Hymn Tune: IN DULCI JUBILO;  
Text: John Mason Neale  
CCLI – 1214849

## Pre-Sermonic Selection –

**O Po' Little Jesús** – Negro Spiritual

## Post Sermonic Moment – (INSTRUMENTAL)

**Now Behold The Lamb** – Composed by Kirk Franklin  
BMI – 2100882      CCLI – 1892738      ESL – 1021322  
Harry Fox – N2776Y

## Carol –

**Away and In Danger** – Hymn Tune: MULLER; Hymn Text: Anonymous  
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## Closing Selection –

**Silent Night. Holy Night** – Composed by Franz Gruber & Joseph Mohr.  
Hymn Tune: STILLE NACHT  
CCLI – 27862      ESL – 11458

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