



# PARK AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

December 24, 2024

## PRAISE & WORSHIP

**Angels We Have Heard On High**  
*Hymn Tune: GLORIA;*  
*Text: Les anges dans nos campagnes*

## WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Rev. Kaji S. Douša

## CAROL

**O Holy Night**  
*Composed by Placide Cappeau & Adolphe Adam*

## SCRIPTURE READING

**Isaiah 9:1 (German Translated);**  
**Isaiah 9:2-7 (Year A, p. 100-1)**  
*Sigrid Sunstedt*

## CAROL

**Away and In Danger**  
*Hymn Tune: MULLER; Text: Shirley Erena Murray;*  
*Final verse: Allen Jorgenson & Debbie Lou Ludolph*

## THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rebecca Stanton

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION & THE PRAYER FOR THE MEAL

The Rev. Kaji S. Douša

## 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/tresspass 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:

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Kaji S. Douša

COMMUNION MUSICAL MEDITATION

The Night That Christ Was Born  
*Composed by Kirk Franklin*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-20 (Year A, p. 64-65)  
*Patrik Douša*

CAROL

Give Love On Christmas Day  
*Composed by Berry Gordy, Alphonzo Mizell,  
Christine Perren, Freddie Perren, & Deke Richards*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Rebecca Stanton

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Piano Incidental*

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Maker, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rebecca Stanton

SERMONIC MEDITATION

Sweet Little Jesus Boy  
*Composed by Robert MacGimsey*

HOMILY

The Rev. Kaji S. Douša

CAROL

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

THE BLESSING & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

John 1:1-14 (Year A, p. 74)  
*The Rev. Kaji S. Douša*

CLOSING SELECTION

Silent Night. Holy Night  
*Composed by Franz Gruber & Joseph Mohr;  
Hymn Tune: STILLE NACHT*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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VENMO @ParkAvenueChristianChurch*

*100% of your donations go toward ministries of the church.*

**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. Madinatu Kamara*
- ❖ Kevin Childress, *in honor of Royce Smith*

**ROUNDING UP:  
2024**

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

For Sunday, December 29:  
You're invited for a small in-person worship.  
For our online community, tune in at 11 am to  
catch a virtual message to take you into the  
New Year.

Follow The Park on our social media to stay  
up to date with our new and ongoing work in  
the community.

All contributions and donations to The Park  
and its ministries are tax deductible. Please  
donate by December 31, 2024.

Thank you for supporting The Park!

**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**



*We pray for you.*

*In Need of A Prayer?*

*Please email your requests to  
[prayerrequest@parkavenuechristian.com](mailto:prayerrequest@parkavenuechristian.com)*

*May the love of Christ  
be with you always.*

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## **Praise and Worship –**

**Angels We Have Heard On High** – Hymn Tune: GLORIA;  
Text: *Les anges dans nos campagnes*  
CCLI – 27721

## **Carols –**

**O Holy Night** – Composed by Placide Cappeau & Adolphe Adam  
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**Away and In Danger** – Hymn Tune: MULLER; Text: Shirley Erena Murray;  
Final verse: Allen Jorgenson & Debbie Lou Ludolph

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

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing** – Hymn Tune: MENDELSSOHN,  
Felix Mendelssohn & Charles Wesley,  
arr. William Hayman Cummings  
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## **Communion –**

**The Night That Christ Was Born** – Composed by Kirk Franklin  
CCLI – 1950560 ESL – 73562 Harry Fox – TV7A78

## **Offering – (PIANO INCIDENTAL, INTO DOXOLOGY)**

## **Sermonic Meditation –**

**Sweet Little Jesus Boy** – Composed by Robert MacGimsey  
ASCAP – 490174380 CCLI – 251298 ESL – 25618  
Harry Fox – S89122

## **Closing Selection –**

**Silent Night. Holy Night** – Composed by Franz Gruber & Joseph Mohr;  
Hymn Tune: STILLE NACHT  
CCLI – 1950254 ESL – 11458

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