

NEW YEAR'S EVE



# St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

Saturday, December 31, 2022

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*(\* indicates the assembly stands)*

**Opening**

Prelude *"The Gentle Waltz"* Oscar Peterson

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

\*Dialogue

P: The light shines in the darkness

**A: and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

**A: and we have beheld Christ's glory.**

P: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**A: In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

\*Hymn of Light 561 *"Joyous light of heavenly glory"*

\*Thanksgiving for the Light p. 310-311

\*Prayer of the Day

**Psalmody**

Psalm Hymn 232 *"Let my prayer rise up"*

Pastor sings "Leader" part, Assembly sings "All" part

Psalm 121 (see page 4) *(said responsively by verse)*

Psalm Prayer

**Word**

First Reading Exodus 13:20-22

Second Reading Hebrews 13:8-9b

Gospel Reading Luke 12:35-40

Silence for Reflection



## Psalm 121

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes <sup>|</sup> to the hills;  
from where is my <sup>|</sup> help to come?

<sup>2</sup>**My help comes <sup>|</sup> from the LORD,**  
**the maker of heav- <sup>|</sup> en and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your <sup>|</sup> foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you <sup>|</sup> fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, the keep- <sup>|</sup> er of Israel**  
**will neither slum- <sup>|</sup> ber nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup>the LORD watches <sup>|</sup> over you;  
the LORD is your shade at <sup>|</sup> your right hand;

<sup>6</sup>**the sun will not strike <sup>|</sup> you by day,**  
**nor the <sup>|</sup> moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you <sup>|</sup> from all evil  
and will <sup>|</sup> keep your life.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD will watch over your going out and your <sup>|</sup> coming in,**  
**from this time forth for- <sup>|</sup> evermore.**

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## Leading Worship Today

**Minister:** Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

**Diaconal Minister of Music:** Deacon Scott Knarr

**Broadcast:** Andrew Weber

**Building Monitor:** Dennis Diebolt (519-571-4525)

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**At the turn of the year we meditate on endings and beginnings,** knowing that all the world's time begins and ends in God. We watch and keep vigil for the coming of God's justice.

**All are welcomed to the Lord's table** where Jesus promises to meet us. **Communion will be at the high altar rail this afternoon. Please remain kneeling or standing at the rail until all have received the wine or grape juice; there will be a table blessing for each group.** Gluten-free communion wafers are also available. Please indicate this to the Pastor.

**Fire Exits:** All Sanctuary fire exits remain operational during lower-level demolition and renovations. This includes the three Narthex (Entrance) doors, the mid-tower door (half-way up the right side), and the staircase at the front left, piano side.

**Church Fire Plan** For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety.

## Important Information for today's worship

- **Self-Screening:** Members are reminded to continue to perform self-assessments if they have COVID symptoms.
- **Masks:** We support people's choice to wear a mask, and we strongly encourage the following of current guidelines.
- **Physical distancing:** Members are encouraged to continue physical distancing where possible indoors.
- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. The offering plates will be again be presented to the High Altar during the service.
- **The Peace:** We support people's choices for passing of the peace.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, please remain in place until the end of the postlude.
- **Ministers** will be greeting worshippers after the postlude in the Narthex, without handshakes.
- **Thank you for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pandemic, by following these directions!**

## Worship Notes

In our prayers Bruce, John, Marie, Grace, Maureen, Bernice, Lynda and John.

## General Announcements

**Offering Envelope boxes** are available to be picked in the office starting January 3.



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