

## SCHEDULE OF REGULAR & HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

### Worship Schedule

Contemporary Worship - Saturdays at 6:00pm  
 Traditional Worship - Sundays at 8:00am  
 Education Time - Sundays at 9:20am  
 Contemporary Worship - Sundays at 10:30am

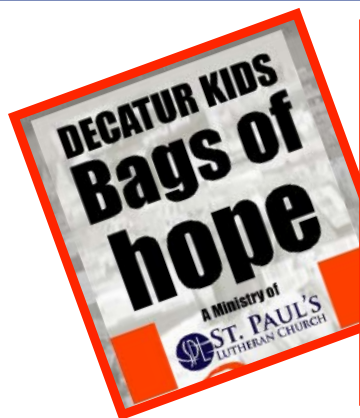
### Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24th

Christmas Celebration Services "Awestruck Wonder" - 6:00pm & 8:00pm  
 (no Saturday or Sunday morning services)

### Christmas Day - Monday, December 25th

Worship Service - 10:00am

**New Year's Eve - Regular weekend worship** (Saturday 6pm/Sunday 8am & 10:30am)



**Advent Conspiracy**  
**Bags of Hope**  
**PACKING PARTY**  
 December 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm  
 Dining Room @ SPL

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**Adam Mize**  
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**Michael Peer**  
**Dale Tolly**



**6:30pm Advent Worship**  
**December 13, 2017**  
**Pastor Eric Trickey**  
**Pastor Mark Gearig**

### Welcome & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God**

Today we light the third candle of Advent, the candle of joy. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was filled with joy. She sang a song that began with the words: "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to his mother, so his presence in the world gave joy to those who had none before. He healed them and gave them hope and peace when they believed in him. From hope, peace, and love grows joy.

We light the Candle of Joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth. (The First, Second and Third Candles are lit.)

Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.



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Leader: Let us pray:

**All:** Thank you God for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

**Opening Praise**

*Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)*

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**Scripture Reading**

*Isaiah 35:1-10*

**Confession & Absolution of Sins**

**Prayers & The Lord's Prayer**

**Offering**

*Glory (Let There Be Peace)*

**Message and Teaching Time**

"It's a Wonderful Life"  
Pastor Eric Trickey

**Closing Hymn**

*Auld Lang Syne*

**Blessing**



Sermon Outline:

1. Jesus had no \_\_\_\_\_ place to be than with \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Jesus was worth more to us \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Jesus is worth more \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The whole world needs to \_\_\_\_\_... "please God let me \_\_\_\_\_ again."
5. Should old \_\_\_\_\_ be forgot?
6. \_\_\_\_\_, we will never \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_.

**Register now for F3 classes on Wednesdays starting January 3rd!**

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- Emotionally Healthy Spirituality - Led by Bob Waters
- Legacy Journey- Led by Matt and Kara Nalley
- Wellness Revelation - Led by Melanie Brown
- Loving Our Kids On Purpose - Led by Kurt and Jessica Younghouse
- Bible Study: Ephesians - Led by Pastor Mark Gearig
- Basics 1 & 2 (Church Membership) - Led by Pastor Eric Trickey
- Youth Confirmation (7th/8th), Thrive (Gr 9-12), and classes for children.

Dinner is served Wednesdays at 5:30pm in the dining room.

Sign up in the Fellowship Area or register online at [spldecatour.org](http://spldecatour.org) #DigIN

EXPERIENCE CHRISTMAS AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Awestruck Wonder"

Sunday, December 24th, 6:00pm & 8:00pm

"Still Seek Him"

Monday, December 25th, 10:00am