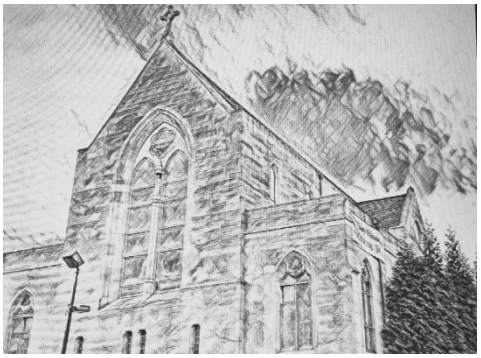
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Canton, Ohio

Epiphany Sunday
Holy Eucharist Rite 2
Jan. 4, 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to St. Paul's

Online and in-person services begin with music at 10:25 a.m.



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Our mission

St. Paul's is an exceptionally welcoming Episcopal community in downtown Canton, grounded in faith, and called by God's Love to minister to the world.

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Holy Eucharist
Celebrants: The Revs. Joe and Kay Ashby

Readings and Psalm
Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

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Prelude: *Hymn Prelude on Irby,* Philip Moore

The Word of God

Please stand in body or spirit

Entrance Hymn: The First Nowell (H 109)

6 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

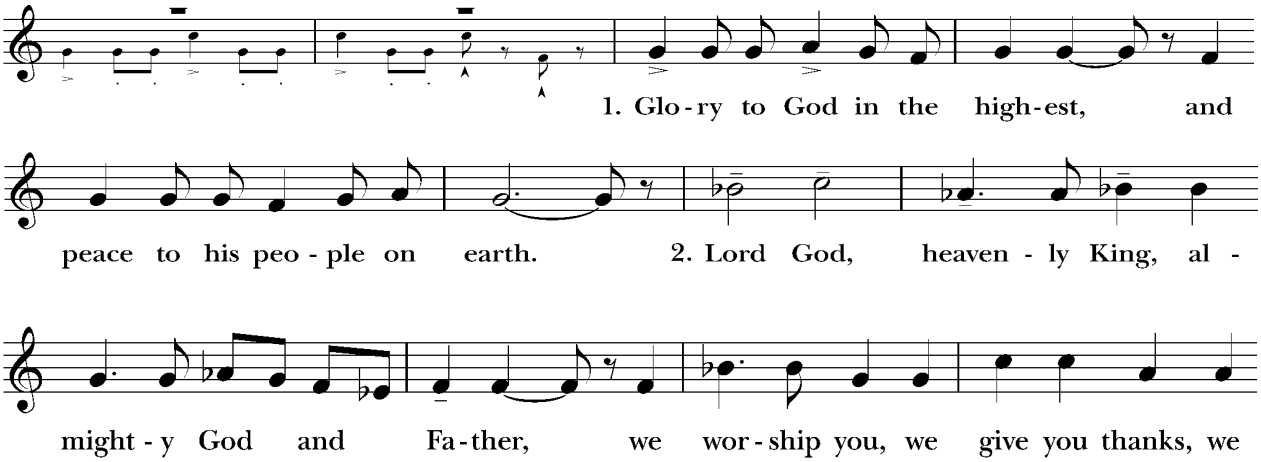
Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People You come to your people and set them free.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GLORIA: *Glory to God* (Canticle 20) (S278*)*



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

Please sit.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

[1]Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
[2]For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
[3]Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
[4]Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
[5]Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
[6]A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14

[1]Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
[2]That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
[3]That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *

and the little hills bring righteousness.
[4]He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
[5]He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
[6]He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
[7]In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
[10]The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
[11]All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.
[12]For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.
[13]He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
[14]He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

A reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus

[1]This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—[2]for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, [3]and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, [4]a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. [5]In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: [6]that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

[7]Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. [8]Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, [9]and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; [10]so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. [11]This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, [12]in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body or spirit

Sequence Hymn: *We Three Kings. Three Kings of Orient* (H 128)

Please remain standing if able

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[1]In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from
the East came to Jerusalem, [2]asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the
Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." [3]When
King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; [4]and calling
together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the
Messiah was to be born. [5]They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been
written by the prophet:
[6]'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "
[7]Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time
when the star had appeared. [8]Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search
diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also
go and pay him homage." [9]When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead
of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where
the child was. [10]When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with
joy. [11]On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt
down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of
gold, frankincense, and myrrh. [12]And having been warned in a dream not to return to
Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. Kay Ashby

The Creed

Please stand in body or spirit

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Please remain standing

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
We pray as pilgrims, "Lead us to your presence; *let us see your glory!*"

Almighty God, grant to your Church wisdom. Work through us that we might lead many to the knowledge and love of you.
Silence
Lead us to your presence;
Let us see your glory.

Defend the needy, Lord Christ. Rescue the poor and thwart all the ways of oppression.
Silence
Lead us to your presence;
Let us see your glory.

The heavens reveal your wonders, O God. Give us eyes to see, hearts to follow, and lives that pay you homage.
Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence
Lead us to your presence;
Let us see your glory.

Bless all teachers and students as they return to school and university. May they find wisdom as well as knowledge; give them a hunger for your truth.
Silence
Lead us to your presence;
Let us see your glory.

Loving God, you are the help of the helpless and the deliverer of those in distress: bless and heal all those in need.
We pray especially for Peggy Neidig, Cara Warren, Alice Bolam, Valerie Frear, Molly Weisel, Gene, Andrea, Marilyn Dickinson, Ed Denning, Doug Geissinger, Joanne, Jackson, Gary, Richard Green, Steve Hamilton, Deborah Starkey, John Titmas, Holly Hillen, Bob Reiner, Frances Beacon, Vicki Simpkins and Ashley Stroud.
Let us see your glory.

Great redeemer, you have guided us to your presence; you have shown us your glory. Grant us, that we might at last, see you face to face.
Silence
Lead us to your presence;
Let us see your glory.

We pray together now the discernment prayer for St. Paul's.
O Lord our God,
May we, the parish of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, embrace your commandment of loving our neighbors as you have loved us while we discern who we are and how best to serve you.
We ask that you quiet our souls, so we may listen to you.
We ask that you grant us wisdom as we seek new leadership.
And lastly, we ask for the courage to follow wherever you lead us.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Priest and People
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.
The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Church Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence (Psalm 50:14)

The Celebrant says
Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Gaudete,* Barbara Rusbridge

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life;

you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name: ♪♪♪

Sanctus: *Holy, Holy, Holy* (Mathias) (H S128)

Celebrant and People

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." ♪

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." ♪

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
Together
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***AMEN.***

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Spiritual Communion

Celebrant: Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we are not altogether in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. Fill us with your light and nourish us all with your word and Spirit. Amen.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please tell the clergy if you need gluten-free bread. If you come to the communion station for a blessing instead, please cross your arms on your chest. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact the Priest of St. Paul's.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN: *What Star is This* (H 124)

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

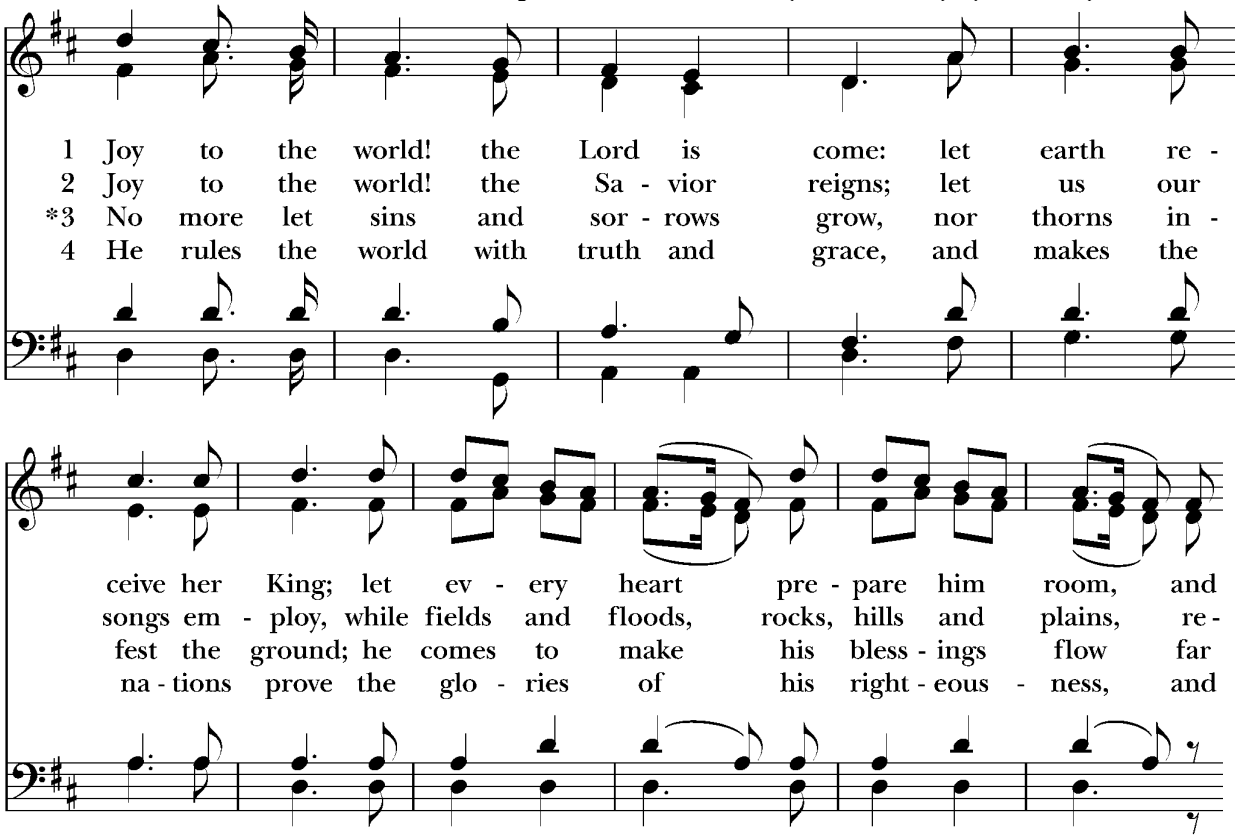
Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Post-communion blessing

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *Joy to the World* (Antioch) (H 100)



Blessing

Celebrant: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Postlude on Antioch,* Mary Beth Bennett

The rose on the altar today is in thanksgiving for the birth of Natalie Aurora Todd, granddaughter of Barb and Rick Anderson.

TODAY'S SERVERS:
Celebrant: The Revs. Joe and Kay Ashby
Parish musician: Edward Grimes
Greeters: David Lewis
Crucifer: Karl Roshong
Eucharistic Minister: Douglas Colmery
Video: David Lewis and David Rotthoff
Altar Guild: Barbara Anderson
Lector: Carol Sutek
Counters: M.L. Schultze and David Rotthoff

Announcements

Happy January Birthdays!

Richard Senften, 1/3
Natalie Sutek, 1/11
Sabrina Patterson, 1/12
Owen Valentine, 1/15
Bethany Sutek, 1/17
Maureen Wood-Major 1/18
Nancy Reinbold, 1/19
David Rotthoff 1/21
Megan Demastus, 1/24
Wyatt Marcum, 1/26
Mary Lou Stauffer, 1/27
Ed Denning, 1/28
Cathi Johanning, 1/29
Joseph Patterson, 1/29/1983
Cayson Schmidt, 1/30
Barbara Anderson, 1/31

And Happy Anniversaries!
James & Deborah Husted, 1/23
Richard & Nancy Reinbold, 1/25

Upcoming at and around St. Paul's

Continue the celebration of the Epiphany

Head on over to Massillon at 4 p.m. today to share lessons and carols with our sister Episcopal churches. We'll gather at St. Timothy's, 226 3rd Street SE, Massillon, OH, 44646.

The power of silence, song and stillness

Christ Presbyterian Church is inviting us to join in a new kind of prayer service that will eventually rotate among the downtown churches. Beginning Wednesday, Jan. 7, our neighbor at 530 W. Tuscarawas St. will host Taizé prayer services each Wednesday beginning at 6 p.m. The simple services include silence, chants, prayer and contemplation.

Annual meeting

The St. Paul's family will gather for our annual meeting following service on Jan. 18. This is a chance for us to review the paths we've traveled in the past year, to share all the details of what makes us a church and a family, to pass a budget, to elect new members of the Vestry and to break bread together.

Service and prayer

On Jan. 19, St. Paul's will be hosting the annual service honoring the commitment of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to justice and service. The Rev. Eric Howard, pastor of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church – our partner in Courageous Conversations – will be our guest preacher. Stay tuned for more on the service and the day of service that underscores and renews the power of Dr. King's message.

Social Justice Book Group: Church and Hate, Unbroken, the blessing of librarians and more

The Social Justice Book Group will resume our get-togethers at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 27, and the first book we'll be sharing is "Separation of Church and Hate: A Sane Person's Guide to Taking Back the Bible from Fundamentalists, Fascists, and Flock-Fleecing Frauds."
The author of the New York Times bestseller, John Fugelsang, notes that "Jesus's movement was about humility, it was about service to others, it was about uplifting the marginalized, not about total right-wing domination." He traces the history of non-violent Christian activism and urges

people on the left, including atheists, to engage with Christianity to strengthen the movement.
Throughout the year, the Book Club will be reading five non-fiction books and three works of fiction. And in July and August, we'll watch some of the movies that have documented the ongoing fight racism in our lives and communities.

There aren't enough thank yous for all that you do!

Thanks to Susan and Kelli, Marianne, Bonnie, Nancy, Demi, Rick, Marcia, Karl, Douglas, Tyreek, Linda, Luke, Mother Kay, Brenda, David, Peter, Joe (and his little helpers) and everyone who helped dress St. Paul's for Christmas. And thanks to Barbara for sweating all the details while simultaneously watching over the (now three) grandchildren in Alaska! The sanctuary looks amazing and brings home the simple beauty of Christmas.