

**WORSHIP SERVICE
NEW YEARS DAY 2021**

(Please print out so that you can join us while singing and praying during worship.
Streamed on FACEBOOK and ZOOM)

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, we have waited for this day!

God we are ready to live for You!

The dark storms have consumed us for months.

The Light of Jesus has guided our paths!

The hope of the future is ahead of us as we shred the calendars of the past.

Come Holy Spirit Come! Guide us in our days to come!

God, we know we need You.

God, we worship and praise Your Holy Name!

OPENING HYMN – *I Am Thine O Lord*

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, and it told Thy love to me; But I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to Thee.

Refrain:

Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died;

Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to Thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, by the pow'r of grace divine; let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in Thine.

Refrain:

Oh the pure delight of a single hour that before Thy throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God I commune as friend with friend!

Refrain:

PRAYER for the NEW YEAR

O Lord, the house of my soul is narrow; enlarge it that You may enter in. It is ruinous, O repair it! It displeases Your sight; I confess it, I know. But who shall cleanse it, or to whom shall I cry but unto You? Cleanse me from my secret faults, O Lord and spare Your servant from my sins.

SONG of PRAISE – *Lord You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

Lord, You have come to the lakeshore. Looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones. You only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain: O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me and while smiling have spoken my name. Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me. By Your side I will seek other seas.

You know so well my possessions. My boat carries no gold and no weapons. You will find there, my nets and labor. ***Refrain***

MINISTRY of MUSIC

SCRIPTURE LESSON –

Galatians 4: 4-9 and JOHN 3: 1-8

MESSAGE of the DAY – Pastor Dave Delaney

‘WILL YOU SHRED IT & MOVE FORWARD?’

PASTORAL PRAYER followed by **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

OUR OFFERINGS of LOVE – Tithes/Offerings/Gifts can be mailed to St. Paul’s UMC, PO Box 125, West Deptford, NJ 08086 or they can be shared online through <https://stpaulsalive.org>.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of love, thank You that You can satisfy our every desire and need. Your word says that we should give honor to You with the first fruits of our wealth. Accept our tithes and offerings as a gift of worship to You. May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith so that we are grounded in love. May we have the strength to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. May we be filled with all the fullness of You our God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

OFFERTORY

SHREDDING of the CALENDAR

SONG TO GO INTO THE WORLD WITH – SEND THE LIGHT

There’s a call comes ringing o’er the restless waves, “Send the Light! Send the Light.”
There are souls to rescue there are souls to save,

Refrain: Send the Light! Send the Light! Send the Light, the blessed gospel light; Let it shine from shore to shore! Send the Light, the blessed gospel light; Let it shine forever more!

Let us pray that grace may ev’rywhere abound, “Send the Light! Send the Light!” And, a Christ-like spirit ev’rywhere be found,

Refrain

Let us not grow weary in the work of love, “Send the Light! Send the Light!” Let us gather jewels for a crown above,

Refrain

BENEDICTION