

St. Paul United Methodist Church

A Good Neighbor

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The Raising of Lazarus
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All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2015



The Worship of God

Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Highland Cathedral

Corbin McKinnon,
bagpipes

***Call to Worship**

For all those who have paved the way for our freedom of worship, we give thanks, O Lord.

For those who have taught us about witness and the power of love, we give thanks, O Lord.

For those who work in our church that we may come to know what it means to serve, we give thanks, O Lord.

For all the saints, those who rest from their labors, and those who labor still, we give thanks, O Lord.

Praise be to God, who continually inspires and guides workers and witnesses.

Open our hearts and spirits, O Lord, and help us to become good workers for you. Amen.

***Hymn**

For All the Saints

UMH 711

Greeting

We want to know that you were here worshipping with us today, especially if you are a first time visitor. Please fill in a Visitor's Card (found in your pew), and place it in the offering. After the service, please introduce yourself to your neighbors and join us for coffee, cookies and conversation.

Reading and Sharing the Word

***Gospel Lesson**

John 11:32-44

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Celebration of our Children

Children's Offering

Hymn

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Sermon

Rev. Ellen Hopkins

Responding to the Word

Naming of Our Honored Dead

Tom Gazaway (d. April 5, 2015)
Our loved ones named in our 2015 Memorial Book

Call to Prayer

Bright Morning Star

the Paulines

During the singing of this hymn, you are invited to come forward and light a candle on the altar in memory of your deceased loved ones. Please feel free to kneel and pray at the altar rail as you like.

Pastoral Prayer

God of both the living and the dead, we praise your holy name for all your servants who have finished their course in faith, especially Brick, Breeze, Owen, and all those we name in our hearts this day.

**We pray that, encouraged by their example and strengthened by their fellowship, we may be partakers with them of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Musical Offering

Ave Verum Corpus (W. A. Mozart)

Chancel Choir

***The Doxology**

UMH 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise God, Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(All pray in silence.)

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God,
Creator of heaven and earth,
God of Abraham and Sarah,
God of Miriam and Moses,

God of Joshua and Deborah,
God of Ruth and David,
God of the priests and the prophets,
God of Mary and Joseph,
God of the apostles and the martyrs,
God of our mothers and our fathers,
God of our children to all generations.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his
blood.
Renew our communion with all your saints,
especially those whom we name silently before you in our hearts.
Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.
Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**Our Father (Creator) 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.
Amen.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Music

Chancel Choir

Prayer After Communion

**Holy and living God,
We give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that in your grace which we have received at this table,
we may go into the world to serve others.
In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.**

We Depart to Love and Serve

Announcements

***Hymn**

Marching to Zion

UMH 733

***Benediction**

***The Congregational Blessing**

Go Now in Peace

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe,
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

***The Light Goes Forth**

Postlude

Corbin McKinnon

*Stand as you are able.

WE REJOICE TO WELCOME YOU to this service of worship at St. Paul United Methodist Church. We pray God's blessing upon you this morning. We are pleased you chose to worship with us today. If you are just visiting, we encourage you to fill in a Visitor's Card (found in your pew) and place it in the offering so we can be in touch with you. If you are looking for a church home, look no further—you have found one at St. Paul. If this community can assist you in any way, please let us know. If you are interested in becoming a member of this church or want to talk about membership, please speak with our Pastor, Rev. Ellen Hopkins, after the service. **Welcome. Welcome. Welcome!!!**

WORSHIP LEADERS AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Presider: Rev. Ellen Hopkins

Liturgist: Joe Riddle

Children's Time: Bryan Russell

Acolytes: Rebecca and Billy Wallace

Ushers: Robin South (Head Usher), Bill Ericson

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Candace Dixon

Counters: Fred Fuller and Jeremy Varner

Accessibility Table: There are large-print materials and audio listening devices available for your use. Please stop by the Accessibility Table at the side entrance of the sanctuary or speak to one of the ushers or greeters about any special needs.

Want more information about what's happening at St. Paul? We generally send out emails weekly, and we circulate the *Epistle*, our church newsletter, once a month. If you'd like to be on our email list, contact the church office at office@stpaulgrantpark.org or 404-688-7501.

Activities. Members, visitors, friends, all are invited to participate in the various ministries at St. Paul. If you need more information please call the church office 404-688-7501.

Every Sunday:

- 10am **Sunday School** (all ages)
- 8:45am **Worship First** (casual, contemporary service)
- 11am **Morning Worship** (traditional service)
- 12-ish **Hospitality:** Coffee, Cookies and Conversation (Chester Commons, most Sundays)

Every Wednesday:

- 7:00pm **Chancel Choir** [kevinhowardhill@gmail.com]

Youth Group

- Variable schedule. Contact Ashley Waite (waite.ashley@gmail.com) to be placed on her contact list.