

St. Paul United Methodist Church

A Good Neighbor

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Image of Christ from the great Deesis mosaic, Upper South Gallery, Hagia Sophia, the Church of Holy Wisdom, Constantinople (now Istanbul, Turkey).

**Feast of Christ the King
Transgender Day of Remembrance
November 22, 2015**



Transgender Day of Remembrance is held annually in November to honor Rita Hester, whose murder on November 28, 1998, launched the "Remembering Our Dead" web project and a San Francisco vigil the following year. The event provides a forum for transgender communities and allies to raise awareness of the threat of violence faced by gender variant people and the persistence of prejudice felt by the transgender community.

The Worship of God

Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

*Call to Worship

The King of Kings is raised in glory.

Christ sits on the throne at the right hand of God.

Come, let us worship and bow down to the Lord our Creator.

Let us offer praise to Christ our Redeemer. AMEN.

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*Hymn	<i>Rejoice, the Lord Is King</i>	UMH 715
Special Music	<i>Rainbow Connection</i>	Spectrum
*Affirmation of Faith	<i>A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada</i>	UMH 883

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 cookies and conversation.

Reading and Sharing the Word

Psalm 132:1-12 UMH 849

***Gospel Lesson** John 18:33-37

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God

Celebration of our Children

Children's Offering

*Hymn *Oh God Beyond All Praising* TFWS 2009

Sermon Rev. Ellen Hopkins

Responding to the Word

Call to Prayer *God Be In My Head* Chancel Choir
Litany for Transgender Day of Remembrance (Insert) Estelli Ramos
Pastoral Prayer Estelli Ramos

The Lord's Prayer

**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 Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Musical Offering *Hallelujah (Leonard Cohen)* Spectrum

***The Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God on high, ye heavenly host.
Praise God, the Son and Holy Ghost!
Amen!**

UMH 95

Departing to Love and Serve

Announcements

***Hymn** *Soon and Very Soon* UMH 706

***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

*Please stand in body or spirit.

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: Rebecca Wallace

Children's Time: Jeff McCord

Acolytes: Danielle Hanson, Annika and Olivia Egerstedt

Ushers: Robin South (Head Usher), Richard Quartarone, Bill Ericson and Patrick Lynn

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Nancy Erwin

Counters: Michael Solberg and Ron Rezendes

Want more information about what's happening at St. Paul? We generally send out emails weekly. 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 **Adult Sunday School**
- 8:45am **Worship First** (casual, contemporary service with Holy Communion)
- 11am **Morning Worship** (traditional service)
- 12-ish **Hospitality:** Coffee, Cookies and Conversation (Chester Commons, most Sundays)

Wednesday:

- 7 pm **Choir Rehearsal** (kevinhowardhill@gmail.com)
- **Youth Group** Variable schedule. Contact Ashley Riddle to be placed on her contact list (ashleywaiteriddle@gmail.com).

Today in worship, we welcome Spectrum, Atlanta's Trans Community Choir. Spectrum was formed in September 2015 to give trans men, trans women, gender nonconforming people and people of other non-binary identities a safe space to gather and share their love of music and song. Spectrum came to St. Paul seeking a rehearsal venue and we are pleased that Spectrum now uses our church for their practice sessions. Welcome!