

St. Paul United Methodist Church

A Good Neighbor

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The Worship of God

Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

*Call to Worship

O come, O come, Emmanuel—**God with us.**
Come into our brokenness; **come into our joy.**
Come into our captivity; **come into our freedom.**
Come into our fear; **come into our compassion.**
Our souls have had their fill. **Have mercy upon us, O God,**
And come, O come, Emmanuel.

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*Hymn *Blessed Be the God of Israel* UMH 209

*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* UMH 881

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.

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle: Leslie Truman
The Candle of Love

Advent Song *Verse 2* TFWS 2090

Reading and Sharing the Word

First Lesson Malachi 3:1-4
The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God

***Gospel Lesson** Matthew 1:18-23
The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God

Celebration of our Children **Children's Offering**

*Hymn *In the Bleak Midwinter* UMH 221

Sermon Rev. Ellen Hopkins

Responding to the Word

Call to Prayer Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer Estelli Ramos

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Musical Offering

Gesu Bambino

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 Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Invitation, Confession and Pardon

UMH 12

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 13

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Music

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

UMH 211

Prayer after Holy Communion

**Most bountiful God, we give you thanks for the world you have created,
for the gift of life, and for giving yourself to us in Jesus Christ,
whose holy life, suffering, and death, and glorious resurrection
have delivered us from slavery to sin and death.
We thank you that in the power of your Holy Spirit
you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet.
We are your children, and yours is the glory, now and for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Departing to Love and Serve

Announcements

***Hymn**

Angels from the Realms of Glory

UMH 220

***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

Advent Wreath: Leslie Truman

Liturgist: Rebecca Wallace

Children's Time: Fred Fuller

Acolytes: Jake, Luke and Riles Fuller

Ushers: Bill Ericson (Head Usher), Robin South and Dave Erwin

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Susan Johnson

Counters: Fred Fuller and Jeremy Varner

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).

Nursery is available for infants and toddlers on the 3rd floor of the education building prior to and during the worship service.