



BUILT ON FAITH,  
SUSTAINED BY LOVE

**Gratitude Sunday**

**February 7, 2016 bgy**



# *The Worship of God*

## Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

### **Chiming of the Hour**

### **Prelude**

<b>*Call to Worship</b>	<i>Psalm 138</i>	UMH 853
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding</i>	TFWS 2103
<b>*Affirmation of Faith</b>	<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

### **First Lesson**

The word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

### **Second Lesson**

The word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Colossians 3:15-17

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

<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>Give Thanks</i>	TFWS 2036
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>Gratitude</i>	Rev. Ellen Hopkins

## Responding to the Word

<b>Call to Prayer</b>	<i>Guide My Feet</i>	Chancel Choir
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>		Estelli Ramos

**The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**Musical Offering**

*I Will Arise*

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**

TFWS 2257

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Communion Music**

**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**

*In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

TFWS 2195

**\*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: Talley Wells

Children's Time: Joe Riddle

Acolytes: Angela, Cooper and Quinn Russell

Ushers: Patrick Lynn (Head Usher), Don Wallace, Robin South, Talley Wells

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Angela Mickle

Counters: Jeremy Varner and Fred Fuller

**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](mailto: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 and Children's 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)

#### **Every Wednesday:**

- 7pm Choir Rehearsal

**Youth Group** Variable schedule. Contact Ashley Waite ([waite.ashley@gmail.com](mailto:waite.ashley@gmail.com)) to be placed on her contact list.

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