



BUILT ON FAITH,
SUSTAINED BY LOVE

Celebration of Ministries

February 21, 2016



The Worship of God

Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:
where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life's water.

We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:

**where the naked are clothed in robes of hope;
where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.**

We come, for God reunites us here,
sisters and brothers in that family called love:

**where the imprisoned model justice,
where the sick are cradled in God's peace.**

[<http://re-worship.blogspot.com>]

***Hymn**

We Sing to You, O God

TFWS 2001

***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.

Reading and Sharing the Word

***Gospel Lesson**

Mark 2:1-12

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God

Celebration of our Children

Children's Offering

***Hymn**

Fairest Lord Jesus

UMH 189

Sermon

Rev. Ellen Hopkins

Cardboard Testimonies

Special Music

Holy Spirit

the Paulines

Responding to the Word

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.**

Cornerstone Campaign Announcement

Bill McKinnon

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Musical Offering

All My Trials

Chancel Choir

***The Doxology**

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

We Depart to Love and Serve

Announcements

***Hymn**

Lord, Be Glorified

TFWS 2150

Congregational Prayer

***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: Treah Caldwell

Children's Time: Jeff McCord

Acolytes: Anna, Ty and Jackson Davis

Ushers: Bill Ericson (Head Usher), Dave Erwin, Bryan Russell, Eddie Hardy

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Megan Noble

Counters: Sarah Adair and Bill McKinnon

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 **Sunday School** (all ages)
- 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:

- 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.

Nursery is available for infants and toddlers on the 3rd floor of the education building prior to and during the worship service. After the Children's Sermon, children under kindergarten age may go up to child care in the gym on the third floor.