



BUILT ON FAITH,  
SUSTAINED BY LOVE

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
November 13, 2016



# *The Worship of God*

## Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

### Chiming of the Hour

#### Prelude

#### \*Call to Worship

God's promises are awesome!

**In the midst of difficulty, God gives us a word of hope.**

Something new is coming!

**We stand eagerly on tiptoes awaiting God's new creation.**

Prepare your hearts to receive God's mighty blessings.

**Open our spirits and our hearts, Lord,**

**to be ready to receive all that you have to offer. AMEN**

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\*Hymn *Marching to Zion* UMH 733

\*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

Canticle of Hope UMH 734

Scripture Lesson 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Celebration of our Children

#### Children's Offering

\*Hymn *It Is Well with My Soul* UMH 377

Sermon Rev. Ellen Hopkins

**Responding to the Word**

**Call to Prayer**

*Abide with Me*

Chancel Choir

**Special Prayer and Blessing**

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**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**

*At the River*

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!**

**We Depart 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: Bill Ericson  
Children's Time: Jeff McCord  
Loving Childcare: TBD  
Acolytes: Richard, Sam and Nicholas Quartarone  
Ushers: Marcus Merritt (Head Usher) Cooper Russell,  
Richard Quartarone, Angela Russell  
Altar Guild: Karen Merritt  
Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Candace  
McCollough

#### **CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

Pledges:	33
Donors	40
Total Pledged:	\$202,368
Total Received:	\$ 60,515
Total Spent:	\$ 17,035

**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 **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](mailto:kevinhowardhill@gmail.com)]

**Youth Group** Variable schedule. Contact Treah Caldwell ([miss.treah@gmail.com](mailto:miss.treah@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.