

# *The Worship of God*

## Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

### **Chiming of the Hour**

### **Prelude**

### **\*Call to Worship**

Justice and peace shall be brought to all God's people.

**No more shall fear and doubt claim us.**

God is fulfilling the ancient promise of a Savior.

**Our hearts rejoice at this good news of God's love. AMEN.**

[[www.ministrymatters.com](http://www.ministrymatters.com)]

### **\*Hymn**

*God Almighty, We Are Waiting*

Insert

### **\*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 Third Advent Candle: The Candle of Peace**

Sarah & Spencer Adair,  
Trea Caldwell Sutphin and  
Eli Lang

### **Advent Song**

*From Paradise to Earth I Come* (Verse 3)

Insert

### Reading and Sharing the Word

### **Canticle of Mary**

UMH 199

### **Celebration of Our Children**

### **Children's Offering**

### **\*Hymn**

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

UMH 221

### **\*Gospel Lesson**

John 14:25-27

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God**

### **Sermon**

Rev. Ellen Hopkins

**Responding to the Word**

**Call to Prayer**

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Chancel Choir

**Pastoral Prayer**

**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**

*Enniscorthy Carol*

Chancel Choir

**\*The Doxology**

UMH 95

**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!**

**Departing to Love and Serve**

**Announcements**

**\*Hymn**

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

UMH 218

**\*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.

## **WORSHIP LEADERS AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS**

Presider: Rev. Ellen Hopkins

Liturgist: Jeff McCord

Children's Sermon: Ashleigh Spatz

Advent Liturgy: Sarah & Spencer Adair, Trea Caldwell Sutphin and Eli Lang

Loving Childcare: TBD

Acolytes: Angela, Cooper and Quinn Russell

Ushers: Richard Quartarone (Head Usher) Cooper Russell, Angela Russell,  
Marcus Merritt

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Megan Noble

Counters: Jon Mickle and Clay Elrod

***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 Trea Caldwell ([miss.trea@gmail.com](mailto:miss.trea@gmail.com)) to be placed on her contact list.

Nursery is available for infants and young toddlers on the 3rd floor of the education building prior to and during the worship service. After the Children's Sermon, children ages 3 through 2nd grade may go up to Children's Church on the third floor or remain in their pews with their parents.

St. Paul United Methodist Church ▪ 501 Grant St. SE ▪ Atlanta, GA 30312  
[www.stpaulgrantpark.org](http://www.stpaulgrantpark.org) ▪ 404-688-7501

