

The Worship of God

Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

*Call to Worship

In the midst of darkness, God brings a new light.

Thanks be to the God of light.

In the midst of confusion and fear, God brings hope and peace.

Thanks be to the God of peace.

In the midst of strife and stress, God comforts and soothes us.

Let us praise God who truly loves us and brings us new life. AMEN.

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*Hymn

He Is Born

UMH 228

*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 Fourth Advent Candle: The Candle of Life

the Quartarone family

Advent Song

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come (Verse 3)

Insert

Reading and Sharing the Word

*Gospel Lesson

John 1:1-5

Christmas Pageant

Responding to the Word

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

Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head

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

Candlelight Tour of Homes Update

Jeff McCord and Paul Bowman

Announcements

***Hymn**

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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***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: Talley Wells

Children's Pageant Director: Talley Wells

Advent Liturgy: Quartarone family

Loving Childcare: TBD

Acolytes: Nancy Erwin, Camille and Claudia Tanksley

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

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Nancy Erwin

Counters: Bill McKinnon and Sarah Adair

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 Treah Caldwell (miss.treah@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.

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