

The Worship of God

Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Arise! Shine! **God's light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year.**

Arise! Shine! **God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.**

Arise! Shine! **For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

*Hymn

Joy to the World

UMH 246

*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

Psalm 72

UMH 795

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God

Celebration of our Children

Children's Offering

*Hymn

We Three Kings

UMH 254

Sermon

Rev. Ellen Hopkins

Responding to the Word

Epiphany Prayer

**O God, you made of one blood all nations,
and, by a star in the East
revealed to all peoples him whose name is Emmanuel.**

**Enable us who know your presence with us
so to proclaim his unsearchable riches
that all may come to his light
and bow before the brightness of his rising,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. Amen**

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

Love Has Come

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**

Go Tell It on the Mountain

UMH 251

***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: Treah Caldwell

Children's Time: Jeff McCord

Acolytes: TBD

Ushers: Don Wallace, Robin South, Patrick Lynn, Talley Wells

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Candace McCollough

Counters: Fred Fuller and Jeremy Varner

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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