ST. PAUL UMC

2016

CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN

BUILT ON FAITH,
SUSTAINED BY LOVE

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 19, 2017

The Worship of God

Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Hear the word of God: "You shall be holy, for I am holy."
We choose holiness and reject futile thinking.
We look today at life and turn our eyes from the vanities of this world.
We want to be holy, for the Lord is holy.
We affirm that we belong to Christ.
We crave his wisdom and his ways.
[ministrymatters.com]

***Hymn**	*For the Healing of the Nations*	UMH 428
***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 103 UMH 824

***Gospel Lesson** Matthew 5:38-48

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Celebration of our Children
Children's Offering

***Hymn**	*Thy Word Is a Lamp*	UMH 601
Sermon		Rev. Ellen Hopkins

Responding to the Word

Call to Prayer *Seek Ye First* Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer Sh'Kur Francis

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 *Here I Am, Lord* 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** *Where Charity and Love Prevail* UMH 549

***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.

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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: Larry Johnson
Children's Time: Jeff McCord
Acolytes: Clay and Quinn Elrod
Ushers: Bill Ericson, Bryan Russell (Head Usher), Eddie Hardy
Altar Guild: Karen Merritt
Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Karen Merritt
Counters: 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 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.