



BUILT ON FAITH,
SUSTAINED BY LOVE

Third Sunday of Lent
March 19, 2017



We are in the liturgical season of Lent, the period of preparation and repentance leading up to Holy Week and Easter. On our altar you will see a rustic cross and candleholder different from our traditional brass cross and candlesticks. Purple is the color used during Lent to represent repentance. The hand holding up the handmade cross is symbolic of lifting high the cross of Jesus Christ and/or clinging to the cross for our salvation. The descending dove in the center of the cross represents the Holy Spirit.

The Worship of God

Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

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| *Lenten Call to Worship | <i>Moving Toward the Cross: Moving in Faith</i> | Insert |
| *Hymn | <i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i> | UMH 127 |
| *Affirmation of Faith | <i>The Apostles' Creed</i> | 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

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| Psalm 95 | | UMH 814 |
| *Gospel Lesson | | John 4:5-42 |
| | The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God. | |

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| Celebration of our Children | | Clayton Davis |
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Children's Offering

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| *Hymn | <i>You Satisfy the Hungry Heart</i> | UMH 629 |
| Sermon | | Rev. Ellen Hopkins |

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: Holly Elrod

Children's Time: Sh'Kur Francis

Acolytes: Clay and Quinn Elrod

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

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Megan Noble

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 4 through 2nd grade may go up to Children's Church on the third floor or remain in their pews with their parents.