



# *The Worship of God*

## Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

### Chiming of the Hour

#### Prelude

#### \*Call to Worship

This is the season of holy waiting.

**We wait for the One who will tear open the heavens  
and come down to save us.**

We watch for the day when God's name  
will be made known among the nations.

**We wait in the shadows for the Light of the World to appear.**

Come let us walk in the light of God!

[Marney Wasserman, *pcusa.org*]

\*Hymn *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* UMH 196

\*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 First Advent Candle:** the Wallace family  
**The Candle of Hope**

**Advent Song** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* UMH 211, Vs. 1

### Reading and Sharing the Word

**Psalm 80** UMH 801

**Scripture Lesson** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God**

#### **Celebration of our Children**

#### **Children's Offering**

\*Hymn *Soon and Very Soon* UMH 706

**Sermon** Rev. Ellen Hopkins

**Responding to the Word**

<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>		Esther Choi
<b>The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings</b>		
<b>Musical Offering</b>	○ <i>Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	Chancel Choir
<b>*The Doxology</b>		UMH 94
	<p style="margin-left: 40px;">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!</p>	
<b>Service of Word and Table</b>		UMH 12
<b>The Great Thanksgiving</b>		UMH 13
<b>Communion Music</b>	<i>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</i>	UMH 626
<b>Prayer after Holy Communion</b>	<p style="margin-left: 40px;">Eternal God,  We give you thanks for this holy mystery  in which you have given yourself to us.  Grant that we may go into the world  in the strength of your spirit  to give ourselves for others  in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>	
	<b><u>Departing to Love and Serve</u></b>	
<b>Announcements</b>		
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>People Look East</i>	UMH 202
<b>*Benediction</b>		
<b>*The Congregational Blessing</b>	<i>Go Now in Peace</i>	
	<p style="margin-left: 40px;">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.</p>	
<b>*The Light Goes Forth</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>		
	*Please stand in body or spirit.	

## WORSHIP LEADERS AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Presider: Rev. Ellen Hopkins

Liturgist: Treah Caldwell

Children's Time: Ashleigh Spatz

Advent Wreath: the Wallace family

Sunday Shepherd: Rev. Clara Welch and Marcus Merritt

Acolytes: Danielle Hanson, Annika and Olivia Egerstedt

Ushers: Don Wallace, Robin South, Patrick Lynn, Talley Wells (Head Usher)

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Candace McCollough

Counters: Jeremy Varner and Danielle Hanson

**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 Treah Caldwell ([miss.treah@gmail.com](mailto: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 with the Sunday Shepherd to the third floor or remain in their pews with their parents.

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