

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 watch for the day when our warfare will be ended.

We wait for the One who can bring comfort and speak peace.

We wait while the night begins to glow with the light of day.

Come let us walk in the light of God!

[Marney Wasserman, *pcusa.org*]

***Hymn** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* UMH 203

***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 Second Advent Candle: Bill Ericson and Tom Sweeny
The Candle of Love

Advent Song *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* UMH 211, Vs. 2

Reading and Sharing the Word

Psalm 85 UMH 806

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 40:1-11

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God

Celebration of our Children

Children's Offering

***Hymn** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* UMH 706

Sermon Rev. Ellen Hopkins

Responding to the Word

Call to Prayer

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Chancel Choir

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

Before the Marvel of This Night

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**

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

UMH 730

***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: TBD

Children's Time: Talley Wells

Advent Wreath: Bill Ericson and Tom Sweeny

Sunday Shepherd: Rev. Clara Welch and Megan Noble

Acolytes: Richard, Sam and Nicholas Quartarone

Ushers: Angela Russell (Head Usher), Cooper Russell, Marcus Merritt, Richard Quartarone

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Spencer Adair

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 with the Sunday Shepherd to the third floor or remain in their pews with their parents.

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