

The Worship of God

Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Love has come down to us this Advent Season.

Divine love which heals and transforms our lives.

With great joy, we receive that love and share it with others.

We open our hearts to all God's children,

the last, the least, and the lost, as well as those who feel privileged.

The Lord has done and continues to do great things for us.

**Praise be to God who loves us so much and who challenges us
to be people of joy in this darkened world. AMEN.**

***Hymn**

Make Way

Insert

***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 Third Advent Candle:

St. Paul Youth

The Candle of Peace

Advent Song

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

UMH 211, Vs. 6

Reading and Sharing the Word

Psalm 126

UMH 847

Scripture Lesson

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God

Christmas Pageant

***Hymn**

In the Bleak Midwinter

UMH 221

Responding to the Word

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

Star in the East

Chancel Choir

***The Doxology**

UMH 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God on high, ye heavenly host.
Praise God, the Son and Holy Ghost!
Amen!**

We Depart to Love and Serve

Announcements

***Hymn**

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

UMH 240

***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: Holly Elrod
 Children's Time: Christmas Play
 Advent Wreath: Youth Group
 Sunday Shepherd: Christmas Play
 Acolytes: Clay and Quinn Elrod
 Ushers: Bill Ericson, Bryan Russell, Eddie Hardy (Head Usher)
 Altar Guild: Karen Merritt
 Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Sarah Steely
 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.

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