

The Worship of God

Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

We come from a world of darkness

Into Christ's world of light.

We come from a world of weariness

Into God's strength and hope.

We come from a slumbering world.

**Strengthened by the Spirit, we come to awaken our souls
and watch for the coming of Christ.**

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***Hymn** *O Come All Ye Faithful* UMH 234

***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 Fourth Advent Candle: the Hill family
The Candle of Joy

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

Reading and Sharing the Word

Canticle of Mary UMH 199

***Gospel Lesson** Luke 1:26-38

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God

Celebration of Our Children

Children's Offering

***Hymn** *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* UMH 218

Responding to the Word

Call to Prayer *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* 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 *Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head* 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** *Star Child* TFWS 2095

***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: Bill Ericson
 Children's Time: Ashleigh Spatz
 Advent Wreath: the Hill family
 Sunday Shepherd: Henrietta Mitchell
 Acolytes: Anna, Ty and Jackson Davis
 Ushers: Danielle Hanson, Olivia Egerstedt, Marc Gowan (Head Usher)
 Altar Guild: Karen Merritt
 Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Rachel Quartarone
 Counters: Ron Rezendes and Michael Solberg

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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