



BUILT ON FAITH,
SUSTAINED BY LOVE

The Baptism of the Lord
January 7, 2018



The Worship of God

Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

*Call to Worship

God is with us always and calls us each by name.

When we pass through difficulties and stress,

God is with us and calls us by name.

When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,

God is with us and calls us by name, and heals us.

Blessed be God who knows us and calls us by name. AMEN.

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*Hymn

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

UMH 152

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

Psalm 29

UMH 721

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:4-11

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Celebration of our Children

Children's Offering

*Hymn

Shall We Gather at the River

UMH 723

Sermon

Rev. Ellen Hopkins

Responding to the Word

Congregational Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant		UMH 50
The Great Thanksgiving		UMH 13
The Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Communion Music	<i>Down to the River to Pray</i>	Chancel Choir
Prayer of Thanksgiving		UMH 52
The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings		
Musical Offering	<i>I've Just Come from the Fountain</i>	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!	

Departing to Love and Serve

Announcements

***Hymn** *Oh Day of Peace That Dimly Shines* UMH 729

***Benediction**

***The Congregational Blessing**

**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.

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: Trea Caldwell
Children's Time: Bryan Russell
Sunday Shepherd: Rev. Clara Welch
Acolytes: Billy and Anna Kathryn Wallace
Ushers: Don Wallace, Robin South, Patrick Lynn and Talley Wells
Altar Guild: Karen Merritt
Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Nancy Erwin
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 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 Trea Caldwell (catladyfemme@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 up to Children's Church on the third floor or remain in their pews with their parents.