



**BUILT ON FAITH,
SUSTAINED BY LOVE**

**Third Sunday in Lent
Basketball Sunday
March 4, 2018**



The Worship of God

Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Lord, come to us today and heal our wounds.

Be in our hearts and our spirits, we pray.

Give us courage to put aside the greed and selfishness in our hearts.

Heal our spirits and help us to follow you. AMEN.

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*Hymn *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* UMH 160

*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.

Reading and Sharing the Word

Psalm 19 UMH 750

*Gospel Lesson John 2:13-22

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Celebration of our Children

Children's Offering

*Hymn *How Great Thou Art* UMH 77

Sermon Rev. Ellen Hopkins

Responding to the Word

Pastoral Prayer Esther Choi

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Musical Offering	<i>Spiritual</i>	Chancel Choir
*The Doxology		UMH 94
<p>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>		
Service of Word and Table		UMH 12
The Great Thanksgiving		UMH 13
Communion Music	<i>Holy Darkness</i>	Chancel Choir
<p>Prayer after Holy Communion 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>		
<u>Departing to Love and Serve</u>		
Recognition of St. Paul Basketball Teams		Natalie Dunn
Announcements		
*Hymn	<i>Bread of the World</i>	UMH 624
*Benediction		
<p>*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.</p>		
*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: Chris Cline

Children's Time: Ashleigh Spatz

Sunday Shepherd: Rev. Clara Welch and Bryan Russell

Acolytes: Anna, Ty and Jackson Davis

Ushers: Don Wallace, Robin South, Patrick Lynn, Talley Well

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Spencer Adair

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 **Adult and Children's Sunday School**
- 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:

- 7pm Choir Rehearsal

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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