

St. Paul United Methodist Church
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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
October 28, 2018



The Worship of God

Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

***Call to Worship**

Take from us, Lord, our hearts of selfishness.

Give us hearts full of generosity.

Take from us Lord, our hearts of indifference.

Give us hearts full of compassion.

Take from us, Lord, our hearts full of doubt.

Give us hearts full of faith.

Take from us, Lord, our hearts full of fear.

Give us hearts full of love.

***Hymn** *This Little Light of Mine* UMH 585

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Statement of Faith of
the United Church of Canada* UMH 883

Extravagant Generosity Update Bill McKinnon

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

Scripture Lesson James 1:17-18, 22-25

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Celebration of Our Children

***Hymn** *All Who Love and Serve Your City* UMH 433

Sermon *Declarations of Your Heart:* Rev. Cassie Rapko
Extravagant Generosity Is an Expression of Your Heart

Responding to the Word

Call to Prayer

My Good Lord's Done Been Here

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.**

Sharing from Our Hearts

Paul Bowman

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Musical Offering

Who at My Door Is Standing?

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**

Bless Thou the Gifts

UMH 587

***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**

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

WORSHIP LEADERS AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Presider: Rev. Cassie Rapko

Liturgist: Jeff McCord

Children's Time: Ashleigh Spatz

Acolytes: Megan, John and Will Noble

Ushers: Dannielle Hanson, Marcus Merritt, Annika and Olivia Egerstedt

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Candace McCollough

Counters: Michael Solberg

WE EXTEND A SPECIAL WELCOME to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, dirt poor, yo no habla Ingles. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying new-borns, tantrum-ing toddlers, those whose parents made them come today and those whose children insisted they come today.

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)

Choir Practice Wednesday at 7 pm and Sunday at 10:15 am.

Youth Group Variable schedule. Contact office@stpaulgrantpark.org for details and to be placed on our 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, Kindergarten aged and pre-K children may go up to the nursery on the third floor or remain in their pews with their parents.