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**First Sunday in Advent**  
**December 2, 2018**



# *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.**

*[www.umcdiscipleship.org]*

#### **\*Hymn**

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

UMH 196

### **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 First Advent Candle, The Candle of Hope**

Megan, John and Will Noble

### **Advent Candle Song**

Light one candle, Christ is coming,

Christ, the Hope of the World.

Light one candle, Christ is coming,

Christ is coming soon.

## Reading and Sharing the Word

### **Old Testament Lesson**

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

### **\*Gospel Lesson**

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God**

Luke 21:25-36

**Celebration of our Children**

**\*Hymn** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* UMH 216

**Sermon** *Jesus Is Coming* Rev. Cassie Rapko

**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** *How Beautiful Upon the Mountains* Chancel Choir

**\*The Doxology** UMH 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise God, the Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Service of Word and Table** UMH 12

**The Great Thanksgiving** TFWS 2257

**Communion Music** *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* TFWS 2100

**Departing to Love and Serve****Announcements**

**\*Hymn** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* UMH 213

**\*Benediction****\*The Congregational Blessing**

Star-Child, earth-Child, go between of God,  
Love Child, Christ Child, heaven's lightning rod,  
This year, this year, let the day arrive  
When Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

**\*The Light Goes Forth****Postlude**

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

### WORSHIP LEADERS AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Presider: Rev. Cassie Rapko

Liturgist: Holly Elrod

Children's Time: Jeff McCord

Acolytes: Anna, Ty and Jackson Davis

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

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Rachel Quartarone

Counters: Danielle Hanson and Jeremy Varner

**WE WELCOME YOU** if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or if you only sing in the shower. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Catholic than the Pope, or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism. We are glad you are here.

**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](mailto: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)
- 11am **Morning Worship** (traditional service)
- 12-ish **Hospitality:** Coffee, Cookies and Conversation (Chester Commons, most Sundays)

**Choir Practice** Most Wednesdays at 7 pm and Sundays at 10:15 am.

**Youth Group** Variable schedule. Contact [office@stpaulgrantpark.org](mailto: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, 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.