

St. Paul United Methodist Church
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Epiphany
January 6, 2019



The Worship of God

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

***Call to Worship**

Arise! Shine!

God's light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year.

Arise! Shine!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Arise! Shine!

God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.

Arise! Shine!

**Nations shall come to God's light
and kings to the brightness of God's dawn.**

Arise! Shine!

For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

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***Hymn**

We Are Called

TFWS 2172

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

***Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 2:1-12

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Celebration of our Children

***Hymn**

We Three Kings

UMH 254

Sermon

The "New"s: New Year

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

I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In

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!**

Invitation and Confession

Insert

The Great Thanksgiving

TFWS 2257

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Music

We Depart to Love and Serve

Announcements

***Hymn**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

UMH 206

***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**

*Please stand in body or spirit.

WORSHIP LEADERS AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Presider: Rev. Cassie Rapko

Liturgist: Laura Wells

Children's Time: Claudia Tanksley

Acolytes: Anna, Ty and Jackson Davis

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

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Megan Noble

Counters: Jeremy Varner and Danielle Hanson

WE EXTEND A SPECIAL WELCOME to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion," we've been there too. No matter what, we are glad that 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 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 Most Wednesdays 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, 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.