

St. Paul United Methodist Church
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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 27, 2019



The Worship of God

Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

***Call to Worship**

The Spirit of God is upon us.

We are called to be God's people.

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We are called to be the body of Christ.

Come let us worship God, who binds us together in love and service.

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***Hymn**

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

TFWS 2237

***Affirmation of Faith**

Affirmation from Romans

UMH 887

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 Connect 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**

Luke 4:14-21

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Celebration of Our Children

***Hymn**

Across the Land

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Sermon

The "New"s: New Perspectives

Rev. Cassie Rapko

Responding to the Word

Call to Prayer

From a Season of Light

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.

Blessing of Leaders in the Church for 2019

Lord God,
bless the ministries of your Church.
We thank you for the variety of gifts you have bestowed upon us.
Draw us together in one Spirit,
that each of us may use our differing gifts as members of one body.
May your Word be proclaimed with faithfulness,
and may we be doers of your Word and not hearers only.
As we who have died and risen with Christ in baptism
gather at his table and then scatter into the world,
may we be one in service to others,
in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Musical Offering

I Will Arise

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

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

TFWS 2241

*Benediction

*The Congregational Blessing: *This Is a Day of New Beginnings*

UMH 383

This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that is gone.

*The Light Goes Forth

*Please stand in body or spirit.

WORSHIP LEADERS AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Presider: Rev. Cassie Rapko

Liturgist: Ron Rezendes

Children's Time: Clayton Davis

Acolytes: Jack and Elliott Warnter

Ushers: Marcus Merrit, Robin South, Danielle Hanson

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Karen Merritt

Counters: Michael Solberg and Ron Rezendes

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** (conversational service with Holy Communion)
- 11am **Morning Worship**
- 12-ish **Hospitality:** Coffee, Cookies and Conversation (Chester Commons, most Sundays)

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.