

Hope

Peace

Joy

Love



*First Sunday in Advent ▪ December 1, 2019*

## *The Worship of God*

### Preparing for Worship

#### **Chiming of the Hour**

#### **Prelude**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Awake, for a new day is dawning;

**Hope sparks and catches flame.**

Arise, for the time is approaching;

**Peace seizes the hearts of the people.**

Announce to the world that the Lord is coming;

**Joy fills the air, moves us into the dance of the Spirit.**

The Advent of our God is here!

**God's Love is coming into our world and lives in a new way.**

[Rev. Mindi, [rev-o-lution.org](http://rev-o-lution.org)]

#### **\*Hymn**

*People Look East*

UMH 202

#### **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**

St. Paul Choir Members  
Leslie Truman and Paul Bowman

### Reading and Sharing the Word

#### **Scripture Lesson**

Isaiah 2:1-5

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God**

#### **Celebration of our Children**

#### **\*Hymn**

*Like a Child*

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#### **Sermon**

*Hope, Reconfigured*

Rev. Blair Zant

**Responding to the Word**

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Lisa Gwock

**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**      *Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain*      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.**

**Invitation, Confession and Pardon**      UMH 12

**The Great Thanksgiving**      UMH 15

**Communion Music**      *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*      Chancel Choir

**Departing to Love and Serve**

**Announcements**

**\*Hymn**      *Soon and Very Soon*      UMH 706

**\*Benediction**

**\*Blessing Hymn**      *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*      UMH 211 (vs.1)

**\*The Light Goes Forth**

**Postlude**

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

### **WORSHIP LEADERS AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS**

Guest Preacher: Rev. Blair Zant  
Deacon: Rev. Lisa Gwock  
Liturgist: Claudia Tanksley  
Advent Wreath: Leslie Truman and Paul Bowman  
Children's Time: Bryan Russell  
Acolytes: Billy and Anna Kathryn Wallace  
Ushers: Don Wallace, Patrick Lynn, Talley Wells  
Altar Guild: Karen Merritt  
Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Rachel Quartarone  
Counters: Jeremy Varner and Danielle Hanson

**We are so excited that you are with us at St. Paul UMC!** Holiday season is always busy and we are glad that you are with us! Know that this holiday season even if you have to sit at the dinner table with your Uncle Gary and rehash events from 50 years ago, you can find solace here on Sunday mornings. Come on in, sit down, chat with your neighbor, or don't, that is entirely up to you! Our Pastor, Rev. Cassie Rapko is currently on Maternity Leave, so you are in for a treat with our great line-up of guest preachers! So welcome to this place 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 last Christmas. 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.

**In case of a pastoral emergency**, such as a hospitalization or death, please call 229-234-0153 and leave a message.

**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**
- 12-ish **Hospitality:** Coffee, Cookies and Conversation (Chester Commons, most Sundays)

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

**Youth Group** 5-7pm most 1st and 3rd Sundays. Contact [annie@stpaulgrantpark.org](mailto:annie@stpaulgrantpark.org).

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 through 3rd grade may go up to Children's Church on the third floor or remain in their pews with their parents.)*