



*Second Sunday in Advent ▪ December 8, 2019*

## ***The Worship of God***

### **Preparing Your Hearts for Worship**

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

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

We meet you here, Lord, at the intersection of love and faithfulness.

**Here prayer and praise join hands, scripture is embraced,  
and our voices unite in hymns to you.**

Speak tenderly to our hearts in this hour of worship,  
**and show us the path to peace. Amen.**

##### **\*Hymn**

*God Almighty, We Are Waiting*

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##### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

*The Apostles' Creed*

UMH 881

#### **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.

#### **Lighting of the Second Advent Candle, The Candle of Peace**

Katie, Jeremy and  
Atticus Varner

### **Reading and Sharing the Word**

#### **Scripture Lesson**

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Romans 15:4-13

#### **Celebration of Our Children**

##### **\*Hymn**

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

UMH 216

#### **Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Rex Kaney



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

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Rex Kaney

Deacon: Rev. Lisa Gwock

Liturgist: Leslie Truman

Children's Time: Clayton Davis

Advent Wreath: the Varner family

Acolytes: Megan, John and Will Noble

Ushers: Angela Russell, Cooper Russell, Richard Quarterone

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Karen Merritt

Counters: Bill McKinnon and Angela Russell

**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.*