



Children's Christmas Play



Fourth Sunday in Advent ▪ December 22, 2019

The Worship of God

Preparing for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

***Call to Worship**

We are always looking for evidence that God is with us.

That sign is in the One to come--the One that God is sending.

We want to know for sure that everything is in God's care.

And so we cry to the heavens in our distress.

Our cries are heard! God is responding in love and hope.

Let us come before God with expectant hearts and spirits!

Let us be ready to receive the blessed gift of the Savior. AMEN. .

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***Hymn**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

UMH 224

***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 Fourth Advent Candle, The Candle of Love

St. Paul Youth (Annie Deaderick,
Cooper and Quinn Russell)

Reading and Sharing the Word

***Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 1:18-25

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

***Hymn**

In the Bleak Midwinter

UMH 221

The St. Paul Children's Christmas Play

Responding to the Word

Pastoral Prayer

Annie Deaderick

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

Coventry Carol

Chancel Choir

***The Doxology**

**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.**

UMH 95

We Depart to Love and Serve

Announcements

***Hymn**

Star Child

TFWS 2095

***Benediction**

***Blessing Hymn**

Soon and Very Soon

UMH 706

***The Light Goes Forth**

*Please stand in body or spirit.

WORSHIP LEADERS AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

President: Rev. Lisa Gwock

Assistant: Annie Deaderick

Liturgist: Bill McKinnon

Children's Play Directors: Anna Davis and Michael Solberg

Advent Wreath: St. Paul Youth (Annie Deaderick, Cooper and Quinn Russell)

Acolytes: Garrett, Cash and Lennon Wheeler

Ushers: Marcus Merritt, Robin South, Danielle Hanson

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Sherri Scott

Counters: Michael Solberg and Ron Rezendes

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 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.

Nursery is available for infants and young toddlers on the 3rd floor of the education building prior to and during the worship service.