



Christmas Eve ▪ December 24, 2019▪ 11:00 PM

The Worship of God

Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

***Call to Worship**

Eddie Gwock

On this holiest of nights we come,

Joining the shepherds who are stunned in wonder.

On this most silent night we come,

Our hopes and dreams joining those of Mary and Joseph.

On this night of carols and candlelight we come,

Our glad songs joining with the choirs of angels over us.

[Rev. Thom Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies]

***Christmas Hymn**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

UMH 234

***Passing of the Peace**

Welcome

Rev. Lisa Gwock

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Erwin/Tanksley family

Reading and Sharing the Word

***Gospel Reading**

Luke 2:1-20

***Christmas Hymn**

The First Noel (vs. 1-3)

UMH 245

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Tara Paul

Responding to the Word

Christmas 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.

Service of Word and Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*(Offering baskets will be placed on the altar rail during Holy Communion.
You are invited to place tithes and offerings here when you come forward.)*

Departing to Love and Serve

***Candlelight Carol**

Silent Night

UMH 239

***Christmas Blessing**

***The Light Goes Forth**

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Rev. Dr. Tara Paul is the Pastor of Inman Park UMC. She received her B.S. in Religion from the University of Georgia and went on to get her M. Div from Emory University and her doctorate from Columbia Theological Seminary. Her M. Div is in Gospel and Culture and her dissertation was on the inclusion of pop culture in worship. Her passion in ministry is helping people see how God is present all around us, especially in places where the church has historically stated that are of this world and not God. Tara's previous appointments include: Dacula First UMC, Mountain Park UMC, Avondale Patillo UMC, and Birmingham UMC in Milton. Tara and her husband, Jim, have two children: Hannah, a first year student at Wesleyan College in Macon, and Carter, a freshmen at Grady. They have three pets: Scout (a terrier/pit bull mix) and

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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 in 2020 5-7pm most Sundays. Contact annie@stpaulgrantpark.org.



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