



Sadao Wantanabe, 1970, *The Flight into Egypt*



First Sunday of Christmas ▪ December 29, 2019

The Worship of God

Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

***Call to Worship**

We who knelt in the stable—

Let us come and kneel in the temple!

Let our hearts give thanks, and our hands rejoice!

Let our spirits sing, and our bodies dance!

O children, enter the house of the Lord!

Enter God's presence, and be reborn!

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***Hymn**

Joy to the World!

UMH 246

***Affirmation of Faith**

A Modern Affirmation

UMH 885

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**

Matthew 2:13-23

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Celebration of Our Children

***Hymn**

What Child Is This?

UMH 219

Sermon

Rev. Clayton Davis

Responding to the Word

Call to Prayer

O *Sing a Song of Bethlehem*

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.**

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Musical Offering

Love Has Come

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**

Go Tell It on the Mountain

UMH 251

***Benediction**

***The Light Goes Forth**

*Please stand in body or spirit.

WORSHIP LEADERS AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Guest Preacher: Rev. Clayton Davis

Liturgist: Chris Cline

Children's Time: Ashleigh Spatz

Acolytes: Jeremy, Henry and Abram Jones

Ushers: Marcus Merritt, Robin South, Danielle Hanson

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Melanie and Jeremy Jones family

Offering 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 in 2020 5-7pm most 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.