



Epiphany ▪ January 5, 2020

The Worship of God

Preparing for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

***Call to Worship**

Herod's treachery could not stop hope!

God's light, whose sign was a star, was poured out for the people.

All the fears and fights of this world cannot diminish God's light.

That light is the life of Jesus Christ, who breaks through the darkness.

Thanks be to God, for the most precious gift of Light.

Let us live as people of new Light and Hope. AMEN.

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***Hymn**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

UMH 203

Epiphany Prayer

O God, you made of one blood all nations,

and, by a star in the East,

revealed to all peoples him whose name is Emmanuel.

Enable us who know your presence with us

so to proclaim his unsearchable riches

that all may come to his light

and bow before the brightness of his rising,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

now and for ever. Amen.

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 2:1-12

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Celebration of our Children

***Hymn**

We Three Kings

UMH 254

Sermon

20/20

Rev. Susan Landry

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

I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In

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!**

Invitation and Confession

UMH 12

The Great Thanksgiving

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Music

Carol of Epiphany

Chancel Choir

Departing to Love and Serve

Announcements

***Hymn**

Christ Is the World's Light

UMH 188

***Benediction**

***Blessing Hymn**

Star Child

TFWS 2095

***The Light Goes Forth**

*Please stand in body or spirit.

WORSHIP LEADERS AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Presider: Rev. Susan Landry
Deacon: Rev. Lisa Gwock
Liturgist: Leslie Truman
Children's Time: Bryan Russell
Acolytes: Megan, John and Will Noble
Ushers: Don Wallace, Talley Wells
Altar Guild: Karen Merritt
Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Nancy Erwin
Counters: Jeremy Varner and Danielle Hanson

We welcome to this place those who have no idea what they're doing here and those who have been here for years. We welcome you if you aren't too sure about this Jesus guy or if you use words like Christology and Eschatology. We welcome you if you blew all your money at the dog track or if you blew all your money on dog toys. We extend a special welcome to those who can't do math, can't spell, work too hard, don't work, or are only here because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church. Whatever the reason, we are glad that 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.

Youth Group 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. *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.)*