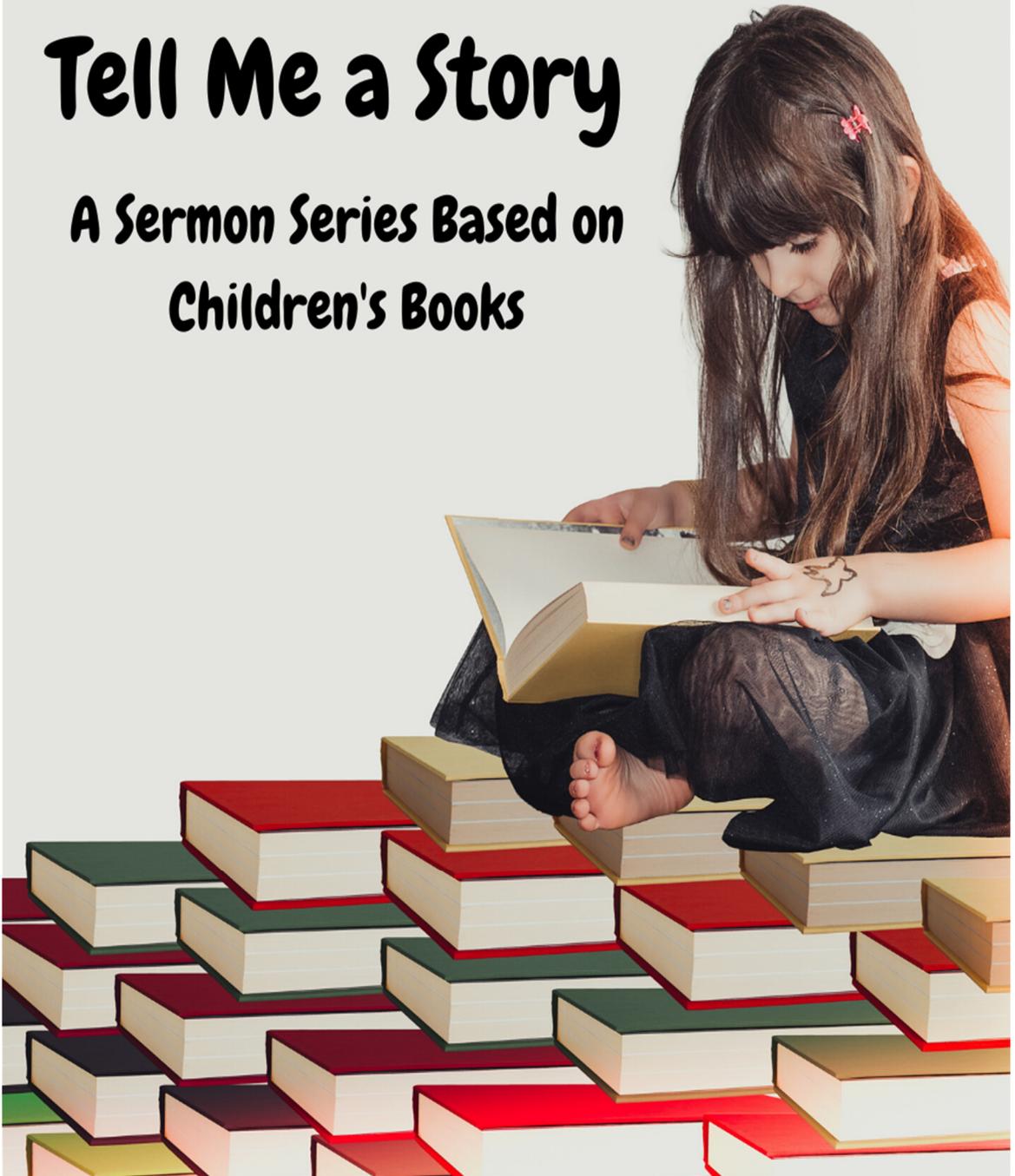


# Tell Me a Story

A Sermon Series Based on  
Children's Books



*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany ▪ February 2, 2020*

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

### **Preparing for Worship**

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

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

Praise the Lord.

Give thanks for God's goodness.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Happy are those who observe justice,  
who do righteousness at all times.

**Save us, O Lord, and gather us from among the nations,  
that we may give thanks to your holy name, and glory in your praise.**

Come and worship God!

[from Psalm 106, *ministrymatters.com*]

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

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

UMH 160

#### **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**

##### **\*Scripture Lesson**

Philippians 4:4-14

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Celebration of our Children**

*(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.)*

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

*When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise*

TFWS 2216

##### **Sermon**

*Tell Me A Story: Jabari Jumps  
When Things Get Tough*

Rev. Cassie Rapko

Responding to the Word

**Pastoral Prayer**

Gracie Ellis

**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**

*Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown*

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**

Pew Card (TFWS 2257)

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Communion Music**

Larry Stokes,  
Organist

Departing to Love and Serve

**Announcements**

**\*Hymn**

*Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil*

TFWS 2219

**\*Benediction**

**\*Blessing Hymn**

*May You Run and Not Be Weary*

TFWS 2281

**\*The Light Goes Forth**

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

## **WORSHIP LEADERS AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS**

Presider: Rev. Cassie Rapko

Assistant: Gracie Ellis

Liturgist: Ron Razendes

Children's Time: Annie Deaderick

Acolytes: Jeremy, Henry and Abram Jones

Ushers: Don Wallace, Talley Wells

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Angela Russell

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](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 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.)*