



**December 1, 2019**

**First Sunday in Advent**

**Dare to be the Light of Creativity**

**Rev. Dr. Kandace Brooks**

**The mission of Saint Paul's United Methodist Church is to be a faithful community of disciples who serve as the heart, hands and feet of Christ so that all people come to know the love of God.**

# 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. ORDER OF WORSHIP

Please see our ushers for large print hymnals and bulletins.  
We also have hearing loops for hearing aids with t-coil technology.

**Prelude** (8:30) *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* W.H. Bates  
(11:00) *I Wonder as I Wander* A. Sherman

**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Dr. Kandace Brooks

## Commissioning of Hurricane Recovery Team

## Greeting Time

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** 8:30: Lyn Shoffstall  
11:00: The Dunn Family

\* **Opening Hymn** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* UMH 206

\* **Affirmation of Faith** UMH 883

\* **Gloria** UMH 238 refrain

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer** Rev. Becky Rokitowski

**Anthem** (8:30) *I Wonder as I Wander* A. Sherman  
Handbell Choir  
(11:00) *Prepare the Way of the Lord* D. Krimm/S. Nordmeyer

## Children's Chat

**Scripture** Genesis 1:1-5 Old Testament pg. 1  
John 1:1-5 New Testament pg. 91

**Sermon** **Dare to be the Light of Creativity**  
Rev. Dr. Kandace Brooks

**Offering** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* R. Dinda

\* **Doxology**

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

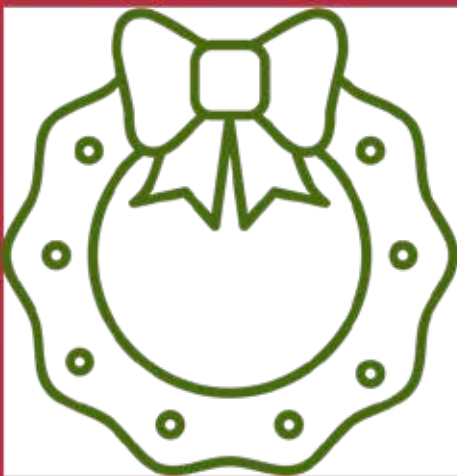
\* **Closing Hymn** *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* UMH 150

\* **Benediction**

**Postlude** *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come* J.S. Bach

## HURRICANE MICHAEL TEAM #7

It takes many hands for a mission trip to be successful. Some of these people will be repairing homes in Port St. Joe this week. Some have prepared food to fuel the hard work. Please pray in gratitude *and* for safe service for them all. Larry Barlow, Connie Becker and Vyto Jurgutis, Barbara Block, Kandace Brooks, Tommy Brinkley, Kathy Combs, Stephanie Coughlin, Donna Crawford, Buddy and Dale Croft, Flo Dickinson, Betty Durr, Debra Eggebraaten, Helen Ervin, Nic Fugate, David and Susan Gill, Don Griesheimer, Charlie and Meg Guyton, Doris Henderson, Tara Hewitt, Karolyn Holmes, Charlie and Susan Hubbard, Yvonne Kast, Charlotte Keaton, Dennis Lee, Jim McConnaughay, Tiffany and Trey McNabb, Jill Merryday, Janet Newsom, Ellen Osborn, Barbara Pearce, Lynne and Robert Pennock, Jessie Perry, Wade Pierce, Lillian Reese, Ted Rokitowski, Jerry Roney, Sue Spencer, Carol Stern and daughter Donna, Lucretia Thomas, Nancy Turner, Anne Wilde, Connie and Mike Ziegler, Fotena Zirps.



## Hangings of the Greens

Sunday, December 1  
5:00 p.m. Sanctuary

Soup dinner beginning at  
3:45 p.m. in Sanders Hall

## IN PRAYER AND SYMPATHY

For the family and friends of Jack Pelham, who passed away November 24 in Tallahassee.

For the family and friends of Audrey Robbins, who passed away in November in Tallahassee.

## FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Scott and Wendi Waltz's 20th wedding anniversary.

# Around Saint Paul's

## MUSIC AT SAINT PAUL'S

**Toddler and Preschool Music Groups** meet in the Children's wing Wednesday, December 4, at 5:30.

**SPARKS Choir** dress rehearsal for "The Christmas Scene Revisited" is Wednesday, December 4, during SPARKS time. Performance will be Wednesday, December 11, at 6:30 in the sanctuary.

**Saint Paul's Dancers** warm up at 3:45 this afternoon.

**Youth Choir** warms up for the Hanging of the Greens at 4:00 this afternoon.

**Handbell Choir** members will participate in the community Ring in the Season event Saturday, December 7, 4:00 p.m., at First Baptist Church. All are invited to attend this concert presented by nine local handbell choirs.

### **Warm up Schedule for Hanging of the Greens, sanctuary**

(Please be ready to sing/play at your appointed time. Tight schedule!)

9:30 a.m. Handbell Choir

12:00 p.m. Worship Band

3:45 Saint Paul's Dancers

4:00 Youth Choir

4:15 SPARKS Choir

4:30 Covenant Chancel Choir

4:40 Se'lah

**POINSETTIAS SALES** - Our ROOTED youth are selling poinsettias as a fundraiser. They are in the breezeway between Sunday School and the 11:00 a.m. service, or you can use the envelope in the pew. Poinsettias are \$14 each.

## **UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME GIFT CARD WISH LIST**

As Christmas moves closer, we are excited to share our annual Christmas gift card drive during a season in which gift-giving and generosity are especially celebrated. The gift cards will be distributed across the Children's Home ministry to the children we serve. We would be most grateful for gift cards in increments of \$10, \$20, \$25 and \$50 from stores such as Walmart, Kohl's, Famous Footwear and Gamestop. Also, restaurants to treat the children over Christmas break like Golden Corral, Papa John's, Chick-Fil-A, McDonalds and Darden restaurants. Please include a gift card receipt and write the denomination on the card if not shown. Thank you for providing Christmas cheer! Some of our children have never experienced a real Christmas. Please see Janet Clark, the Children's Home Representative for Saint Paul's. She will be collecting gift cards through TODAY.

**BOY SCOUTS SELLING CHRISTMAS TREES** - Hours are Monday - Friday 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., and Sundays 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m. Trees of all sizes, as well as wreaths, are available. Thank you for supporting Troop 115.

**CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT** - Come see "The Star: The Story of the First Christmas" Wednesday, December 4, at 6:00 p.m. in Sanders Hall. Bring your camp chairs, pillow, and blanket for the kids! Remember to RSVP for dinner on the Facebook Event, or by calling the church office. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. with homemade pizza, salad bar, Christmas cookies, and popcorn for the movie!

**HELP ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT** - The kitchen needs volunteers to collect money and check people in for dinner, and to help serve meals on Wednesday evenings. If you would like to help please contact the church office, 385-5146.

**GATHERING TO PRAY** - God is answering prayer as we gather in His name. We invite everyone to join us to pray together for the concerns you share with us on the PRAYER REQUESTS cards in the pew, (please place them in the offering plates), or via email, [becky@saintpaulsumc.org](mailto:becky@saintpaulsumc.org), Wednesdays, 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. in room 325. God is with us!

## Around Saint Paul's

### WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Dinner in Sanders Hall - 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. Reservations due by midnight Monday by calling 385-5146 or online at [saintpaulsumc.org](http://saintpaulsumc.org). \$7 adults, \$3 ages 4 - 12. December 4: Movie Night with homemade pizza and salad bar. *The Star* Christmas movie will start shortly after 6:00 p.m.

**COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES** - Sometimes when kids go away to college it can be a time of disconnect from the church. We want to let our college students know we haven't forgotten them, and send a little bit of love and encouragement to them before their December exams. If you have a college student in your family, please email [becky@saintpaulsumc.org](mailto:becky@saintpaulsumc.org) with their current school address. If you would like to help create and send these care packages, make a note on the attendance pads, or email Rev. Becky to be added to the team.

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA** - Every culture in the world has its own Christmas legacy of song. Wherever there is Christian worship, the eternal story of the holy family is decorated with a lavish diversity of tuneful praise. From intimate lullabies to angelic acclamations, the music of Christmas covers the earth with its message love and peace. The Covenant Chancel Choir will present *The Song Heard 'Round the World* Sunday, December 8, at both the 8:30 and 11:00 services. Come and experience the songs of cultures all around the world as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** - Enjoy the fun and fellowship at our annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa Saturday, December 14, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Invite friends and family to join us for this sweet tradition. Remember your camera!

**AFTERNOON FOR THE ELVES** - Saturday, December 14, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. After enjoying Breakfast with Santa we invite you to leave the kids with us! The "elves" may need some time for mischief while the "little elves" are cared for by our excellent staff! \$20/1 child; \$25/2 children; \$30/family maximum. RSVP is required. Sign up on the website!

**WOMEN'S RETREAT - Stronger than the Storm.** Saint George Island February 6-8, 2020. Cost is \$150.00. Please sign up on the church web site, [www.saintpaulsumc.org](http://www.saintpaulsumc.org), under "Quick Links".

## This Week at Saint Paul's

### Sunday, December 1

3:45 pm Soup Dinner/SH  
5:00 pm Hanging of the Greens/S

### Monday, December 2

8:00 am Classical Conversations/All Rms  
10:00am Congregational Care/310  
6:30 pm Governing Board/SH

### Tuesday, December 3

9:30 am Mommy & Me Music/200  
6:00 pm Covenant Chancel Choir/CR  
7:30 pm Se'lah Choir/CR

### Wednesday, December 4

10:00am UMW Board Meeting/L  
10:30am Creation Care T-shirt bags/309  
3:00 pm SPARKS/100 Level  
5:15 pm Wednesday Dinner/SH

### Wednesday, December 4 cont.

5:30 pm PreSchool Music/200 Level  
6:00 pm Movie Night/SH  
6:30 pm Cantata Rehearsal/CR  
6:30 pm Grief Share/327

### Thursday, December 5

9:30 am MOPS Leadership/P/200 Level

### Friday, December 6

#### Church Office Closed

9:00 am Alzheimer's Respite/CH/P  
9:00 am Caring and Sharing/SHK  
6:00 pm Midtown Classical/P/210 & 211

### Saturday, December 7

10:00am Cantata Dress Rehearsal/S  
10:00am Guardian Ad Litem Shopping/  
SH & Third floor rooms

**ROOM KEY:** CR - Choir Room / CH - Chapel / CY - Courtyard / F - Foundation / L - Library / N - Nursery / P - Parlor / S - Sanctuary / SH - Sanders Hall / SHK - Sanders Hall Kitchen / WR - Work Room



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### WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today. Nurseries for ages infant to five years are located on the 200 level of the children's wing of the educational building. One of our friendly ushers can give directions to restrooms.

### AIDS FOR THE VISUALLY AND HEARING IMPAIRED

Are available from our ushers. Kindly return the large-print hymnal at the end of worship. We, also, have hearing loops for hearing aids with t-coil technology.

### NAME TAGS

Name tags help us get to know one another better. They are located in the narthexes. If you need a name tag, please indicate so on the attendance pad so we can make one for you. Please wear your name tag each week during worship.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

A wide variety of adult Sunday School classes and age-appropriate classes for children and youth are offered at 9:45. For details, visit the welcome table in Sanders Hall or call our office.

### INTERESTED IN JOINING SAINT PAUL'S?

If you are interested in becoming a member of Saint Paul's, please indicate so on the attendance pad. We will set a date for you to be received with joy!

#### Financial Snapshot

Expenses to date: \$804,758.00      Average weekly expenses (2018): \$18,269.00  
 Income to date: \$754,093.00

Actual Income:	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
	\$24,048.00	\$16,669.00	\$22,548.00	\$14,729.00

Nov. 24 attendance: 8:30: 70    11:00: 203    Sunday School: 171

**We encourage you to give on-line** - No wallet required! It's fast, safe, and secure. Use your phone's camera and hover over the image to go directly to the webpage for online giving. Or use this link to access online giving. <https://www.saintpaulsumc.org/give/>



## Saint Paul's Staff

Rev. Dr. Kandace Brooks, Senior Pastor  
 Rev. Becky Rokitowski, Associate Pastor  
 Cynthia Prescott, Adult Choirs  
 Gaye Herndon, Music Performance Associate  
 Jill Merryday, Director of Children's Ministries  
 Peggy Benton, Ministry Coordinator  
 Kambea Chan, Children's Ministry Assistant  
 Laurie Batten, Church Administrator

Linda Fletcher, Publishing Specialist  
 Raymond Pandley, II, Youth Ministry Assistant  
 Simon Webb, Lead Sexton  
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