



# Growing Closer to God Together

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Becky Wellman, Golden Age Center Director

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## The Community Gathers

10:55 Announcements

11:00 Worship Begins

Lighting of the Candles

Prelude

### Praise & Worship

\* Choral Call To Worship

**Come, Now is the Time to Worship**

**Come, now is the time to worship Come, now is the time to give your heart**

**Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God. Come**

**One day every tongue will confess You are God. One day every knee will bow**

**Still the greatest treasure remains for those Who gladly choose You now.**

\*Call to Worship

**Leader:** Holy Spirit, Living Water, rain down on us.

**All:** Quench our dry hearts. Refresh our tired spirits. Soak us with your wet and winsome power.

**Leader:** Holy Spirit, Living Water, purify us.

**All:** Flood our lives with your presence. Wash away our debris. Cleanse us from all of our wayward living.

**Leader:** Holy Spirit, Living Water, pour out like the waters of baptism.

**All:** Unite us in Christ. Move us to worship and service. Give us the fullness of life.

\*Passing of the Peace *(Please take a couple of minutes to greet one another with God's love. If you're not sure of someone's name, this is a great time to ask. Make sure you speak to someone you don't know that well...it will make a difference for all of us)*

\* Hymns

**Amazing Grace** (sung to the tune of Peaceful Easy Feeling)

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.**

**And I've got a peaceful easy feeling, and I know God won't let me down, 'cause I'm already standing on the solid ground.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

**And I've got a peaceful easy feeling, and I know God won't let me down, 'cause I'm already standing on the solid ground.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.**

**And I've got a peaceful easy feeling, and I know God won't let me down, 'cause I'm already standing on the solid ground.**

### **I'll Fly Away**

**Some Glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll Fly Away, to a home on God's celestial shore, I'll Fly Away.**

**I'll Fly Away, (O Glory) I'll Fly Away, when I die Hallelujah by and by, I'll Fly Away.**

**When the shadows of this life have flown, I'll Fly Away, Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll Fly Away. .**

**I'll Fly Away, (O Glory) I'll Fly Away, when I die Hallelujah by and by, I'll Fly Away.**

**Just a few more weary days and then, I'll Fly Away, to a land where joy shall never end, I'll Fly Away.**

**I'll Fly Away, (O Glory) I'll Fly Away, when I die Hallelujah by and by, I'll Fly Away.**

The Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

William James Dougherty and Fletcher Lewis Davidson

see blue page

The Celebration of Membership

Sara Thomas

see blue page

Celebration of Our Children *(After the Children's Time, children 5 and under are invited to join Bridgette & Shonda for loving childcare upstairs during the service. Children need to be escorted upstairs by an adult.)*

Welcome and Greeting

Concerns & Celebrations

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father 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**

\*Hymns  
**Blessed Assurance**  
Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine. O what a foretaste of glory divine. Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.  
*This is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the daylong.*  
Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.  
*This is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the daylong.*

### Sanctuary

Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living, Sanctuary for you.

### The Word Read & Shared

Scripture Readings  
Sermon

Genesis 17:9-13

Matthew 19:13-15

### Responding to the Word

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Anthem

*Ain' A That Good News*

\* The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, praise God, the Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### We Depart to Love & Serve

\* Hymn

#### **Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Come Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be. Let thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

\* Benediction

\* The Congregational Blessing ***Go Now in Peace***

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe, Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

\* The Light Goes Forth

\* Postlude

\*stand as you are able

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### Ministers of Worship & Sunday Volunteers

Sermon: Ed Judy

Liturgist: Laura Magistro Wells

Children's Time: Anjie Peek Woodworth

Acolytes: AJ & Guy Seymour

Ushers: David Hardy, (Head Usher), Rob MacGregor, John Halcrow, Talley Wells

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We rejoice to welcome you to this service of worship at St. Paul United Methodist Church. We pray God's blessing upon you this day. If this community can assist you in any way, please let us know. We're glad you're here. **Welcome.**

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**Email – Want to know what's happening at St. Paul?** We send out emails about 2 times 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

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### Our Presence & Service

*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*

❖ **Wed. Night** - See insert for Supper Menu & Reservations

• **Little & Littlest Saints Children's Choirs** meet on Wednesday, at 6:45

• **Chancel Choir** is Wednesday at 7:30

❖ **Children's Council** meets next Sunday, Sept. 24 after worship. Contact: Anjie Woodworth 404-688-7501 or [Anjie@stpaulgrantpark.org](mailto:Anjie@stpaulgrantpark.org)

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**youth** Mondo Mondays! at 6 pm every Mon. (for middle schoolers) and 8 pm (for high schoolers). Youth Group continues every Sun. afternoon at 12:30 pm. Contact: Andy Woodworth 404-759-3826 or [awoodwo@LearnLink.Emory.Edu](mailto:awoodwo@LearnLink.Emory.Edu)

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## **Centennial Homecoming Weekend** **October 14 & 15**

**Centennial Celebration Homecoming**  
**Concert & Gourmet Dinner • Worship & Covered Dish Dinner**

**Congratulations** to Katherine & Fletcher Moore on the birth of their son and Sailor's little brother, Satchel. He was born on September 11, weighing 7 lbs., 8 oz., 19 inches long

**Our Prayers**

World Peace. Our National Leaders. Our Troops. All those suffering with Cancer. People seeking work. For all of the people suffering/recovering through natural disasters. Ed and his family as his father had a stroke recently. Mandy Palmer's mom who has been in the hospital. Greg's Barron's father Billy, who is 80 and has a massive tumor in his colon – surgery is delayed. Laura, Talley & Evan Wells. Leslie Truman. Gretchen Garrett's friend, Tyler Lockyear who is in Iraq recovering in a hospital after his truck was hit by a bomb. Vanessa Jackson's mother's best friend, Audrey Clark (my Aunt Bootsie) - She has cancer that has returned. Anna Greene. Vanessa Jackson. Cheryl White's aunt. Su Watson. Karen Merritt. Martha Hutchins a GPCP substitute, her daughter, Shaye, Shaye's baby and her 2 sons. Joseph Rosone (5 months old) who is under going chemo treatments for a mesoblastic nephroma. and for the entire Rosone family. Keith Gribble a friend of Linda Smith's who had open heart surgery. Will Gaines' dad, Bill Gaines who's having problems with his leg. Kate Marshall. Erin Boyette. Lauren Burns Gattis. Becky Boyette's Friend Nancy Hoddinott, and her son, Luke Putney; Luke, who is 11 years old. Dalton (and his family), 2 yrs old and lives in Oklahoma City, who was put in isolation at Baptist hospital in OKC as he has developed spinal meningitis following surgery. Sigrid Sirmans.

Mildred Miller and her family as they mourn the death of Mrs. Miller's husband Earnest after his battle with lung cancer.

**Those who have lost loved ones recently:** Rachel Quartarone, her mother. Jane Bresler, her sister.

**Those who are recuperating from surgery:** Robert Rees's dad.

**Those in & going to Iraq:** Kelly Greene's friend Javid Heravi.

**Those with cancer, some who are undergoing cancer treatments, their families and friends:** Vanessa Jackson's friend John Buckman. Mark Crenshaw's grandmother, Donna Chance. John Fuqua. Donna Ruggles' friend Chrisy Bartlett. Malinda Teel. Elizabeth Hartman's friend, Sue Barnard. Caroline Fleiseher's Aunt Harriet. Sandy Hinton. Angela Russell's friend Anne Hunter.

**Our dads:** Erica Ray, Van Brown. Peggy Hillary. Jimmy Hardy.

**Our moms:** Joan Hildenbrand. Mable Couch, Tim's mom. Grace Bramlette, Allen Graham's mom. Marcus Merritt. Jim Davidson. Becky Wellman. Peggy Merchant. Melissa's mom.

**For our Friends:** Marcus Merritt's friend who has cancer. Charles Davis' friend with cancer. Deborah Scott's husband Perry. Virginia Vickery. Mildred McWhorter.

Rob Sirmans. Tom Gazaway. Gracie Gazaway. Vanessa Jackson, Se'Varius, Se'Vunyah & Se'Ven. Shintika Raines. The Nanista Family, Candace & Elise. Faye Huiet. Caleb Huiet. Sam Bangura.

*Please let the church office know of changes to the prayer list.*

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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday Supper Reservations**

The 2006-2007 Wed. Night Committee is forming and we're looking for a few good people to serve.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes! I'll serve on the Wed. Night Committee

**Menus**

20 September: Tuscan Vegetable and Bean Soup with Cheese Croutons, Green Salad, Pineapple Upside Down Cake  
Small Children's Choice

27 September: Chicken Breasts with Spiced Tomato, Capers and Olive Sauce, Basmati Rice, Green Salad, Carrot Cake  
Drumsticks for the Children & Vegetarian Choice

4 October: Mexican Black Bean Sausage Chili With Flour Tortillas & Sour Cream and Scallions for Garnish, Green Salad  
Pineapple Upside Down Cake  
Black Beans for the Vegetarians and Dino Nuggets for the Children

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult(s) \$6.00 add V for Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Child(ren) \$3.00 (4-10 years) \_\_\_\_\_ Child(ren) free (3 and under)

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I/we would like a standing reservation for the Fall (Then you only need to contact the church when you are not going to be here.)  
*We're on a budget!*

*If you make a reservation and don't cancel it and don't show up, you are responsible for payment of the meal.*

**Wednesday Childcare** In order to provide the best childcare we MUST have your childcare reservation by 9 am on Tues.

Childcare is provided for children during the times their parent(s) is involved in Wed. night activity.

Please indicate your activity \_\_\_\_\_ Name(s) and age(s) of child(ren) needing childcare: \_\_\_\_\_

## Centennial Celebration Homecoming Concert & Gourmet Dinner

St. Paul's yearlong centennial celebration will culminate with a benefit concert and gourmet dinner Saturday, Oct. 14, and special worship service followed by an old-fashioned covered dish lunch Sunday, Oct. 15. Former St. Paul members, pastors, musicians and staff are invited and encouraged to participate along with current members, neighbors and friends.

The Saturday evening event will begin at 6 p.m., when former and current St. Paul musicians will come together with special guests to present a concert featuring major choral work "Five Mystical Songs" by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Kyle Guglielmo will be guest baritone soloist. The choir will consist of the St. Paul Chancel Choir along with members of the Grant Park Summer Singers and other singers from the community. A string chamber orchestra will accompany the choir.

In addition to "Five Mystical Songs," the program will consist of various anthems, spirituals and hymns tracing the past one hundred years, each representing a specific decade.

The concert will be followed by a gourmet dinner prepared by Chef Louis Lindic at 7:30 p.m.

The cost to attend both the concert and the dinner is \$55, or to attend only a portion of the evening, the concert is \$10 and the dinner \$50. All proceeds from the concert and dinner go to the Centennial Building Maintenance Fund.

A special morning worship service will be followed by an old-fashioned covered dish lunch on Sunday, Oct. 15. We will only have a 10:55 service so that the entire congregation can worship together.

The Centennial Homecoming also gives the community the opportunity to share our gifts and talents by volunteering. We need volunteers for hospitality activities, set up, clean up decorating and meal service. Please consider giving an hour or two of your time to this event.

Be a part of history. Celebrate and support our historic church and invite and encourage former members to attend and participate. For more information, to volunteer, or to participate, contact [centennial@stpaulgrantpark.org](mailto:centennial@stpaulgrantpark.org) or call 404.688.7501.

## On October 14 Homecoming Sunday we

will be having an old fashioned Pot Luck Lunch for our St. Paul family and our guests. By "old fashioned" we mean your most delicious dishes – scrumptious and homemade to show off for our company.

Please contact Linda Woodworth or Chris Mayer who will be coordinating our Pot Luck Luncheon.

*Meal Makers - Providing meals is  
Ministry to the Body Of Christ.  
"He who refreshes others will be refreshed."*

### Proverbs 11:25

The Meal Makers Ministry exists to provide meals for those individuals within the St Paul UMC Community that are returning home from the hospital, recovering from surgery, have experience the death of a loved one, and/or are celebrating the birth of a new baby and would be blessed by having meals prepared and delivered to them.

There is a small circle of faithful folks that give generously of their time and energy to this ministry. If you would be interested in preparing a meal for a church friend in need, please contact our Meal Makers facilitator Angela Russell, to be included in this ministry that always is such a blessing to those it serves.

You don't have to cook to participate in this delicious ministry. It's perfectly OK to purchase a meal and bring it to someone's home.

The chairperson of this ministry will give you ideas, suggest amounts of food, and let you know if the person has dietary restrictions.

The recipients of meals get an incredible lift by not worrying about food preparation – both during times of illness and times of joyous chaos.

If you are in need of assistance or know someone in our church family who is, please call the church office at 404-688-7501. Angela Russell 404-925-8159 or [angelaandbryan@bellsouth.net](mailto:angelaandbryan@bellsouth.net)

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## Outreach Opportunities

Sign up to meet and greet folks and tell them about St. Paul - our Worship Services, Children's Activities, Centennial Celebrations and all the wonderful things happening here! Please consider giving 2 hours of your time (& /or a couple of gallons of water.)

***It is FUN & EASY! Sign up NOW with a friend or spend time with someone new!***

### Grant Park Tour of Homes

**Saturday, September 23** at St. Paul

Circle your choice      10:00 to noon      noon to 2:00      2:00 to 4:00      4:00 to 6:00

**Sunday, September 24**

Circle your choice      noon-2:00      2:00-4:00      4:00-6:00

**Recordings of Sunday Worship Service** are available.

CD     cassette    Date of Service(s) requested \_\_\_\_\_

## INTRODUCTION TO THE BAPTISMAL SERVICE

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

## PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

*The parents of William **James Dougherty** and **Fletcher Lewis Davidson** bring them forward and light the parents' candle followed by the light of their child's candle. (The altar candle represents the light of Christ present in the congregation. The parents' candle represents their baptismal covenant and the light of Christ that they now share with their child. The third candle represents the light of Christ present in James and Fletcher).*

## RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Since the earliest times, the vows of Christian baptism have consisted first of the renunciation of all that is evil and then the profession of faith and loyalty to Christ.

Parents or other sponsors reaffirm these vows for themselves while taking the responsibilities of sponsorship.

*The Pastor addresses the Parents*

**Pastor:** On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

**I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

**I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace,

and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

**I do.**

Will you nurture James and Fletcher in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

**I will.**

*The pastor addresses the congregation, and the congregation responds:*

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include the James and Fletcher now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround James and Fletcher with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

*The pastor addresses all, and the congregation joins the parents and sponsors in responding:*

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, [who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.]**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, [the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.]**

## BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONGREGATION:

As a symbol of this congregation's commitment to fulfill the vows we have just made, we give these Banners to you for William James Dougherty and for Fletcher Lewis Davidson.

**PASTOR:**

“Little child, for you Jesus Christ came.

For you he struggled, for you he suffered; for you he endured the darkness of Calvary; for you he triumphed over death. For you. And you little child know nothing of all this, but this we do affirming the word of the Apostle: “We love God because God first loved us.”

## LET US PRAY:

**O eternal God:**

**Pour out your Holy Spirit to bless this gift of water and those who receive it.**

**Throughout their lives wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness, that, dying and being raised in Christ, they may share in his final victory. Amen.**

## **BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS**

What name is given this child?

James, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. [*Jesus said you are the salt of the earth and the light of the world*]

What name is given this child?

Fletcher, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. [*Jesus said you are the salt of the earth and the light of the world*]

Now it is our joy to welcome James and Fletcher, our new brothers in Christ.

Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.

### **Baptism Hymn *God Claims You***

*(refrain)* James, James God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

1. We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be. *(refrain)*
2. Stuart and Bill love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow. *(refrain)*
3. We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way. *(refrain)*
4. And if you should tire or cry then we will sing this lullaby. *(refrain)*

*(refrain)* Fletcher, Fletcher God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

1. We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be. *(refrain)*
2. Sybil and Jim love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow. *(refrain)*
3. We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way. *(refrain)*
4. And if you should tire or cry then we will sing this lullaby. *(refrain)*

*Sara Thomas* is received into the United Methodist Church

## **RECEPTION INTO SAINT PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Sara as a member of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

**I will.**

As a member of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service?

**I will.**

## **COMMENDATION AND WELCOME**

Those who have been baptized into Christ's holy Church are now welcomed into this congregation of The United Methodist Church.

*The pastor addresses the congregation:*

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care.

Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

The congregation responds: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

*The pastor addresses those baptized and their parents and sponsors:*

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.