

St. Paul United Methodist Church

A Good Neighbor

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 14, 2008

The Worship of God

The Community Gathers

10:55 am Announcements

11:00 am Worship Begins

Prelude *Sonata in D Minor: Largo - Vivace* (G. P. Telemann)

Jody Miller and
Jonathan Deloach,
Recorders

***Call to Worship**

The Lord is our strength and our song,

The Lord is our salvation.

O God, you lead the people you have redeemed.

The Lord will reign for ever and ever.

[Exodus 15: The Song of Miriam]

***Hymn**

To God Be the Glory

#98

Welcome and Greeting (*We want to know that you were here worshipping with us today, especially if you are a first time visitor. Please introduce yourself to your neighbors, fill in a Visitor's Card (found in your pew), and place it in the offering.*)

***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, it's a great time to ask. Please speak to someone you don't know that well...it will make a difference for all of us.*)

Celebration of Our Children (*after which, children 5 and under are invited for loving childcare upstairs during the rest of the service. Children need to be escorted upstairs by an adult.*)

***Hymn**

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

#365

Concerns and Celebrations

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 Word Read and Shared

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 18:21-35

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Praise His Holy Name (Keith Hampton)

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Rev. Susan Allen Grady

Responding to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith**

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

#883

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Musical Offering

Sonata in D Minor: Grazioso (Telemann)

***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 and Serve

***Hymn**

Oh How I Love Jesus

#170

***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.*

We welcome recorder player Jody Miller to our service today. Jody conducts the Emory Early Music Ensemble and is an active recorder teacher and performer in the Southeast in addition to his position as director of bands at McCleskey Middle School in Marietta. He and Jonathan have performed together for the last eight years in various ensembles; their next recital will be at Emory's Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts on Sunday, September 21 at 4:00 (free admission).

MINISTERS OF WORSHIP & SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Presider: Susan Allen Grady

Liturgist: Larry Johnson

Children's Time: Talley Wells

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Acolytes: David and Spencer Scott

Sound Team: Lindsey Brown and Colin Seymour

Ushers: Don Bryan Russell (Head Usher); Jim Mason; Susan Johnson; Bill Ericson

Nursery: Don Wallace, Rebecca Wallace, Renee George

WE REJOICE TO WELCOME YOU to this service of worship at St. Paul United Methodist Church. We are pleased you chose to worship with us today, and we hope you will return often. We pray God's blessing upon you this morning. There are large-print materials and audio listening devices available for your use. Please stop by the Accessibility Table at the side entrance or speak to one of the ushers or greeters. If this community can assist you in any way, please let us know. **Welcome.**

Email – Want to know what's happening at St. Paul? We generally send out emails once or twice weekly. If you'd like to be on our email list, contact the church office at office@stpaulgrantpark.org or 404-688-7501.

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:

- 8:30am. **Worship First** (casual, contemporary service)
- 10am **Sunday School** (all ages)
- 10:55am **Morning Worship** (traditional service)
- 5pm **Disciple I** (Bible Study) [shelly.hart@emory.edu or 678-362-5893 (cell) or 404-727-4431 (work)]

Every Wednesday:

- 5:30-6pm **Children's Handbell Group** [Sherri.Scott@ihg.com] and **Little Angels Preschool Choir** [(404) 627-6756 or lauraandtalley@mindspring.com]
- 6-6:45pm **Fellowship Supper** [\$8/adults, \$4/children 4-10, under 4 free. Reservations before Tuesday morning to stpaulgrantpark@earthlink.net or 404-688-7501. Menu for Wednesday, September 17th: Beef Stroganoff, Rolls, Green Salad, Ginger Bread with lemon Glaze, Chicken Nuggets and fruit cup for wee ones.]
- 6:30-8pm **Disciples of the Trinity Youth Group** [seedoug@hotmail.com]
- 6:45-7:15pm **Little Saints Elementary School Choir** [lauraandtalley@mindspring.com or (404) 627-6756]
- 6:45-7:30pm **Adult/Youth Handbell Group** [Sherri.Scott@ihg.com] and **Joyful Noise** Contemporary Choir
- 6:45-7:45pm **Book Discussion Group** (*Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert) [susan@stpaulgrantpark.org]
- 7 pm **Companions in Christ: The Way** (spiritual formation study) [tdavis280@aol.com]
- 7:30pm **Chancel Choir**

The Backyard Bible Club meets every other Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Adult Sunday School room for Bible Study, yummy food, and fellowship. If you consider yourself to be a young adult, come join us! Next Meeting: September 18th. For more information contact Jonathan Kidwell: jonathan@toolbank.org.

Stewardship Report

	Week Ended 9/7	This Month	Year to Date	% Difference
What We Need	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 155,400.00	
What We Received	\$ 5,564.00	\$ 5,564.00	\$ 101,006.45	
Budget Excess (Deficit)	\$ 1,364.00	\$ 1,364.00	\$ (54,393.55)	-35%