

**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](mailto: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)
- 9:30am **Fellowship Breakfast** (this week's hosted by the Chancel Choir, next week's hosted by the Adult Sunday School Class)
- 10am **Sunday School** (all ages)
- 10:55am **Morning Worship** (traditional service)
- 5pm **Disciple I** (Bible Study) [[shelly.hart@emory.edu](mailto: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](mailto:Sherri.Scott@ihg.com)] and **Little Angels Preschool Choir** [(404) 627-6756 or [lauraandtalley@mindspring.com](mailto: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](mailto:stpaulgrantpark@earthlink.net) or 404-688-7501. Menu for Wednesday, September 24th: Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Salad, Peach Cobbler, Chicken Nuggets and fruit cup for wee ones.]
- 6:15-7:30 **Joyful Noise Contemporary Choir** [Tom Trimble - [tom@appraisalsnowinc.com](mailto:tom@appraisalsnowinc.com)]
- 6:30-8pm **Disciples of the Trinity Youth Group** [[seedoug@hotmail.com](mailto:seedoug@hotmail.com)]
- 6:45-7:15pm **Little Saints Elementary School Choir** [[lauraandtalley@mindspring.com](mailto:lauraandtalley@mindspring.com) or (404) 627-6756]
- 6:45-7:30pm **Adult/Youth Handbell Group** [[Sherri.Scott@ihg.com](mailto: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](mailto:susan@stpaulgrantpark.org)]
- 7 pm **Companions in Christ: The Way** (spiritual formation study) [[tdavis280@aol.com](mailto: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: October 2nd. For more information contact Jonathan Kidwell: [jonathan@toolbank.org](mailto:jonathan@toolbank.org).

**Please pray for:**

- The family of Phil Fisher (Jeff McCord's neighbor who passed away this week, family in town to make funeral arrangements)
- The St. Paul Committee on Lay Leadership (who are beginning the process of identifying and nominating those who will fill church leadership positions next year)

## St. Paul United Methodist Church

*A Good Neighbor*

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**Worship in the Park**  
**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 21, 2008**

## *The Worship of God*

### The Community Gathers

10:55 am Announcements

11:00 am Worship Begins

Prelude

#### \*Call to Worship

We have heard the stories of our God  
**From those who have gone before.**  
We will not hide them from our children  
**But tell them to the coming generation.**  
We will tell the glorious deeds of the Lord,  
**And the wonders God has wrought!**

[Psalm 78]

#### \*Hymn

*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.

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.

(Repeat as desired)

Oh, come. Oh, come. Oh, come  
Worship the Lord. Oh, come

**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, and plan to join us for our picnic lunch after the service.*)

**\*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*).

#### \*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.

### MINISTERS OF WORSHIP & SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Presider: Susan Allen Grady

Liturgist: Jenny Stevens

Children's Time: Brenda Brown

Altar Guild: Bill Ericson

Acolytes: Bryan and Telia Garner

Sound Team: Langston Daniels

Ushers: David Hardy (Head Usher); Rob MacGregor; Gretchen Garrett; Collin Seymour

Nursery: Melissa Mason, Richard Quartarone, Angela Russell

**WE REJOICE TO WELCOME YOU** to Worship in the Park with St. Paul United Methodist Church. We are pleased you chose to worship with us today, and we hope you will join our one of our regular worship services any Sunday in our Sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you this morning. Please stay and join our fellowship for lunch this afternoon following the service. If this community can assist you in any way, please let us know. **Welcome.**



*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.

Refrain:

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 day long.

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.  
(Refrain)

*Amazing Grace*

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.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

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 first begun.

**Responding to the Word**

**Reception of Suzanne Stevens into Membership**

**Stewardship Moment**

Robin South

**The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**Musical Offering**

*Down in the River to Pray*

Chancel Choir

**\*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**

*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.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer,  
hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood

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.

**Celebration of Our Children**

**\*Hymn**

*Sanctuary*

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

**Concerns and Celebrations**

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Chad Hale,  
Georgia Avenue Community Ministries

**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 20:1-16

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

*I'll Fly Away*

Chancel Choir

Some glad morning when this life is over,  
I'll fly away.  
To a home on God's celestial shore,  
I'll fly away.

Refrain:

I'll fly away, O Glory,  
I'll fly away.  
When I die, Hallelujah, bye and bye,  
I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have flown,  
I'll fly away.  
Like a bird thrown, driven by the storm,  
I'll fly away.

(Refrain)

Just a few more weary days and then,  
I'll fly away.  
To a land where joy shall never end,  
I'll fly away.

(Refrain)

**Sermon**

Rev. Susan Allen Grady