

**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](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)
- 9:30 **Fellowship Breakfast** (Huiet Hall, this week sponsored by the Adult Sunday School Class; next week sponsored by the Backyard Bible Study)
- 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, October 1st: Chicken tetrazzini, garlic bread, green salad, peach cobbler, Chicken Nuggets and fruit cup for wee ones.]
- 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**

**Stewardship Report**

	Week Ended 9/14	This Month	Year to Date	% Difference
What We Need	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 159,600.00	
What We Received	\$ 1,810.00	\$ 7,374.00	\$ 102,816.45	
Budget Excess (Deficit)	\$ (2,390.00)	\$ (1,026.00)	\$ (56,783.55)	-36%

**St. Paul United Methodist Church**

*A Good Neighbor*

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Susan Allen Grady, Pastor

Doug Hollis, Family Life Minister

Jonathan DeLoach, Organist

Becky Wellman, Golden Age Center Director

Laura Rappold, Deacon in Residence

Kevin Hill, Minister of Music

Ginny Pavey, Office Manager



**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 28, 2008**

# *The Worship of God*

## The Community Gathers

10:55 am Announcements

11:00 am Worship Begins

Prelude

**\*Call to Worship**

Listen to the teaching of the Lord.  
**Let us turn our ears to God's words.**  
Let us remember the Lord's glorious deeds  
**And rejoice in the wonders of God.**

Psalm 78]

**\*Hymn**

*Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

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**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 Sing-A-Long**

*St. Paul Golden Age Center*

**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**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 21:23-32

**Anthem**

*Give Me Jesus* (arr. Larry L. Fleming)

Chancel Choir

**Sermon**

Rev. Susan Allen Grady

## Responding to the Word

**Reception into Membership of Janice Griffeth**

**Stewardship Moment**

Allen W. Graham

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

**Musical Offering**

**\*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**

*Trust and Obey*

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**\*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: Leslie Truman

Children's Time: Bryan Russell

Altar Guild: Bill Ericson

Acolytes: Vanessa Jackson and

Sound Team: Tom Sweeny and A.J. Seymour

Ushers: Marc Gowan (Head Usher); Talley Wells; Marcus Merritt; David Hardy

Nursery: Danielle Hanson, Laura Wells, James Palmer