

St. Paul United Methodist Church

A Good Neighbor

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“Christ’s Baptism by John” by
Woonbo Kim Ki-chang, Korea

Baptism of the Lord January 11, 2009

The Worship of God

Gathering

10:55 am Worship Begins

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;

worship the Lord in holy splendor.

May the Lord give strength to his people!

May the Lord bless his people with peace!

[from Psalm 29]

***Hymn**

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

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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. Our pastor, the Rev. Susan Allen Grady, is currently on maternity leave. This morning we welcome Doug Hollis to our pulpit. Doug holds a Masters of Divinity degree from Harvard University, and is presently serving the St. Paul congregation as Family Life Minister.

Announcements

***Passing of the Peace**

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

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.

***Hymn**

When Jesus Came to Jordan

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The Word Read and Shared

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:4-11

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Down in the River to Pray

Chancel Choir

Sermon

God Said . . .

Doug Hollis

Responding to the Word

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

Shall We Gather at the River

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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.

WE REJOICE TO WELCOME YOU to this service of worship at St. Paul United Methodist Church. We pray God's blessing upon you this morning. We are pleased you chose to worship with us today. If you are just visiting, we encourage you to fill in a Visitor's Card (found in your pew) and place it in the offering so we can be in touch with you. If you are looking for a church home, look no further—you have found one at St. Paul. If this community can assist you in any way, please let us know. If you are interested in becoming a member of this church or want to talk about membership, please speak with our Deacon, Rev. Laura Rappold, or Family Life Minister, Douglas Hollis, in our pastor's absence after the service. **Welcome. Welcome. Welcome!!!**

MINISTERS OF WORSHIP AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Guest Preacher: Doug Hollis

Liturgist: Talley Wells

Children's Time: Stephanie Warner

Altar Guild: Paul Gardner

Acolytes: Bryan and Joel Garner

Sound Team: Lindsey Brown and Colin Seymour

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

Nursery: Robin Bley, Jim Mason, and Sybil Davidson

Accessibility Table: There are large-print materials and audio listening devices available for your use. Please stop by the Accessibility Table at the side entrance of the sanctuary or speak to one of the ushers or greeters about any special needs.

Want more information about what's happening at St. Paul? We generally send out emails once or twice weekly, and we circulate the *Epistle*, our church newsletter, once a month. 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)
- 9:30 **Fellowship Breakfast** (Huiet Hall)
- 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 (does not meet 2nd Wednesday)** [Sherri.Scott@ihg.com] and **Little Angels Preschool Choir** [(404) 627-6756 or lauraandtalley@mindspring.com]
- 6-6:45pm **Fellowship Supper** [\$6/adults, \$3/children 4-10, under 4 free. Reservations by Tuesday morning to stpaulgrantpark@earthlink.net or 404-688-7501.] Menu for January 14: chicken chili, cornbread, salad, chocolate cake.
- 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 **Worship First Praise Team Contemporary Choir**
- 6:45-7:45pm **Book Discussion Group** [susan@stpaulgrantpark.org]
- 7 pm **Companions in Christ: The Way** (spiritual formation study) [tdavis280@aol.com]
- 7:30pm **Chancel Choir**