

# St. Paul United Methodist Church

*A Good Neighbor*

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**Second Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Human Relations Sunday**  
**January 18, 2009**

# *The Worship of God*

## Gathering

**10:55 am Worship Begins**

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship**

Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
**try me and know my thoughts.**

[Psalm 139:23]

**\*Hymn**

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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### **Greeting and Announcements**

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 the Rev. Laura Rappold to our pulpit. Laura holds a Masters in Divinity Degree from the Candler School of Theology, and she was ordained a Deacon in Full Connection in 2007. She directs the After School program for middle school students at the Atlanta Girls School, and serves St. Paul as Deacon in Residence.

### **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**

**Morning Prayer**

Jenny Stevens

**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**

*Open My Eyes That I May See*

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## The Word Read and Shared

### \*Gospel Lesson

John 1:43-51

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

*Ain't a That Good News*

Chancel Choir

### Sermon

Laura Rappold

## Responding to the Word

### Reception of Meredith Ragains into Membership

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

### Musical Offering

*Here I Am, Lord*

**\*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

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

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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: Rev. Laura Rappold

Liturgist: Talley Wells

Children's Time: Bryan Russell

Altar Guild: Langston Daniels

Acolytes: David and Spencer Scott

Sound Team: Tom Sweeny and Langston Daniels

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

Nursery: Bryan Russell, Angela Russell, Patres Hillis

**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](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)
- 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 (does not meet 2nd or 4th Wednesday)** [[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** [\$6/adults, \$3/children 4-10, under 4 free. Reservations by Tuesday morning to [stpaulgrantpark@earthlink.net](mailto:stpaulgrantpark@earthlink.net) or 404-688-7501. ] Menu for January 21: Tortilla pie, salad, flan.
- 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 **Worship First Praise Team** Contemporary Choir
- 6:45-7:45pm **Book Discussion Group** [[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**