

St. Paul United Methodist Church

A Good Neighbor

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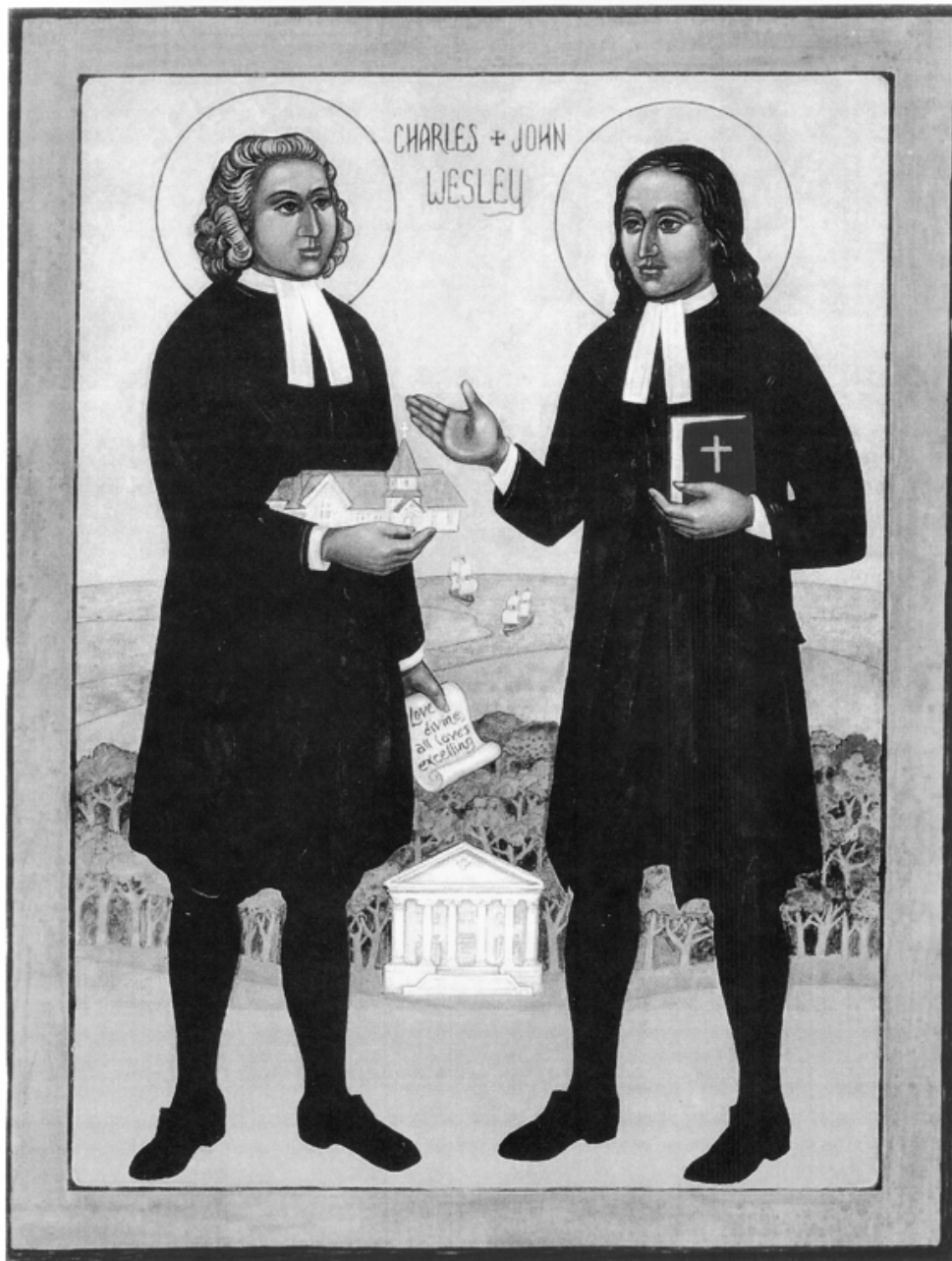
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**Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 30, 2009**

The Worship of God

Gathering

10:55 am Worship Begins

Prelude

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 51):

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

***Hymn**

This Little Light of Mine

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Greeting and Announcements

Confession

Dearly beloved sisters and brothers, the Scriptures move us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness and that we should not dissemble or cloak them before the face of Almighty God; but confess them with a humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by God's infinite goodness and mercy. Therefore I pray and ask you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying with me:

Almighty and most merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to your promises declared unto humankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful God, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life; to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Absolution

O Lord, we ask you, absolve your people from their offenses; that through your bountiful goodness we may be delivered from the bands of those sins which by our frailty we have committed. Grant this, O God, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Savior.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Children's Time

(...after which children are invited to return to their seats or go upstairs 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 the service.)

*Passing of the Peace

Act of Praise

- Lord, open our lips,
And we shall declare your praise.
- God, make speed to save us;
- **Lord, make haste to help us.**

Psalter

Psalm 30

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The Word Read and Shared

First Lesson

Acts 9: 1-20

Response

○ be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before God's presence with a song.

Be sure that the Lord is God; it is God that has made us, and not we ourselves; we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

○, go your way into God's gates with thanksgiving, and into God's courts with praise; be thankful unto God, and speak good of God's holy name.

For the Lord is gracious, God's mercy is everlasting: and God's truth endures from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Second Lesson

Revelation 5: 11-14

*Hymn

God Is Here

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*The Gospel

John 21: 15-17

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Homily

Rev. Susan Allen Grady

Responding to the Word

Anthem

Chancel Choir

United Methodist Witness

Jen Heald

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

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Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with your spirit.

Let us pray:

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

O God, the creator and preserver of all humankind, we humbly ask you for all sorts and conditions of humanity, that you would be pleased to make your ways known to us, your saving health unto all nations. More specifically we pray for the good estate of the world-wide Church; that it may be so guided and governed by your good Spirit that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of Spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to your goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate...

[Members of the Congregation may speak their prayers aloud here.]

...that it may please you to comfort and receive them according to their needs; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions; and this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Musical Offering

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Praise God, the Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

We Depart to Love and Serve

*Hymn

Savior Like a Shepherd

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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. Today's order of service is fashioned after what John Wesley sent to the American colonies in *Sunday Service 1784*. We pray God's blessing upon you this morning and are pleased you chose to worship here today. If you are here for the first time, 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 Pastor, Rev. Susan Allen Grady, our Deacon, Rev. Laura Rappold, or our Family Life Minister, Douglas Hollis. **Welcome!**

MINISTERS OF WORSHIP AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Presider: Rev. Susan Allen Grady

Liturgist: Larry Johnson

Children's Time: Laura Wells

Altar Guild: David Scott/Bill Ericson

Acolytes: Bryan and Telia Garner

Sound Team: John Peterson/Langston Daniels

Ushers: Head Usher - Marc Gown; Robin South; Jim Mason; Louis Lindic

Nursery: Don Wallace, Rebecca Wallace, Greg Bley

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)
- 10am **Sunday School** (all ages)
- 10:55am **Morning Worship** (traditional service)
- 12-ish **Coffee, Cookies and Conversation** (Chester Commons following the service)

Every Wednesday:

- 6:00-6:30 **Children's Choirs** (beginning Wednesday September 9th)
- 6:30pm **Wednesday Night Supper** (beginning Wednesday, September 9th)
- 6:30-8pm **Disciples of the Trinity Youth Group** [seedoug@hotmail.com]
- 7:30pm **Chancel Choir**

Every Thursday:

- 6:45-7:30pm **Worship First Praise Team Contemporary Choir**