

St. Paul United Methodist Church

A Good Neighbor

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 30, 2011

The Worship of God

Gathering

10:55 am Worship Begins

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Let us return to our proper place in God's household;

Let us begin our journey home.

There is more light in God than darkness in us;

There is more forgiveness in God than sin in us;

Thanks be for God's extravagance,

And for coming to know our limits.

[from Brian Goodins, www.united-church.ca]

***Hymn**

This Is the Day

#657

***Passing of the Peace**

***Gathering Chorus**

Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the Potter, I am the clay;

Mold me and make me, this is what I pray

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.

***The Apostles Creed**

#881

The Word Read and Shared

***Gospel Reading**

Luke 15:11-16

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Celebration of Our Children (*after which children are invited to return to their seats or go upstairs for **Loving Childcare: Arts & Crafts** 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.*)

***Hymn**

How Firm a Foundation

#529

Sermon

Rev. Susan Allen Grady

Enough: Wisdom and Finance

My Life and Financial Goals Worksheet

How would you define or describe your life purpose?

What are three goals that can help you to achieve this life purpose?

What are some financial goals that can help to support your life goals and purpose?

Short-term financial goals (next 12 months):

1.

2.

Mid-range financial goals (2–5 years):

1.

2.

Long-term financial goals (5 years to retirement):

1.

2.

Basic Budget Worksheet

<u>Item</u>	<u>Actual %</u>	<u>Suggested %*</u>	<u>Plan: next 12 months</u>
Housing		25–35%	_____
Transportation		10–15%	_____
Charitable Gifts		10–12%	_____
Food		5–15%	_____
Saving		5–10%	_____
Utilities		5–10%	_____
Medical/Health		5–10%	_____
Debt		5–10%	_____
Clothing		2–7%	_____
Miscellaneous		12–23%	_____

*These percentages are adapted from Dave Ramsey’s *The Total Money Makeover* (Thomas Nelson, 2007).

Six Key Financial Principles

Today in worship we are looking closely at biblical principles of money management and learning how they apply to our daily lives. We are reviewing some common pitfalls and cultural traps and discovering how to avoid them. We also are giving out a reminder of the Six Key Financial Principles. We hope you will take time this week to read these principles and Scriptures. They will make a great table devotional for you and your family. By practicing these biblical principles, all of us can find greater simplicity, contentment, generosity, and joy for our lives.

Responding to the Word

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 Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Musical Offering

Amazing Grace

Chancel Choir

***The Doxology**

#95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Praise God on high, ye heavenly host!
Praise God the Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We Depart to Love and Serve

***Hymn**

Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace

#668

***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 Pastor, Rev. Susan Allen Grady, our Deacon, Rev. Laura Rappold, after the service. **Welcome. Welcome. Welcome!!!**

WORSHIP LEADERS AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Presider: Rev. Susan Allen Grady

Liturgist: Rebecca Wallace

Children's Time: Alvin Lingenfelter

Sound Board: Bill Ericson and Langston Daniels

Acolytes: Bryan and Joel Garner

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Ushers: Head Usher - Marc Gown; Robin South; Bill Ericson

Loving Childcare (Craft Sunday): Talley and Laura Wells, Richard Quartarone,
Nancy Tanksley and Dave Erwin

Nursery: Camile Tanksley

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Sherri Scott

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 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:

- 10am **Sunday School** (all ages)
- 8:45am **Worship First** (casual, contemporary service)
- 10:55am **Morning Worship** (traditional service)
- 12-ish **Hospitality:** Covered Dish Fellowship Lunch (Huiet Hall, First Sundays)

Every Wednesday (September-May):

- 5:30 pm **Children's Choirs** (r_rq@yahoo.com, lmwells2009@comcast.net)
- 6 pm **Wednesday night supper (1st and 3rd Wednesdays)**
- 6-8:30 **Youth Group** (alingenfelter@lagrange.edu)
- 7 pm **Chancel Choir** (kevinhowardhill@gmail.com)