

St. Paul United Methodist Church

A Good Neighbor

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Celebration

John August Swanson

January 25, 2014
Third Sunday after Epiphany



The Worship of God

Gathering

11 am Worship Begins

Prelude *Prelude on CWM Rhonda* Manz

***Call to Worship**

Jesus has called us to leave our comfortable ways and venture forward with him.

Lord Jesus, we are so often afraid, it is easier for us to remain bound to our habits.

Jesus knows your fears and offers you healing.

Lord Jesus, Open our hearts and teach us your ways. .

[www.ministrymatters.com]

***Hymn** *God of Grace and God of Glory* UMH 577

Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles Creed* UMH 881

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.

The Word Read and Shared

Psalm 62:5-12 UMH 787

Scripture Lesson Ephesians 4:1-16

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Celebration of our Children

Children's Offering

Hymn

The Summons

TFWS 2103

Sermon

Rev. Ellen Hopkins

Responding to the Word

Installation of Church Council

**The Pastor's Charge
to All St. Paul United Methodist Church 2015 Officers:**

Dear friends: *You have been called by God and chosen by the people of God for leadership in the church. This is a blessing and a serious responsibility. It recognizes your special gifts and calls you to work among us and for us. In love we thank you for accepting your obligation and challenge you to offer your best to the Lord, to God's people, and to our ministry in the world. Live a life in Christ and make him known in your witness and your work.*

Pastor: Today we will install the following 2015 officers of the church:
(Names will be called by the pastor)

Pastor: Do you on this day acknowledge that you are a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ?

Response: *I do.*

Pastor: Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world and to St. Paul United Methodist Church?

Response: *I will.*

Pastor: Will you live to enable this church to be a people of love and peace?

Response: *I will.*

Pastor: Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been chosen?

Response: *I will. (cont'd)*

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these your servants who have been given particular ministries in your church. Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service. Keep before them the example of our Lord, who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all. Let them share his ministry and consecration that they may enter into his joy. Guide them in their work. Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge that through them your purposes are accomplished, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

To the Congregation:

Let us rejoice that God provided laborers for the vineyard. Will you do all you can to assist and encourage them in the responsibilities to which they have been called, giving them your cooperation, your counsel, and your prayers?

Response: *We will.*

Call to Prayer *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer Joe Riddle

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 *I Will Arise* Chancel Choir

***The Doxology** UMH 95

**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

Announcements

***Hymn**

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

UMH 438

***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.

WORSHIP LEADERS AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Presider: Rev. Ellen Hopkins

Liturgist: Ashley Waite

Children's Time: Bryan Russell

Sound Board: Baedrian Cline

Acolytes: Quinn and Clay Elrod

Ushers: Eddie Hardy (head usher), Bryan Russell, Robin South

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Loving Childcare: TBD

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Sonia Fuller

Counters: Ron Rezendes and Michael Solberg

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. Ellen Hopkins, after the service. **Welcome. Welcome. Welcome!!!**

Want more information about what's happening at St. Paul? We generally send out emails weekly. 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 with Holy Communion)
- 11am **Morning Worship** (traditional service)
- 12-ish **Hospitality:** Coffee, Cookies and Conversation (Chester Commons, most Sundays)

Every Wednesday:

- 7:00pm **Chancel Choir** [kevinhowardhill@gmail.com]

Youth Group Variable schedule. Contact Ashley Waite (waite.ashley@gmail.com) to be placed on her contact list.

Nursery is available for infants and toddlers on the 3rd floor of the education building prior to and during the worship service. After the Children's Sermon, children under kindergarten age may go up to child care in the gym on the third floor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH

2015 CHURCH COUNCIL will be installed during 11 am Morning Worship this Sunday.

SPOT Interested in an informal Bible study? Join us for St. Paul on Tap on Monday nights in January & February. Open to all ages! **Meeting Dates: Jan 19, Jan 26, Feb 9, and Feb 23.** Usual meeting place is Vickery's. On February 9th we are going to meet at the Chick-Fil-a Dwarf House in Hapeville!! The address is 461 North Central Avenue. See you there! Contact Ashley at waite.ashley@gmail.com for more info.

ST. PAUL YOUTH GROUP Below is the youth schedule for January & February. Open to all middle and high school students!

Sunday, Jan 25: **4:30 to 6pm**

Sunday, Feb 1: **4:30 to 6pm - Indoor Flag Football Pregame for Super Bowl!**

Sunday, Feb 8: **6:00 to 7:30pm**

Sunday, Feb 15: **4:30 to 6pm**

Sunday, Feb 22: **6:30 to 8:00pm - Supper @ Grant Central (Bring \$7)**

WELCOME TO THE WORLD Caelan Royce Watson, born Saturday, January 10th weighing 7 pounds and 10 ounces. Congratulations to his uncle Corbin McKinnon, his grandparents Bill McKinnon and Beth Allgood-Justice, and of course his parents, Camerin and Sean Watson.

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY will be celebrated at St. Paul on February 8th. Leaders and members of Troup 150 and their families are invited to attend 11 am Morning Worship and will be recognized during that service.

BASKETBALL SUNDAY is February 22nd. All St. Paul Basketball players, coaches and their families are invited to wear their uniforms and attend 11 am Morning Worship on that Sunday and will be recognized during the service.

THE 23RD ANNUAL GREAT DAY OF SERVICE is March 21st. Volunteers from Peachtree Road UMC will work with St. Paulers to perform various repair, maintenance and cleaning tasks at our church. We need your help to take full advantage of these dedicated laborers. A list of projects is forthcoming. To say you will help, contact marcusmerritt@comcast.net.

ATLANTA'S CHORAL EVENT OF THE SEASON! 5 choruses will celebrate 30 years of dedication to the choral arts by Dr. William Baker. The William Baker Festival Singers of Atlanta and Kansas City, the Lynn Swanson Festival Singers, the Dekalb Choral Guild, and the Gwinnett Young Singers will give two performances: Saturday, February 21st, 7 pm at St. John United Methodist Church (550 Mount Paran Road, Atlanta) and Sunday, February 22nd, 3 pm at Grace United Methodist Church (458 Ponce de Leon Ave, Atlanta). Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors 65 and older, under 12 free. A reception in the St. John Fellowship hall honoring Dr. Baker's retirement will follow the Saturday performance. Tickets are available at the door or online at www.FestivalSingers.org, or see Candace Dixon or Leslie Truman to take advantage of a \$5 discount available when you buy your tickets from Festival members.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *Gracie and Tom Gazaway (Tom's pending surgery rescheduled for Monday)

CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU? We would like to hear from you if there are any people in your lives struggling with faith, finances, health or relationships for whom St. Paul can pray.

CAMP SPARC! REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Camp Sessions: 8 Sessions weekly between 6/1/2015 through 7/31/2015

*There will be no camp for the week of June 29th in observance of the July 4th Holiday.

Camp Schedule

Camp Hours 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Free Extended Care from 8:00 AM-9:00 AM & 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Your child can attend camp from 8:00 AM-6:00 PM each day without additional charges.

Age Groups: Camp SPARC! is for children who are age 6-12. Youngest Children must turn 6 by June 1, 2015. Oldest children must not exceed age 12 as of June 1, 2015.

Themes

Week 1 June 1-5	*VBS/Flag Football & Cartooning
Week 2 June 8-12	*Glisson Grow Day Camp- Visit here for more info: http://growdaycamps.org/
Week 3 June 15-19	Basketball & Painting
Week 4 June 22-26	Kickball & Engineering for Kids
Closed June 29-July 3	Closed for July 4th Holiday
Week 5 July 6-10	Tennis & Film Making
Week 6 July 13-17	*Soccer & Music
Week 7 July 20-24	* **Community Action Week
Week 8 July 27-31	Pottery & Bike Week

***These weeks will include Christian themed programming.**

****Community Action Week campers will take field trips to learn ways they can volunteer in their Communities and become strong citizens. Campers will also have the opportunity to plan and implement their own projects. Examples prior visits include a trip to Habitat for Humanity, Emmaeus House Homeless Center, Atlanta Tool Bank, Trees Atlanta, Oakland Cemetery, & an Interactive Community presentation by the Atlanta Preservation Society.**

Registration and Payment Policies

Early Bird Registration: January 7, 2015 – February 28, 2015

Cost of Camp per Week: \$220 (\$20 Additional Discount for St. Paul UMC Members anytime. Use discount code stpaul2015.)

Regular Registration: March 1, 2015 – August 1, 2015

Cost of Camp per Week: \$250 (\$20 Additional Discount for St. Paul UMC Members anytime. Use discount code stpaul2015)

1. All registrations will be taken online via our Registration Link at www.StPaulRec.com. Each child must be registered separately and payments are due via credit card at the time of registration or the registration will not be valid.
2. If you would like to request a payment plan, please contact Recreation@StPaulGrantPark.org with your payment plan request & we will contact you with arrangements.
3. For assistance during the registration process, please email Recreation@StPaulGrantPark.org.