St. Paul UMC

Mission

St. Paul - A Good Neighbor

Description

St. Paul UMC is a diverse congregation and community gathering place nestled in the heart of one of Atlanta’s oldest neighborhoods - Grant Park. For over 100 years, St. Paul has stood at the corner of Grant and Sydney Streets providing a place of beauty and respite in a busy world. As a UMC, we are proud to be a congregation with open hearts, open minds and open doors. Unique even in the North Georgia Conference of the UMC, St. Paul is a member of the Reconciling Ministries Network, a national network which seeks to create a space at the table for all God’s children. To put it simply, we strive to be a true neighborhood church, reflective of the people and things around us. We welcome you to worship with us and come meet your neighbor.

Unique Opportunities in Ministry

As a relatively small church with a limited staff, we offer the opportunity for con ed students to be very involved in worship on a weekly basis, and to be intimately connected with the congregation. We also offer the opportunity for involvement with a progressive and social justice minded congregation.

Site Details

Outreach
Our primary missional program is the Good Neighbor Program in which we offer home repair to neighbors in need. We are also involved with other community ministries such as St. John the Wonderworker meal program, and Wilderness Works, and City Camp. We also have a very active ministry called the St. Paul Arts and Recreation Community, in which we offer recreation, art and music programs. We have a day camp program for children in the summer.

Meeting the Five Areas of Ministry

Administration:
Attend committee meetings, participate in budget preparation; participate in the annual church council and worship retreats.

Liturgy (Worship and Preaching):
Participate weekly in worship, as liturgist, prayer, communion server, etc. Opportunity to preach on a rotating basis with senior pastor, doing either a traditional sermon, or leading WorshipFirst (our early service) with a dialogue sermon.

Mission and Outreach:
Can work with the Good Neighbor Program and other programs in which congregation is involved.

Pastoral Calling and Congregational Care:
Can visit with homebound congregants, and do hospital visits as needed.

**Religious Education:**
Can teach a session with children, youth or adult Sunday School; can lead a short term Christian Ed group, such as Advent or Lenten study, and other Bible Studies.

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<th>United Methodist</th>
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<td>Location Type</td>
<td>Urban</td>
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<td>Worship Attendance</td>
<td>average 100</td>
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<td>Worship Times</td>
<td>Sundays, 8:45 and 11 am.</td>
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<td>Weekly Schedule</td>
<td>St. Paul offers two services each Sunday. Worship First is at 8:45 a.m. in a casual and intimate setting, held in the side sanctuary known as Chester Commons and offering Holy Communion every Sunday. Our 11:00 a.m. service is in the sanctuary and is more traditional. The traditional service offers Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month. Additionally, St. Paul hosts special services aligned with the traditional Christian calendar such as Ash Wednesday, Holy Week and Easter and Christmas services. Christian education opportunities are held weekly and monthly and include Adult Sunday School, Children's Sunday School, UMYF (youth), SPOT (St. Paul on Tap), Men's Club, and the Gay Men's Bible Study. We also offer a variety of short term classes and events as well.</td>
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<td>Stipend?</td>
<td>Not at this time.</td>
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<td>Distance from Candler</td>
<td>Six miles</td>
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<td>Accessible to persons with disabilities?</td>
<td>Yes; handicapped entrances and elevator; handicapped accessible bathrooms; handicapped parking. Accessible chancel, but limited access to pulpit.</td>
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<td>Accessible via public transportation?</td>
<td>.8 mile from MLK Marta station</td>
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<td>Can women be ordained?</td>
<td>yes</td>
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<td>What role do women play in leadership?</td>
<td>Senior pastor is female. Women serve on all committees of the church.</td>
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**Contact**

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**Additional Comments:**
This church has a long history of involvement with Candler and the Con Ed program. Students are welcomed here and become integral parts of the parish.