



As a kid I spent a couple of weeks each summer at the New Jersey shore and spent endless hours body surfing. There is something exhilarating about merging with the power of a wave and allowing it to propel you forward.

A few years ago I tried sailing for the first time in Upper Michigan. What a thrill it was to feel the wind fill the sail, nearly lifting the boat out of the water. At times I had to lean over one side so that the power of that wind didn't capsize us.

Lately I've been feeling something similar at Prince of Peace. There is a wave of God's presence moving us, a fresh breeze of the Holy Spirit blowing in our midst. It's exhilarating, thrilling to sense God moving us into the future. Can you feel it too?

Each of us and all of us together have been **ble**ssed to be a **ble**ssing.

I'm so grateful to be a part of the journey that God is leading us on and that gratitude moves me to generosity, returning to God some of what God has placed in my care, investing into the future of God's Church.

How about you? Do you sense the movement of God in your life and in our life together? Allow your gratitude to be boldly, generously, joyfully expressed in generosity.

God has invested in us, so that we might invest into God's work here at Prince of Peace and beyond. So pray. Listen. Catch the wave of God's movement. Let the Holy Spirit fill the sails of your life. And then respond as God moves you.

Thanks for your partnership in ministry.

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## Blessed to be a Blessing

Moving *Upward*, *Inward* and *Outward* at Prince of Peace



*“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.” – 2 Corinthians 9:8*

## WHERE GOD IS LEADING US:



**UPWARD with God** – deepening our love for God through inspiring worship and a vibrant devotional life.

By focusing upward we'll discover the power, wisdom and direction we'll need to follow God into the future. By pouring ourselves out in praise of God each and every weekend (and many times throughout the week) we'll discover the great paradox of faith: that in pouring ourselves out we discover the fullness we seek!

Have you sensed a fresh wind of the Spirit in worship lately? Great music, powerful preaching, drama, adult and children's choirs are just a few of the gifts that make this a great place to worship. There's no better place to be on a weekend than right here at Prince of Peace as together we inhale the majesty of God and exhale God's praise.

Worship breathes life into us. The same is true of daily devotion. Engaging with God through Scripture, prayer and other spiritual disciplines helps us to grow in love for God and neighbor, maturing us as disciples of Jesus Christ.

*"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture." – Psalm 100:1-3*

### Upward... How do we respond?

- **Make weekly worship a priority and invite a friend.** Worship times are listed at [www.princeofpeaceonline.org](http://www.princeofpeaceonline.org).
- **Use the DailyWalk for your daily devotions.** Download the DailyWalk at [www.princeofpeaceonline.org](http://www.princeofpeaceonline.org).



**INWARD through Community** – deepening our love for our family of faith, especially through small group community.

Life can be tough and the problems we face can seem overwhelming at times. We need the love and support of Christian community in the body of Christ.

Spiritual care, small groups, support groups, healing prayer, Vital Aging Ministry and Mission Outpost are just a few of the many ways in which disciples at Prince of Peace are receiving the support they need.

Wonderful testimonies are shared every week about the ways in which God cares for disciples here at Prince of Peace through the ministries of this community.

*In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." – Luke 3:11*

### Inward... How do we respond?

- **Get into a small group.** For more information and to sign up visit [www.princeofpeaceonline.org/small\\_groups](http://www.princeofpeaceonline.org/small_groups).
- **Participate in a support group or connect with a lay minister.** Contact Pastor Claire at 952-898-9312 for more information.
- **Join us for our sermon series, Making Sense of Scripture** from October 1 through November 20.



**OUTWARD for the World** – deepening our love for neighbor through service and generosity.

God is working through us to change lives around the world in mission trips to Africa, the Dominican Republic, and Colorado, as well as through Feed My Starving Children.

God is working through us to change lives around the Twin Cities through Sharing and Caring Hands, ServeCity, and our partnership with Urban Ventures.

And God is working through us in our own community to change lives at Echo Park Elementary School and through our expanded Mission Outpost and partnership with the Salvation Army.

What a remarkable gift it is to be used by God to profoundly and positively impact the lives of others. Consider what this means in light of Jesus' words in Matthew 25:40:

*"Whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

### Outward... How do we respond?

- **Find a place to serve at Prince of Peace or in the community.** Sign up to volunteer at [www.princeofpeaceonline.org/volunteer](http://www.princeofpeaceonline.org/volunteer).
- **Give generously and regularly to those things that touch your heart.** Visit [www.princeofpeaceonline.org/online\\_giving](http://www.princeofpeaceonline.org/online_giving) for information about ways to give at Prince of Peace.