

January 21, 2018

No matter who you are,  
No matter where you are  
On life's journey,  
You are welcome here.

***Please silence cell phones.***

*Bibles for use during worship are available at each entrance to the Sanctuary.*

THOUGHTS FOR PREPARATION

"There is nothing more harmful for your soul than to hold back and not get moving."

- Soren Kierkegaard

"It's stupid and lovely to rush into YES."

- Muriel Rukeyser

PRELUDE

*Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten  
Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier*  
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

R. Thompson

INTROIT

*O Radiant Christ*  
Chancel Choir

Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr.

WELCOME

Sarah Garcia

\*WELCOMING EACH OTHER

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to God with fears about our jobs, our families and the future.

***All: Follow me, says Jesus, and I will help you bear the load.***

One: We come to Christ all weariness, trying to be all things to all people.

***All: Follow me, says Jesus, and I will give you rest and focus.***

One: We come to church full of regret and self-recrimination, past sins echoing.

***All: Follow me, says, Jesus and I will set you free.***

*\*Please stand if you are able*

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come,  
Come to trust at every turning, Christ will guide me safely home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God,  
Came to rescue me from danger, blessed body, precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive our good intentions Lord,  
our pious, half-baked promises.  
Forgive us when we say "yes" to you,  
sticky fingers crossed behind our backs,  
pretending you don't see right through us.**

**Stop us from making promises  
and then feeling good,  
as if a promise were an action.  
Give us the faith to act.  
Let our yes to you be real.**

**If that is not possible  
give us the honesty to say "No"  
and the wisdom to  
cry out for your mercy.  
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

*Softly and Tenderly*

Black Hymnal, No. 449, v. 1-2

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;  
See at the portals Christ waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.  
Come home, come home, All who are weary, come home;  
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not God's mercies, mercies for you and for me?  
Come home, come home, All who are weary, come home;  
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling, "O sinner, come home!"

ANTHEM

*O Happy Day*  
St. Arbucks Trio

arr. Edwin Hawkins

THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THIS DAY

Gregg Taylor

Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

\*A STATEMENT OF FAITH

**We believe in God who has created and is creating,  
who has come to us in Jesus Christ to reconcile and make us new,  
who works in us and others by the Holy Spirit.**

**We trust God. God calls us to be the Church,  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to care for creation,  
to seek justice and to resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.  
In life and death, in life beyond death, God is with us.  
We are not alone. Thanks be to God!**

\*RESPONSE                      *Softly and Tenderly*                      Black Hymnal, No. 449, v. 3-4

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, passing from you and from me;  
Shadows are gathering, death-beds are coming, coming for you and for me.  
Come home, come home, All who are weary, come home;  
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling, "O sinner, come home!"

O for the wonderful love Jesus promised, promised for you and for me  
Though we have sinned Jesus offers us pardon, pardon for you and for me.  
Come home, come home, All who are weary, come home;  
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling, "O sinner, come home!"

SERMON                      "It's like a tap-dance or a new pink dress"                      Matt Fitzgerald

\*HYMN                      *Just as I Am*                      Black Hymnal, No. 207, v. 2,3-4

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, you will receive, will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because your promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, your love unknown has broken every barrier down;  
Now to be yours, and yours alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

OFFERTORY                      *Alleluia*                      Randall Thompson  
Chancel Choir

\*FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts,  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Jeff Carlson

THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN

*Jesus Calls Us, O'er The Tumult*

Black Hymnal, No. 172

Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;  
Day by day that voice still calls us, saying, "Christian, follow me."

As of old, Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,  
Turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship of the treasures we adore,  
From each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
Jesus calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call,  
Give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Amen, amen, amen*

POSTLUDE

*Prelude in G, BWV 568*  
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

J. S. Bach

***Following Worship, all are invited to join us for coffee and snacks  
in the Social Hall.***

"Yes" by Muriel Rukeyser

It's like a tap-dance  
Or a new pink dress,  
A sh\*t-naive feeling  
Saying Yes.

Some say Good morning  
Some say God bless -  
Some say Possibly  
Some say Yes.

Some say Never  
Some say Unless  
It's stupid and lovely  
To rush into Yes.

What can it mean?  
It's just like life,  
One thing to you  
One to your wife.

Some go local  
Some go express  
Some can't wait  
To answer Yes.

Some complain  
Of strain and stress  
The answer may be  
No for Yes.

Some like failure  
Some like success  
Some like Yes Yes  
Yes Yes Yes.

Open your eyes,  
Dream but don't guess.  
Your biggest surprise  
Comes after Yes.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

**Head Usher:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** Fred Pearson, Brian Haffner, Lauren Vega, Layne Lebahn

**Head Greeter:** Greg Mooney

**Gatekeeper:** Dodd Brown

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are from Larry Simpson in memory of Edward Zasadil.

BORN THIS WEEK IN JANUARY

**Donations to the Birthday Fund support A Just Harvest**

*We celebrate and give thanks for your life at St. Pauls. A perfect way to celebrate and help St. Pauls: give one dollar for each year of your life to our Birthday Fund.*

Jan. 21 Ann Carstensen, Joe Hinton, Summer Abraham

Jan. 23 Dan Abercrombie

Jan. 24 Kelly Martin

Jan. 25 Michael Sanders

Jan. 26 Charles May, Harrison Rogers

Jan. 27 Lorne Frank

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**Worship on Sunday, February 4th is at 11 a.m. for Bible Story Theatre**

**The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on March 4th immediately following our 10 a.m. worship. Please plan to attend.**

***New Giving Option - Text: 773-825-6816***

You can now text your offering to 773-825-6816. The Vanco-based system will ask you to enter your dollar amount (example: 100 -- no dollar sign needed). You'll then be sent a link. Click on the link to complete your gift and receive a receipt. Thank you for your generous support of St. Pauls!

**TODAY**

**BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS January 21 at 9 a.m. in the Parlor**

If you have a child that you want to have baptized, come to this 45-minute class. Infants are welcome to attend. Come learn how to schedule a baptism, how to get your child ready, what godparents actually are and what it all means for you and your little one. Contact Pastor Matt to register at [mfitzgerald@spucc.org](mailto:mfitzgerald@spucc.org)

**BIBLE STORY THEATRE WORKSHOPS** take place instead of Church School for the month of January. Children in Jr. Kindergarten through high school embrace the creative process bringing Bible stories to life through drama, music and dance. BST Workshops with the Church School are Sunday mornings from 10-11:30 a.m. on January 21 and 28. BST performance Sunday is February 4 at 11 a.m.

**BIBLE STORY THEATRE NEEDS GROWNUPS TOO!** Whatever your gifts and skills, there is a role for you in the creative process of developing BST 2018. Contact Sharon Phillips TODAY and let her know how you'd like to participate. Email: [sphillips.7340@gmail.com](mailto:sphillips.7340@gmail.com) Mobile: 773-547-1943.

**WHY BAPTISM? THE BIG IDEAS. 11:15 a.m. Parlor.** Baptism is central to Christianity but raises many questions. What does baptism mean, especially in a UCC context? Do you have to be baptized to be saved? This Adult Faith Formation is for everyone who has questions about this sacrament, so bring yours. Led by Gregg Taylor.

**BECOME A SAINT PAULS MEMBER!** Do you enjoy interesting people? Do you like to eat? Are you curious about God? Join Saint Pauls! Our new membership classes take place on Sunday, January 21 and 28 at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel and the Parlor. Contact Pastor Matt to register at [mfitzgerald@spucc.org](mailto:mfitzgerald@spucc.org)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MAKE YOUR “GIVING ODDLY” COMMITMENT SOON AND AVOID THE PHONE-A-THON!** For those who have yet to submit your 2018 St. Pauls giving intentions, we ask you to avoid the dreaded upcoming reminder phone calls (you know, those ones that none of us really wants to make!) by completing a giving card from the pew rack/church office or going online to [SPUCC.org](http://SPUCC.org) and clicking on “GIVE” at the top of the home page. We welcome any gifts of time, talent, and/or treasure and want every household to be counted. Thank you in advance for your generous support of St. Pauls in 2018!

**ST. PAULS NOMINATING COMMITTEE** is presently working to identify and nominate members of St. Pauls who wish to serve on our Church Council. Open 2018 Council positions include: Vice President (2 year term), Treasurer (2 year term), Giving Committee Chair (3 year term), Outreach & Benevolence Committee Chair (3 year term), Faith Formation Committee Chair (3 year term), Youth and Children’s Ministry Committee Chair (3 year term), and 1 At-Large Council Member position (3 year term). If you are interested in serving on St. Pauls Church Council or have questions regarding the responsibilities related to certain Council positions, please contact one of the following Nominating Committee members: Lois Basil, Allen Heinemann and Emma Peterson. The first meeting of the Nominating Committee is scheduled for January 28, 2018. You may also contact current Council President, Karen Johnson or Pastor Matt Fitzgerald.

**ONE WORSHIP SERVICE REVIEW.** Just before we moved to one worship service last September, we agreed to review feedback and sentiment about this change in January of 2018. The Worship Committee met in December and determined that four months may not be enough time to adequately reflect on this decision. The Council will be reviewing any feedback about this change in their January 22, 2018 meeting. Please also consider sending your comments to my attention, Karen Johnson, Council/Congregation President, at [kejplano@aol.com](mailto:kejplano@aol.com). Thank you in advance for your thoughts.

**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE** - From January 16 through Wednesday, January 24, Orchard Street will have only one lane of traffic open. No parking signs have been posted. We will continue to update you with information about the construction as we receive it. You can also visit [LincolnCommon.com](http://LincolnCommon.com) for project details. Thank you for your patience.

**SUPPORT OUR HAITI TRIP** Eight St. Pauls Adults will be working with Three Angels Orphanage and School in Port-au-Prince, Haiti Feb 17-24. They’ll be working

in the clinic and installing a new water system. If you'd like to help show your support for Haiti you can donate to their work project with a designated check in the offering or on the donations page on our website using "Haiti Mission Trip Fund" in the dropdown menu. More information: [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

**SUNDAYS 9-9:45 a.m. Parlor.** - THE WORD OF THE DAY - God is still speaking, and the primary way God speaks to us is through scripture. In this class, we take a dive into the Bible passages that our pastors will preach on, because reflecting on scripture with a group enriches our worship and understanding. No Bible experience necessary. Your questions are welcome. Childcare is provided.

**JANUARY 26** - YOUNG ADULTS GAME NIGHT - 7 p.m. Scott and Shannon Banjavics' Home. Join the Young Adults Group for the fifth Winter Game Night! Bring your favorite game, a beverage to share, and \$10 to chip in for pizza. Wine Night will move to March. Please RSVP to the Punchbowl invitation.

**JANUARY 27** - BIBLE STUDY: EZEKIEL. One of the strangest books of the Bible is oddly encouraging; this month we enter the Valley of Dry Bones as the prophet speaks a word of new life to people whose hope is all dried up. 10-11:45 a.m. Newcomers welcome. RSVP Pastor Jeff: [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org)

**FEBRUARY 4** - BIBLE STORY THEATRE SUNDAY, 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary. Come join this year's exploration of the Bible with our St. Pauls children and young people as we work together to bring the scripture from the page to the stage.

**FEBRUARY 4** - SUPER BOWL BAKE SALE, 11:30 a.m. Gym. To support the youth mission trip to do hurricane relief work in Puerto Rico.

**FEBRUARY 7** - CHRISTIANITY 101, 7:30 p.m. Parlor. Join Pastor Jeff and young adults for a lively discussion of the real-life questions we face in our daily lives. There is no need to prepare in advance. Please contact Hannah Basil at [youngadults@spucc.org](mailto:youngadults@spucc.org) with questions and to RSVP.

**FEBRUARY 7** - FIRST WEDNESDAY, 12-1:30 p.m. Parlor. Join Rev. Neil Ellingson, co-founder of Root and Branch, a church serving mostly young adults in Chicago for a conversation about "the future church and religious innovators." Cost is \$10/person. Please contact Anna Sardar at [asardar@spucc.org](mailto:asardar@spucc.org) with questions and to RSVP.

**FEBRUARY 11** - FAITH AND PUBLIC ISSUES ROUNDTABLE: "A Christian Guide to a New Drug Policy" 11:15 a.m. Parlor. Join the discussion to be led by the Rev. Al

Sharp, Executive Director of Clergy for New Drug Policy. Sign up today at coffee hour or in the upstairs hall.

**FEBRUARY 24 - IMPROV COMEDY NIGHT, 8:30 p.m.** Share a burger and a belly laugh at Young Adults improv night! We'll meet at Big & Little's at 8:30, then walk to ComedySportz for the 10 p.m. show. Tickets are \$25 and both dinner and the show are just off the Belmont Red Line. RSVP to the forthcoming Punchbowl invitation. Email Derek (derekjaydiemer@gmail.com) or AJ ([ajs92780@yahoo.com](mailto:ajs92780@yahoo.com)) with Q's.

**FEBRUARY 25 - WINTER SOUP TASTING, 6:00 p.m.** You're invited to join St. Pauls Social for a Winter Soup Tasting hosted by Jan and Joe Womack, Scott Jones, and Jen Pope. We'll provide several types of soup (including vegetarian fare) and bread; please bring an appetizer, salad, dessert, or beverages to share. Please contact [jenniferEpope@outlook.com](mailto:jenniferEpope@outlook.com) to RSVP and give us a sense of what you might bring. Due to space limitation we can accommodate the first 20 people to RSVP.

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

**JOIN OUR ORCHESTRA** - The St. Pauls Intergenerational Orchestra will perform in worship on Sunday, March 18. This is our 16th season! Orchestra members include junior high and high school students as well as adults of all ages and abilities. We will rehearse after church in the chapel from 11:15 to 12:15 on 2/18, 2/25 and 3/11. If you are interested, please contact our conductor Mark Mosley at 773-732-0625 or [mwmosley@gmail.com](mailto:mwmosley@gmail.com). If you play a string, wind or percussion instrument, please join us as together we "Make a Joyful Sound in the City!"

**ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP** - Providing flowers for the altar is a great way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or honor someone special in your life. A sign-up calendar is located in the Social Hall or you can sign up online at <http://tinyurl.com/h55pl82>. There are many Sundays available but be sure to sign up early so you can bring flowers on your preferred date. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

**AMAZON SMILE** - Use <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2179808> if you would like to support St. Pauls when buying Amazon products. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from eligible purchases to St. Pauls.

**BIBLE STUDY** - Meets one Saturday a month. This in-depth study explores a book of the Bible from start to finish, looking at its original context as well as its meaning for

us as Christians today. No December study. Next Study: January 27. Contact Pastor Jeff at [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org)

**COLLEEN HENRY WRITING CENTER- Tutors Needed**

This program at Lincoln Park High School was initiated by St. Pauls and developed in connection with the English and Social Studies Departments. Tutors volunteer once a week, Monday through Thursday. Training and mentoring are available. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Nancy Brandt, [nhbrandt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nhbrandt@sbcglobal.net)

**CONNECTORS** reach out providing networking and support for members and friends of St. Pauls Membership is open to all who have the time and the inclination to help. Contact Marcia Volk at [marcia@volkonline.com](mailto:marcia@volkonline.com)

**CONSIDER THE LILIES** - Deliver our Sunday Altar Flowers to members and friends who need to know St. Pauls is thinking of them. If you would like to be part of this initiative, please contact Maureen Grunst at [mvgrunst@aol.com](mailto:mvgrunst@aol.com). Join us!

**FAITH IN ACTION/FAITH AND PUBLIC ISSUES** - Whether you're interested in supporting women or GLBTQ persons or immigrants and refugees, or interested in planning programs on critical issues, you can find St. Pauls people involved and join them now. Contact Toby Rogers at [toby@rogers-home.com](mailto:toby@rogers-home.com) for more information.

**FEED THE HUNGRY** - Each week St. Pauls welcomes homeless and hungry people to Sunday dinner. To volunteer to prepare and serve dinner to guests of the Lincoln Park Community Shelter, contact Brent Carstensen at [bcarstensen@ameritech.net](mailto:bcarstensen@ameritech.net)

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT** - Visit our Food for Thought blog <http://www.spucc.org/blogs/food-for-thought>

**GET YOUR NEW NAME TAG!** - Email Virgie at [vberry@spucc.org](mailto:vberry@spucc.org)

**LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER NEEDS OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEERS**

- To sign up: [volunteer@lpcsonline.org](mailto:volunteer@lpcsonline.org) 773-549-6111

**LITTLE LIGHTS** is a St. Pauls preschool program with classes for 2 and 3-year-olds in our church nursery with options for two or three mornings per week. Our standard application deadline has passed. However, we are still

working with applicants on a rolling basis. If you are interested, email Virgie Berry- [vberry@spucc.org](mailto:vberry@spucc.org)

**LONG, CLASSIC NOVEL READING GROUP** Read and discuss George Eliot's "Middlemarch" this spring. Discussions March 20th (parts 1-4) and June 19th. "Les Miserables" is coming in Fall 2018. RSVP [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

**NEW OR EXPECTING PARENTS** - If you have a new baby or are expecting a baby, please let Corie know so that we can find ways to support you (meals, prayer, etc.) and so that we can inform you of opportunities in our Parents of Little Ones (POLO) group. Also let us her know if you have small children and are new to the church. Contact Corie Gallemore at [corie.gallemore@gmail.com](mailto:corie.gallemore@gmail.com)

**SARAH'S SISTERS** gather every Wednesday morning to make 40 bag lunches to be distributed to homeless people. Come to the church kitchen at 9:30 a.m.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. PAULS** - If you're in need of support through a tough time and would like to be matched with someone who would support you with companionship and prayer, or you're feeling called to offer support, speak to Pastor Jeff Carlson [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org), Marti Pechnyo [mpechnyo@gmail.com](mailto:mpechnyo@gmail.com), or Diana Laskaris [dianaminlead@gmail.com](mailto:dianaminlead@gmail.com)

**SAINT PAULS BASKETBALL WEDNESDAYS** - 7 p.m. Our weekly pickup game is co-ed. Ages range from young and fast to old and not as fast. Skill levels range from enthusiastic to "I think he played in college, you guard him." All are welcome! Contact [pastormatt@spucc.org](mailto:pastormatt@spucc.org)

**ST. PAULS PLAY GROUP** for children from birth to 3 years old in the church Nursery. Drop in anytime from 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Wednesdays. Corie Gallemore at [corie.gallemore@gmail.com](mailto:corie.gallemore@gmail.com)

**ST. PAULS SOCIAL** - Get better acquainted with other adults at St. Pauls. If interested in hosting please contact Jen Luerksen, [jenluerksen@yahoo.com](mailto:jenluerksen@yahoo.com) and stay tuned for future events.

**UCC DAILY DEVOTIONAL** - To register: [http://www.ucc.org/daily\\_devotional](http://www.ucc.org/daily_devotional)

**WANT MORE VARIETY AT COFFEE HOUR?** - Sign up to bring it at <http://bit.ly/1RtSUuh>

**YOUNG ADULTS** - A group for fun and fellowship for folks in their twenties and thirties. All are welcome! Volunteers needed! Any ideas for future events? Email [youngadults@spucc.org](mailto:youngadults@spucc.org)

**YOUTH GROUP** for kids in 3rd-8th grade will meet each Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. with pizza dinner, fun and Christian fellowship. Meet in the gym. Resumes in September, most Tuesdays, grades 3-8 from 4-6 p.m. Contact [sgarcia@spucc.org](mailto:sgarcia@spucc.org)

### **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please send any announcements you would like in the following week's Friday email to [announcements@spucc.org](mailto:announcements@spucc.org) no later than 10 a.m. on Tuesday . Please limit announcements to 70 words. Thank you.

## SAINT PAULS PRAYS

*Please clip this page, take it home and pray for those who are named below. We only print requests we receive. To make a request, simply ask a pastor in person, on the phone or by email. Our new practice is to run each prayer request for four weeks and then remove it. If you would like to continue a prayer request after four weeks, let a pastor know.*

- Kim H. recently diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Jack Hogan in treatment for cancer.
- Family, wife Ellen, daughter Annie, and friends of Steve Warsh, at his death.
- Kathie Castle, entering hospice care for advanced Alzheimer's disease.
- Rachel Adams' grandmother Virginia struggling with health problems.
- Rodney Higginbotham's father following a seizure and possible stroke.
- For Stacie B., sister of Mark P., following a difficult diagnosis.
- For Aylmer Gifford's close friend, Mario Dominis facing difficult health challenges.
- For Robin Scott's friend, Michelle, for her physical health and mental well-being.
- For Bruce and Betty who need prayers for their uncle Victor in the hospital.
- For Rod Robert, brother of Susanne Baker, recovering from difficult health challenges.
- Jan Bail's friend, Genel Daley, beginning a second round of chemotherapy.
- Dale Martin and his family.
- Young people working to do the right thing but surrounded by negative influences.
- Bobbi Gannello, diagnosed with lymphoma.
- Amy Newman's sister Linda, being treated for cancer.
- Carole Knuti undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Carole Crowley recovering from a stroke.
- All those struggling to conceive.

NEARLY 1 IN 5 ADULTS STRUGGLE WITH A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE. Contact one of the pastors today for information about mental health care advocacy and resources that can help you and your loved ones. Contact information for the pastors is at the back of this Bulletin.

## NOTES

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ABOUT ST. PAULS  
*Making a joyful sound in the city*

Saint Pauls UCC has a vibrant history in the city of Chicago. Founded in 1843, we are one of the city's oldest churches. In 1989 we became one of America's first congregations to declare ourselves "Open to and Affirming of" LGBT women and men.

From founding Chicago's largest provider of social services to at-risk children to starting a home for the elderly, from housing protestors at the 1968 Democratic Convention to hosting Lincoln Park's first MLK day march against violence on Chicago's streets we are proud to make a joyful sound in the city.

Most importantly, over the past 174 years we are glad to have introduced thousands of children and adults to the amazing, inclusive, life changing, uplifting love of God. We do so in worship that is traditional, but far from conventional.

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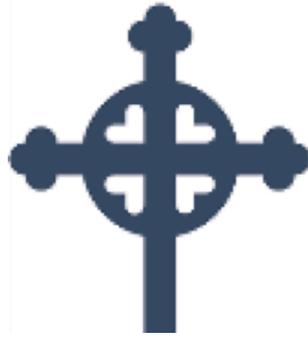
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Welcome to those whose hearts are on fire with faith,  
and to those who bring their doubt inside our doors.

Welcome to our first time guests and  
our longtime members.

Welcome to single people, tiny children,  
grandparents and families of all  
configurations.

Welcome to those who rejoice and to those who  
grieve.

Welcome to each and to everyone.  
We are an Open and Affirming church.

We welcome all.

We are blessed by your presence and  
we are glad you are here.