

May 27, 2018
Baptism Sunday

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.

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"If we love God, even though we think he doesn't exist, he will make his existence manifest."
Simone Weil

PRELUDE	<i>The Lord's My Shepherd</i> Kevin Dzierzawski, organ	N. Rawsthorne
INTROIT	<i>Let Justice Flow Like Streams</i> Chancel Choir	Aaron Williams
WELCOME		Jeff Carlson

*WELCOMING EACH OTHER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Put away your cares.

All: Set your worry down.

One: God has not forsaken us.

All: God has not forgotten us.

One: God is with us!

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**Please stand if you are able*

*HYMN

The Lord's My Shepherd

Red Hymnal No. 278

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want, He makes me down to lie
in pastures green, He leadeth me the quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me, the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of blessedness, E'en for his own name's sake,
Within the paths of blessedness, E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I pass through shadowed vale, Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me and thy rod and staff me comfort still.
Thy rod and staff me comfort still, Me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
My head with oil thou dost anoint, And my cup overflows,
My head with oil thou dost anoint, And my cup overflows,

Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me;
And in my Father's heart always, my dwelling place shall be,
And in my heart forevermore Thy dwelling place shall be.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We are sophisticated and competent,
bursting with certainty,
buzzed on savvy.
We are adults.
Forgive us for our
nauseating cleverness.
Take away our expertise.
Make us childlike,
able to see you in the everyday.
Fix us in the middle of the fall of things,
perfect and casual as to a child's eye
soap bubbles are, and skipping stones.
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

Black Hymnal No. 247, v. 3

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others come and go -
No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM of Carter Grant Kuhlman & Matilda Sue Fanai
Danesh

Pastor: Carter and Matilda, receive now the Light of Christ. May you walk always as a child of light. May your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to God. Carter and Matilda are now received into the love and care of the church. See what love God has given us that we should be called children of God.

All: Almighty God, giver of life, you have called us by name and pledged to each of us your faithful love. We pray for your children, Carter and Matilda. Inspire their lives. May they sing many songs, know many joys, heal many wounds, and embrace many people in your name. We pray for their parents, that they may be guided by your love so that they may know your presence. May we walk together with their families as witnesses to your gospel, as those for whom you have lived and died and live again. Amen.

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

All: Amen

Children are invited to go to their Sunday School classes during the response. Parents are welcome to bring their kids to class and then come back for worship.

*RESPONSE

Black Hymnal No. 325, v. 1-3

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign;
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

Child of love, our love's expression, love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits, into joy and laughter lead.

Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.

THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THIS DAY

Matthew 18:3

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

John 3:3-7;9

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born again." Nicodemus said to him, "How can someone be born when they are old? Surely one cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.'"

"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

*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!

(adapted from the United Church of Canada)

*RESPONSE

Black Hymnal No. 426, v. 1

O God, whose steadfast love,
True motherhood has blessed;
Who shields the infant small
Upon its mother's breast:
Embrace us, too, O God, our God,
And hold us in your loving arms,
And hold us in your loving arms.

SERMON

I didn't ask to be born (again)

Matt Fitzgerald

*RESPONSE

Red Hymnal No. 94, v. 3

Hail the heav'n born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Risen with healing in his wings,
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise all born of earth, Born to give us second birth.

OFFERTORY

Ain't Got Time To Die
Kurt R. Hansen, soloist
Chancel Choir

Hall Johnson

Lord, I keep so busy praisin' my Jesus,
Keep so busy praisin' my Jesus,
Ain't got time to die.
'Cause when I'm healin' de sick,
"Cause it takes all o' ma time,
all o' ma time.

If I don' praise Him
De rocks gonter cry out.
Glory an' honor,
Glory an' honor,
Ain' got time to die.

Lord, I keep so busy workin for de Kingdom,
Keep so busy workin' for de Kingdom,
Ain' got time to die.

'Cause when I'm feedin' de poor
when I'm feedin' de poor
Ain' got time to die.

'Cause it takes all o' ma time,
all' o' ma time to praise my Lord.
If I don' praise Him de rocks gonter cry out,
Glory an' honor,
Ain' got time to die.

Lord, I keep so busy servin' my Master
Keep so busy servin' my Master,
Ain' got time to die.

'Cause when I'm givin' my all,
when I'm givin' my all
ain' got time to die

'Cause it takes all o' ma time, . . .

Now, won't you git out o' ma way,
Lem-me praise my Jesus?
Git out o' ma way!
If I don' praise Him de rocks gonter cry out,
Glory an' honor!
Ain' got time to die.

***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

**Our Father, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

*HYMN *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* Black Hymnal No. 433

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn for every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning, in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Amen, amen, amen

POSTLUDE *Keep Holding On* Danniebelle Hall
St. Arbucks Trio with Brendan Henry

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

Second Birth

Surely no worse to be that pioneer
cut open, alive, watching his guts
in ceremony wrapped around a tree.

Then this infant is laid on my chest,
quiet, gray-eyed, still flecked
with the blood of arrival.
I who cursed him moments before
at once and utterly love him.

Quick as a leaf I've turned over
from agony to elation. It's two a.m. -
I've been at this since noon - but now

the room's erupted in light, I've come
through the fire, I'm still here, and he's
here, and perfect. Now, released
from the stopped clock of pain, I want
to get on with my just-doubled life.

They're still sewing me up but I could
laugh like a river, talk all night, eat
a good couple of good-sized steaks, well done.

Elizabeth Holmes

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Brian Hafner, Bruce Voice, Doug Clark

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

Consider the Lilies: Jan Bail

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in honor of the 41st wedding anniversary of Dodd and Mary Brown.

BORN THIS WEEK IN MAY

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.

May 27 Graham Roark, Libby Braband, Norman Beck

May 28 Christine Terborg, Kim Beck, Nancy Curotto, Tyler Holland

May 29 Jennifer Byrne, Kate Mahon, Lawrence Kearns, Liana Cramb

May 30 Leo Patton, Margaret Palm

May 31 Anais Jarzebowski, Charlotte Bunch, Emily Bieniek, Michael Mosley, Terry Breitwiser

June 1 Alison Schwab, Bryan Chamberlain, Marcia Frank, Thomas Mix

June 2 Brendan Noonan, Lois Stack, Shane Gentzen

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL is June 10. On that day the fourth graders will receive Bibles, students will receive attendance awards, and Sunday School teachers will be honored for their year of service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR - If you enjoy being with children and are interested and willing to explore the Christian faith with them, then you should consider being a Sunday School teacher. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Sarah sgarcia@spucc.org.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT - Sign up now to join us for a weekend of relaxation, fellowship and growing in faith at the Lakeside Inn in beautiful Lakeside, MI. July 27 to 29. All church members are encouraged to come! Cost is \$300 per room and includes breakfasts and dinners. Some financial assistance available. Email Pastor Sarah sgarcia@spucc.org if you would like to sign up.

BOOK NOOK - Please help yourself to any of the books on the bookcase in the Social Hall. There is no need to return the book after reading - simply pass it on to someone else. If you want to donate a book in the next two weeks, place it on the top shelves labeled "new arrivals." General fiction, broad interest nonfiction, youth and children books are ideal. If you have any questions or comments, contact Tilly Wilhoite at tilly1017@gmail.com.

FEED THE HUNGRY - Open dates in June, July, and August for Community Engagement Program (CEP) meals. Each week St. Pauls welcomes homeless and hungry people to Sunday dinner. Volunteers prepare and serve dinner. To find available dates and to sign up, contact Brent Carstensen at bcarsten959@yahoo.com.

ST. PAULS SUMMER CAMP FOR KIDS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN -

July 5 - August 3. We're offering half-day camp for 2 and 3-year-olds and full day camp for 4 to 12 year-olds. Also, we're offering before and after-care. Campers play in the local parks, go to the zoo, beach, museums, pool, and have tons of fun! Email Sarah Garcia at sgarcia@spucc.org for more information.

MAY 30 - EPIC BURGER MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER DINNER at the North & Sheffield Commons (1000 W. North Ave), 4-6 p.m. Mention SPUC C when you order and Epic Burger will donate 20% of your order to our Puerto Rico mission trip.

JUNE 3 - CONFIRMATION AND COMMUNION SUNDAY

JUNE 3 - FAITH FORMATION PRESENTATION ABOUT PUERTO RICO, 11 a.m.

Alderman Ariel Reboyras from Chicago's 30th Ward will host a conversation about Puerto Rico's current conditions, and the way our Chicago Puerto Rican neighbors are affected and involved. All are welcome in the parlor after worship.

JUNE 3- BRUNCH PICNIC AND SOFTBALL CHEERING, 11 a.m.

Join the Young Adults Group for brunch after worship, and if you're able, come over to Oz Park to cheer on the Dirt Disciples for our 1 p.m. game afterwards. We are 2-1 this season and looking for a win! We will gather during Social Hour and walk to Nighthawk: AM, 2273 N. Lincoln Avenue. We'll take our food to go and walk to Oz Park and enjoy lunch. Please bring a towel or picnic blanket.

JUNE 3 - PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES COOKING CLASS - Join us in the kitchen with Chef Molly McGrath (who used to be a chef at North Pond) to learn some great ways to make her family's favorite dinner: chicken! Learn to break down chickens from whole, then talk about poaching, roasting, and making chicken stock. Space is limited so please email Molly at mollymcgrath906@gmail.com by Thursday, May 31, if you are interested. Child care will be provided. Cost of \$15 per person for ingredients.

JUNE 4 - 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 with questions and to RSVP.

JUNE 9 - MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR STEVE WARSH 10 a.m. A service of memorial and celebration for the life of Steve Warsh, who passed away in January, will be held at St. Pauls. If you plan to attend, please let Pastor Jeff know in order to help Steve's family plan for the day: jcarlson@spucc.org.

JUNE 12 & JULY 10 - HAITIAN HISTORY BOOK DISCUSSION

Laurent Dubois' book, "Haiti: The Aftershocks of History," chronicles the history of Haiti directly relevant to our contemporary attempts to struggle with issues of race, economic development, political dysfunction, and the complicated traumas of the past. Steve Peterson and Steve Schwartzberg will lead two sessions on this book - Tuesday, June 12 at 7 p.m. at Steve Peterson's house and Tuesday, July 10 at 7 p.m. at Steve Patton's house. Email sspeterson01@gmail.com for more info and addresses.

JUNE 17 - "BUY A BED, GIVE A BED" MATTRESS SALE EVENT, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Gym.

St. Pauls will host a mattress sale in the gymnasium benefitting Lincoln Park Community Shelter. Try out mattresses from Tempur-Pedic, Beautyrest, Serta, Simmons, and Sealy. Prices will be up to 50% lower than at local retail stores. For every bed purchased, LPCS receives a new mattress to help furnish its new facility.

JULY 7 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL, 6 p.m., Pritzker Pavilion Lawn

Join the St. Pauls Social for an evening of music at the Grant Park Music Festival. We will gather at 6 p.m. on the Pritzker Pavilion Lawn for a potluck dinner. The concert (Tchaikovsky and Bolcom) begins at 7:30. Contact Tilly Wilhoite at tilly1017@gmail.com for specifics and to RSVP.

OPPORTUNITIES

ST. PAULS SOCIAL - Get better acquainted with other adults at St. Pauls. If interested in hosting, please contact Jen Luerssen at jenluerssen@yahoo.com and stay tuned for future events.

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. You can sign up in the Social Hall or 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 - Support St. Pauls when buying Amazon products, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from eligible purchases to St. Pauls. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/2179808>.

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

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

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 and join us!

FAITH IN ACTION - Saint Pauls' Strategic Plan calls us to be "Increasingly bold and active as we try to live out our faith in an age of rising injustice." If you would like to receive advance notice of protests and actions that call for our faithful witness, join the Faith in Action email list by contacting Anna Sardar at asardar@spucc.org

FAITH AND PUBLIC ISSUES - Whether you're interested in supporting women or LGBTQ 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 for more information.

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

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER NEEDS OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEERS
- To sign up: volunteer@lpcsonline.org or call 773-549-6111.

LITTLE LIGHTS is a St. Pauls early childhood program with classes for 2, 3, and 4 year olds. We are now accepting applications for 2018-2019. Check out www.littlelightslp.org. Email Virgie Berry at vberry@spucc.org

LONG, CLASSIC NOVEL READING GROUP Read and discuss George Eliot's "Middlemarch" this spring. Next discussion is June 19. "Les Miserables" is coming in Fall 2018. RSVP 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 her know if you have small children and are new to the church. Contact Corie Gallemore at 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, Marti Pechnyo mpechnyo@gmail.com, or Diana Laskaris 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 she played in college, you guard her." All are welcome! Contact pastormatt@spucc.org

ST. PAULS PLAYGROUP for children from birth to 3 years old in the church Nursery. Drop in anytime from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Wednesdays. Corie Gallemore at corie.gallemore@gmail.com

UCC DAILY DEVOTIONAL - To register: http://www.ucc.org/daily_devotional
WANT MORE VARIETY AT COFFEE HOUR? - Sign up to bring it at <http://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=w.ProcessDateWindow>

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

YOUTH GROUP for kids in 4th-8th grade. Meets each Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. in the gym. Pizza dinner, fun, and Christian fellowship. Contact Pastor Sarah for more details at sgarcia@spucc.org

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send any announcements you would like in the following week's Friday email to 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.

- Don Vossburg, former St. Pauls member.
- Debbie Martin, mother of Dan and Kevin, recovering from heart surgery.
- Paula Kearns, mother of Larry Kearns, who is battling lung cancer in Miami.
- Darlene Braun's cousin, who is recovering from surgery and doing well.
- Natasha, a friend of Terry and Kurt Hansen, enduring difficult times.
- Maryn, 6-year-old friend of the Ashley family, with a rare brain tumor.
- Betty Voice, recovering from knee surgery.
- Marti Pechnyo's friend, Jane, being treated for ovarian cancer.
- Dorothy, in hospice care.
- Jeff Elko
- The Howells' daughter-in-law, Meredith, awaiting a stem-cell transplant.
- For real change to dramatically reduce gun violence.
- Steve Stack, recovering from another stroke.
- Dede Koldyke, beating cancer.
- Jack Hogan, in treatment for cancer.
- Rob Castle's mother, Kathie, in hospice care for Alzheimer's disease.
- Rodney Higginbotham's father following a seizure and possible stroke.
- Bobbi Gannello, diagnosed with lymphoma.
- Amy Newman's sister, Linda, being treated for cancer.
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.
- All those struggling to conceive.
- All those struggling with eating disorders.
- Grieving family of Jim, who died at age 43.

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.

St. Pauls UCC 20/20 Vision Implementation

Introduction

This is the first brief update for the Congregation of the many actions underway to implement St. Pauls 20/20 vision. Much has happened since the Congregation approved the plan in November 2017. We will continue to provide these updates as our committees and task forces address the many initiatives called forth by the plan. The implementation actions are organized under each of the Six Callings, either "completed/ongoing" or "in progress."

David Baker, Chair, 20/20 Vision Committee

Completed/Ongoing

God is calling us to grow toward each other...

- New "Lectio Divina" prayer groups led by St. Pauls Worship Committee and clergy.
- Revising membership process involving longtime members as "Shepherds."
- Planning for Puerto Rico mission trip.

God is calling us to grow toward God together...

- Dinner church.
- Pancake Church.
- Prayer groups.
- Continue Youth Education Opportunities and ways to fold youth into church life.

Increasing diversity in our partnerships and congregation...

- Ensure Sunday School curriculum and materials are diverse.
- Ensure hiring process is diverse.
- Expand church youth population.

Tending our finances faithfully...

- Presented a 2018 budget that reduced the deficit by 32% over 2017.

In Progress

Increasing diversity in our partnerships and congregation...

- Invite partner ministries to regularly worship at St. Pauls.

Living our faith in an age of injustice...

- Social justice table.
- Social justice in sermons.
- Broaden visibility of existing social justice opportunities.

Using our building for service and mission...

- Begin a capital campaign to address costs.

Tending our finances faithfully...

- Increase percentage of new and current member households/gift amount and number of households involved.
- Educate and encourage major gifts.
- Develop plan for timeline and initiatives to achieve a balanced budget.
- Educate new members on financial health of the church.
- Hold three finance church meetings per year.

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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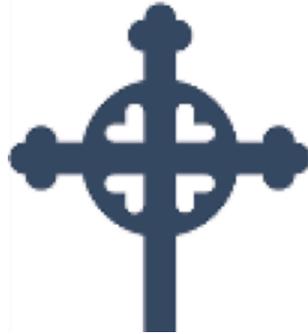
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Free Parking is available on Sundays from 9am-1pm at Children's Memorial Hospital
2300 Block of North Lincoln Ave. – Vouchers Not Needed



WELCOME TO SAINT PAULS UCC!

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.