



Christmas Cantata  
Second Sunday of Advent  
December 10, 2017

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

*Worship begins with chimes.*

*The prelude is a time of reflection and preparation for the worship of God.*

***Please silence cell phones.***

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

#### THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

O my dear heart, young Jesus sweet,  
Prepare a table in my spirit,  
And I shall rock thee to my heart  
And never more from thee depart.

James, John & Richard Wedderburn, 16th Century  
(updated Middle English)

#### PRELUDE

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*  
Kevin Dzierzawski, piano

Jeanne Cotter

#### CHIMES

#### CHORAL INTROIT

*Of The Father's Love Begotten*  
Kurt R. Hansen, tenor

13th Century Chant

#### LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE - The Candle of Peace

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The tree is up. The lights are lit.

**All: Lift up your heads and prepare room in our hearts for Jesus.**

One: Look past the windows and blow-up snowmen. Look up!

**All: Lo, he comes in clouds descending!**

One: O come, O come Emmanuel!

**All: Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to us. Alleluia.**

*\*Please stand if you are able to do so*

\* HYMN

*We Hail You God's Anointed*

Black Hymnal No. 104 v 1, 2

We hail you God's anointed, the long awaited One!

Hail in the time appointed, your reign on earth begun!

You come to break oppression, to set the captive free;

To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

You shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;

And joy and hope, like flowers, spring in your path to birth.

Before you on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go,

And righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Everywhere it is so noisy, so bright. We simply long....**

**We long for simplicity.**

**We are longing for the child, for you Jesus,**

**with the wonder of Mary, with the faithfulness of Joseph,**

**as your brother, your sister.**

**Come to our broken selves. Come to our broken homes.**

**Come to our beloved church.**

**We long to come and adore you.**

**Wipe away our fears, lighten our dark places.**

**Loosen our locks and fling open our gates.**

**Oil the rusty hinges of our complacency and cynicism.**

**Burst our bubbles of low expectations  
with the richness of your gift of eternal unrestrained love.  
For unto us a child is born, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE                      *We Hail You God's Anointed*                      Black Hymnal No. 104, v 4

O'er every foe victorious, you on your throne shall rest;  
From age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blessed;  
The tide of time shall never your covenant remove;  
Your name shall stand forever, your changeless name of Love.

*Children are now invited to go to Sunday School . Teachers will lead them to their classrooms . If you would like to walk your kids to class you are welcome to go and come back.*

THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THIS DAY

Todd Coe

Luke 1: 26–38 (NRSV)

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said,

“Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.”

But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

The angel said to her,

“Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and will name him Jesus. He will be great, and he will be called the son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there shall be no end.”

Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?”

The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called the Son of God. And now your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her that was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God."

Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

Then the angel departed from her.

\*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!**

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

**A Ceremony Of Carols - Part I**

Benjamin Britten

Chancel Choir

(1913–1976)

Pauls People

Phyllis Adams, harp

Processional

Todd Coe and Karin Magnuson, cantors

Today Christ is born; today the Saviour has appeared;

Today the Angels sing, the Archangels rejoice;

Today the righteous rejoice, saying:

Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia!

*Sung in Latin*

*paraphrase of Luke 2:11,13-14; and Psalm 32:1*

Wolcum Yole!

Wolcum Wolcum, Wolcum be thou hevenè king,  
Wolcum Yole! Wolcum, born in one morning,  
Wolcum for whom we sall sing!  
Wolcum be ye, Stevene and Jon, Wolcum, innocentest every one,  
Wolcum, Thomas marter one,  
Wolcum Twelfth Day both in fere,  
Wolcum, seintes lefe and dere,  
O good Newe Yere,  
Wolcum Yole, Wolcum Yole, Wolcum!  
Candelmesse, Quene of bliss,  
Wolcum bothe to more and lesse.  
Wolcum, Wolcum,  
Wolcum be ye that are here,  
Wolcum Yole,  
Wolcum alle and make good cheer.  
Wolcum alle another yere, Wolcum yole.  
Wolcum!

Anon. 14th Century, Middle English

There Is No Rose

There is no rose of such vertu  
As is the rose that bare Jesu.  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
For in this rose containèd was  
Heaven and earth in litel space,  
Res miranda, Res miranda. (*Miraculous deeds.*)  
By that rose we may well see  
There be one God in persons three,  
Pares forma, pares forma. (*You are the vision.*)  
The aungels sungen the shepherds to:  
Gloria in excelsis, Gloria in excelsis Deo. (*Glory to God in the highest.*)  
Gaudeamus, gaudeamus. (*Let us rejoice.*)  
Leave we all this weridly mirth,  
And follow we this joyful birth.  
Transeamus, Transeamus, Transeamus. (*We transcend.*)  
Alleluia, Res miranda, Pares forma, Gaudeamus, Transeamus.

That Youngë Child

Pauls People

That yongë child when it gan weep  
With song she lulled him asleep:  
That was so sweet a melody  
It passèd alle minstrelsy.  
The nightingalë sang also:  
Her song is hoarse and nought thereto:  
Whoso attendeth to her song  
and leaveth the first then doth he wrong.

RESPONSE

*What Child Is This*

Black Hymnal No. 148 v. 1

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this, the angels sing, is Christ, God's holy offering;  
Haste, haste your praise to bring the babe, the child of Mary!

SERMON

"March 25th"

Jeff Carlson

\*RESPONSE

*What Child Is This*

Black Hymnal No. 148 v. 2

Why lies the Child in a manger bare where ox and ass are feeding?  
Give heed, draw near, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the mother sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the child of Mary!

OFFERTORY

**A Ceremony Of Carols - Part II**

Balulalow

Breanna Coe, soloist

O my deare hert, young Jesu sweit,  
Prepare thy creddil in my spreit,  
And I sall rock thee to my hert,  
And never mair from thee depart.  
But I sall praise thee evermoir  
With sanges sweit unto thy gloir;  
The knees of my hert sall I bow,

An sing that richt Balulalow, and sing lulalow and sing, lulalow!  
*James, John & Richard Wedderburn, 16th Century*

#### As Dew In Aprille

I sing of a maiden  
That is makèles:  
King of all kings  
To her son she ches.  
He came al so stille  
There his moder was,  
As dew in Aprille  
That falleth on the grass.  
He came al so stille  
To his moder's bour,  
As dew in Aprille  
That falleth on the flour.  
He came alo so stille  
There his moder lay,  
As dew in Aprille  
That falleth on the spray  
Moder and mayden was never none but she:  
Well may such a lady  
Goddess moder be.

*Anon. 14th Century*

#### This Little Babe

This little Babe so few days old,  
Is come to rifle Satan's fold:  
All hell doth at his presence quake,  
Though he himself for cold do shake;  
For in this weak unarmèd wise  
The gates of hell he will surprise.  
With tears he fights and wins the field,  
His naked breast stands for a shield,  
His battering shot are babish cries,  
His arrows looks of weeping eyes,

His martial ensigns Cold and Need,  
And feeble Flesh his warrior's steed.  
His camp is pitched in a stall,  
His bulwark but a broken wall;  
The crib his trench, haystacks his stakes;  
Or shepherds he his muster makes;  
And thus, assure his foe to wound,  
The angels' trumps alarum sound.  
My soul, with Christ join thou in fight;  
Stick to the tents that he hath pight.  
Within his crib is surest ward;  
This little Babe will be thy guard.  
If though wilt foil thy foes with joy,  
Then flit not from this heavenly Boy.

*Robert Southwell (1561?-1595)*

Interlude - Phyllis Adams, harp

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.**

### **A Ceremony Of Carols - Part III**

In Freezing Winter Night

Kecia Waldschmidt and Nathan Streeter, soloists

Behold, a silly tender babe, in freezing winter night,  
In homely manger trembling lies Alas, a piteous sight!  
The inns are full; no man will yield this little pilgrim bed.  
But forced he is with silly beasts in crib to shroud his head.

This stable is a Prince's court,  
This crib his chair of State;  
The beasts are parcel of his pomp,  
The wooden dish his plate.  
The persons in that poor attire  
His royal liveries wear;  
The Prince himself is come from heav'n;  
This pomp is prizèd there.  
With joy approach, O Christian wight,  
Do homage to thy King,  
And highly praise his humble pomp,  
Wich he from Heav'n doth bring.

*Robert Southwell*

### Spring Carol

Jennifer Kew and Nancy Pifer, soloists

Pleasure it is to hear iwis, the Birdès sing,  
The deer in the dale, the sheep in the vale, the corn springing.  
Pleasure it is to hear iwis, the Birdès sing,  
The deer in the dale, the sheep in the vale, the corn springing  
God's purvayance For sustenance,  
It is for Man, It is for man.  
Then we always to give him praise, And thank him than.

*William Cornish (14??-1523)*

### Deo Gracias

Deo gracias! Deo gracias! (*Thanks be to God!*)  
Adam lay ibounden, bounden in a bond;  
Four thousand winter thought he not to long.  
Deo gracias! Deo gracias!  
And all was for an appil, an appil that he tok,  
As clerkès finden written in their book.  
Deo gracias! Deo gracias!  
Ne had the appil takè ben, The appil takè ben,  
Ne haddè never our lady Aben hevenè quene.  
Blessèd be the time That appil take was.

Therefore we moun singen.  
Deo gracias! Deo gracias!  
*Anon. 15th Century*

Return

Todd Coe and Karin Magnuson, cantors  
Today Christ is born; today the Saviour has appeared;  
Today the Angels sing, the Archangels rejoice;  
Today the righteous rejoice, saying:  
Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia!  
*Sung in Latin*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel!

POSTLUDE

*In dulci jubilo, BWV 608*  
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

J. S. Bach

NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC - Benjamin Britten and his life's partner Peter Pears found themselves in New York City at the outbreak of the Second World War. They were in the Americas for performances of Britten's music. Britten was an ardent pacifist, which was not an easy path for a British citizen in those days. However, Britten and Pears couldn't resist the tug of returning to their homeland. They made the crossing on a Swedish vessel at the height of unrestricted submarine warfare in the early spring of 1942. They made one stop in Halifax, Nova Scotia where Britten purchased a book of poems that provided the inspiration and texts for the bulk of "A Ceremony Of Carols." He studied those poems and two harp manuals on the crossing. The first performance took place in December of 1943 conducted by Britten. Originally it was scored for trebles, altos and harp. This mixed voices arrangement was authorized by Britten and completed in 1955.

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

**Head Usher:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** Lauren Vega, Layne Lebahn, Brian Hafner, David Baker

**Head Greeter:** Greg Mooney

**Special Accommodations:** Dodd Brown

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given in honor of Petrine and Garold Ashley's 50th wedding anniversary by their adoring children and grandchildren.

ADVENT WREATH- Each week during Advent we light another candle in our Advent wreath to anticipate the coming of Christ, the light of the world. These candles symbolize the gifts of hope, love, joy and peace that Christ's coming brings. This year our Advent wreath is being lit by members of Consider the Lilies, one of our lay caregiving groups. Each week they bring the altar flowers to church members who are sick or hospitalized to remind them that they are beloved.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE IS A CHRISMON TREE - The white and gold ornaments represent the glory and majesty of Christ. Each one is a symbol or monogram of Christ and has been made by members and friends of St. Pauls. The tree itself is a gift to the church from the Crowley and Opp-Ekdahl families. Thanks to Lorne Frank, Greg Basil, Fernando Diaz, Jill Minetz, Kres and Doug Roewer, Liz Raiman, Kirk Chernansky, Beverley Petrunich, Gretchen Althen, Barb Kaiser, and Jan Bail.

## **Chancel Choir**

Kurt R. Hansen, Music Director  
Kevin Dziersawski, Organist

### **Soprano**

Shannon Banjavcic  
Hannah Barton  
Sarah Dietz  
Christie DeForest  
Gay Kelly  
Jennifer Kew  
Becky Kornick  
Karin Magnuson\*  
Nancy Pifer+  
Ashley Saluga  
Swanson Grace Stauskas  
Kecia Waldschmidt

### **Alto**

Cindy Ball  
Amy Barton  
Lois Basil  
Amy Beck  
Carrie Bruggers  
Breanna Coe+  
Micki Fayhee  
Terry Hansen  
Karen Johnson  
Winnie Kearns  
Patricia Mayer  
Jana O'Brien\*  
Becky Stretch  
Pamela Woll

### **Tenor**

Larry Butcher  
Todd Coe  
Andy Davis  
Gordon Fishburn,  
*Librarian*  
Doug Heyboer\*  
Rick Peterson  
Nathan Streeter+  
Jacqueline Krupka

### **Bass**

Scott Banjavcic  
Bill Borden  
Jim Brandt\*  
Jeff Carlson  
Allen Heinemann  
Mark Huddle  
Julian Jarzebowski  
Lee Lichamer+  
Mark Mosley  
Mark

+ Section leader

\* Advisory Committee

## **Pauls People**

Kecia Waldschmidt, director

Chloe Combs  
Miles Davidson  
Samantha Fayhee  
Maeve Gleason  
Colleen Kompare  
Eleanor McGuire  
Katlyn McVey  
Zack Murray  
Claire Nietzsche  
Jareth Renfrow  
Jonah Schloerb  
Owen Waldschmidt

*Magnificat*, by Mary of Nazareth

**My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.  
His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;  
he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.  
He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.**

BORN THIS WEEK IN DECEMBER

**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.*

Dec. 10	Ginna Gentzen, Judy Dorrell, Lisa Soard
Dec. 11	Cindy Ball, Grayson Glomp, Hugo Osario
Dec. 12	Jake Gentzen
Dec. 13	Heidi Gillmore, Julia Mercer, Tom Palkon
Dec. 14	Candy Lohnes, David Baker, Evelyn Dimmitt, Thomas VandenBerk
Dec. 16	Carrie Bruggers, Megan Long
Dec. 17	David Mussatt, Elizabeth Gillmore, Tiscia Eicher

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADVENT SMALL GROUPS-** Advent small groups will take place from 11:30-12:30 on Sunday December 10th and December 17th. Group 1 will meet in the conference room, Group 2 in the Parlor, and Group 3 in the Chapel. If you missed last week but are able to attend the next two sessions, please simply join a group Sunday.

**ALL CHURCH ADVENT POTLUCK -** December 17 at 11:30 a.m. This event is one of the times when the whole congregation sits down together. Celebrate Advent's blessings with friends and family. Through the generosity of our members, we will provide baked hams as a main dish. Please bring a favorite dish that serves 8-10 people, according to the first letter of your last name as follows: A-H salad, I-Q side or casserole, R-Z dessert. Please bring all food directly to the gym in disposables or in containers marked with your last name and without serving utensils. Bring dishes covered and heated, if necessary, as there will be very limited oven space. Please sign up today to help decorate and set up. Volunteers are needed Saturday, December 16th at 12:30 in the gym. Sign up in the Narthex or during coffee hour. For questions and information, please contact Sally Connolly [nolasal@comcast.net](mailto:nolasal@comcast.net) or Barbara Kaiser [BKasier2213@gmail.com](mailto:BKasier2213@gmail.com)

**SPONSOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION -** Does your employer make grants to charitable organizations doing good work in Chicago? We are looking for sponsors for our January 14 Polar Peace March that supports the violence prevention initiatives of UCAN. For more information contact Jan Bail [janbail@me.com](mailto:janbail@me.com) or Pastor Jeff Carlson [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

**CHRISTMAS MARKET AND BAKE SALE -** Help us raise funds to cover the costs of our January 14 Polar Peace March by supporting our Christmas Market and Bake Sale. Please bring re-giftable items (e.g., candles, frames, decorative soaps, Christmas decorations, toys, etc.) to the church office. After church on December 17, you will be able to "shop" our market. If you would like to provide a baked good, please bring it that day.

**“GIVE ODDLY” TO ST. PAULS IN 2018:** St. Pauls’ 2018 Giving Campaign kicked off on October 29 and invites all who take part in the impactful worship and ministries at St. Pauls Church to “Give Oddly” to support St. Pauls’ 175th Anniversary year. Please consider adding an odd amount such as 7% to your typical “even” giving level in 2018 to help St. Pauls carry out our “wondrously odd” kind of Christianity for another 175 years and move toward a balanced annual operating budget. Every gift of treasure, talent, and time is counted, so help us achieve 100% congregational participation! Fill out and turn in a giving card from the pew rack, or go to [SPUCC.org](http://SPUCC.org) and click on “GIVE” at the top of the homepage. Thank you for your generous support of St. Pauls!

**SUNDAYS 9-9:45 a.m.** - THE WORD OF THE DAY - God is still speaking, and the primary way God speaks to us is through scripture. In this adult faith formation 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 in the Nursery. Meets in the Parlor. **Does not meet on December 24th or 31st.**

**DECEMBER 16 - COOKIES WITH SANTA** - Saturday, December 16 from 10 a.m. - Noon in the gym. Come to have your free picture taken with Santa, decorate cookies, sing Christmas carols, and get into the holiday spirit. Invite your friends and neighbors. This is a special day when we invite the whole community to experience the warmth and welcome of St. Pauls. The event is free, but we ask that you consider bringing a box of healthy cereal that will be donated to the Lincoln Park Community Shelter.

**DECEMBER 16 - ZOO LIGHTS OPEN HOUSE** - Larry and Char Damron are hosting a Zoo Lights Open House on Saturday, December 16 at their home, 2314 N. Lincoln Park West, #28 from 4-8 p.m.. Hot soup and beverages will be provided. Please bring hor d'oeuvres or dessert to feed eight to share. Reservations are limited to the first 35 people to respond. RSVP to: [CharDamron@gmail.com](mailto:CharDamron@gmail.com)

**DECEMBER 18 - PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES - 9:30 a.m.** We will be making sack lunches for the Lincoln Park Community Shelter in the St. Pauls kitchen. Please let Corie know if you can come or bring food. Contact [corie.gallemore@gmail.com](mailto:corie.gallemore@gmail.com).

**DECEMBER 19 - PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES COOKIE EXCHANGE- 7:30 p.m.** Bring a batch of cookies (homemade or store-bought) to the social hall. We will exchange cookies so we will each come home with a variety. We will enjoy spending time together around the Christmas tree. Contact Corie if you can come. [corie.gallemore@gmail.com](mailto:corie.gallemore@gmail.com).

**DECEMBER 20 - WINTER SOLSTICE LABYRINTH WALK - 6 p.m.** in the Gym. A service of song, reflection and candlelit walking meditation of our labyrinth on the longest night of the year.

**JANUARY 7 - PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES - 3 p.m.** We will be making the CEP dinner for people in need in the St. Pauls kitchen. Let Corie know if you can come or bring food. Children can help prepare food but we will also have childcare provided. Contact [corie.gallemore@gmail.com](mailto:corie.gallemore@gmail.com).

**JANUARY 14, 2018 POLAR PEACE MARCH TO BENEFIT UCAN.** Join us as we honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at our 1.5 mile walk to benefit UCAN and its violence prevention initiative in Chicago. This family friendly event will start with a program in the Sanctuary at 4 p.m. and conclude with a cup of soup in the Gym. Invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers and family to be a part of your team. Register online at [www.polarpeacemarch.org](http://www.polarpeacemarch.org). YOU CAN be part of the solution to a more peaceful Chicago.

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

**ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP -** The 2018 signup is now available! If you would like to purchase flowers for the altar please go to our link at <http://tinyurl.com/h55pl82> and sign up. 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 27th Contact: Pastor Jeff [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

**COLLEEN HENRY WRITING CENTER**- We can always use a few new tutors at the writing center to help students learn to write clearly and convincingly. 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 - [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 Rachel Adams at [adams.rachellynn@gmail.com](mailto:adams.rachellynn@gmail.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) .

**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. [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.



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31**

**New Years Eve**

10 a.m. Worship. No Church School.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14**

**Polar Peace March**, 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary/Gym

Join us for the 4th annual march that supports UCAN'S work for non-violence and honors the legacy of MLK.

### SAINT PAULS PRAYS

- For Robin Scott's friend, Michelle, for her physical health and mental well-being.
- Al Cerkan and family, at the loss of his sister-in-law, Maureen.
- For Bruce and Betty who need prayers for their uncle Victor in the hospital.
- For Rod Robert, brother of Susanne Baker, and brother-in-law of David Baker, as he recovers from difficult health challenges.
- Jan Bail's friend, Genel Daley, starting a second round of chemotherapy.
- Dale Martin and his family.
- For young people who struggle to do the right thing but are surrounded by those who seem to benefit from wrong-doing.
- Ed Zasadil, at home with hospice care.
- Bobbi Gannello, diagnosed with lymphoma.
- Amy Newman's sister Linda, being treated for cancer.
- Sandra Benedict, recovering from surgery.
- Carole Knuti undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Carole Crowley recovering from a stroke.
- All those struggling to conceive.
- Sylvia Pine's grandfather, Terry Barton, recovering from strokes.
- Candi Huber's niece, Kathryn, continuing treatments for cancer.
- Michelle's friends Michael, Chris and Jerry, all sick with chronic illnesses.
- Lorri Gunn Wirsum, for her husband, Karl Wirsum, and her brother, Jim, who is recovering from transplant surgery.
- Mary Train and her nephew Carl and family.
- Jonah, Sean, and Kevin and all homeless individuals with mental illness living in this city.
- For those struggling with mental health issues.
- For all those touched by violence in Chicago.
- Steve Warsh, undergoing chemotherapy.
- Tom Palkon being treated for cancer.
- Those killed and injured in terrorist attacks around the world and all refugees.

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.

## 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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Free Parking is available on Sundays at Children's Memorial Hospital

2300 Block of North Lincoln Ave. – Vouchers Not Needed

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## 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.