



Communion Sunday
First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 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.

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

“Aim at Heaven and you will get earth ‘thrown in’; aim at earth and you will get
neither.” C.S. Lewis

PRELUDE *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. J. Cotter
Kevin Dzierzawski, piano

INTROIT *Advent Introit* Chant
Chancel Choir

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE - The Candle of Hope

WELCOME Matt Fitzgerald

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Into our world, as into Mary's womb,

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

One: Into lowly and inhospitable places,

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

One: Into the lives of the poor and the powerful.

All: We wait for you, Lord Jesus,

As we light the candle of Hope.

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

* HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Red Hymnal No. 86

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer, Our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show, And cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we confess that it is not easy to wait for you.
In all our attempts to predict, control, manipulate and secure our lives,
our best efforts fall short of bringing the life for which we long.
We fail at creating loving relationships
and we are mired deeply in the injustice of our world.
Forgive us, O God.
Save us from fear and cynicism,
and awaken us to the wonder of your love.
Come to us, Emmanuel.
Shine on us, Light of the world.
Help us to make room in our hearts for you.
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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.**

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Please come forward for communion.

Take the bread and eat it. Then take the cup and drink.

*Deposit the cups in the baskets on the way back to your seat. The outer ring of cups
contains grape juice. The inner rings contain wine.*

A gluten-free bread option is wrapped and available on a separate tray.

Return to your seat by the side aisles. All are welcome.

COMMUNION HYMN

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Tune: HYFRYDOL

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king!
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thy own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.
Take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy precious love.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Loving God, thank you for gathering us together at this table as your beloved children and for feeding us with the presence of Christ. May the welcome of this table unite us as sisters and brothers and may we carry the peace of Christ with us into your world, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

* RESPONSE

Finish, then, thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and grace.

At this time Sunday School students will be invited to go to their classrooms. We will send them off class by class to leave with their teachers. If you would like to accompany your child, you are welcome to drop them off and return to worship.

THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THIS DAY

Marti Pechnyo

Luke 21:25-36

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then Jesus told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

* 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

Red Hymnal No. 83, v. 1

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

SERMON

“Heads Up“

Jeff Carlson

* HYMN

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Red Hymnal No. 83, vv. 2-3

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

GIVING MOMENT

“\$175 More for 175 More”

OFFERTORY

Ave Maria

Franz Biebl

Nathan Streeter, Todd Coe, and Lee Lichamer, cantors
Chancel Choir

Chant: The Angel of the Lord announced to Mary
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Choir: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Chant: Behold the handmaiden of the Lord
Do to me according to your word.

Choir: Hail Mary, full of grace....

Chant: And the Word was made flesh
And dwelt among us.

Choir: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

* 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!

* HYMN

God is Working His Purpose Out

Red Hymnal No. 57

God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year:
God is working his purpose out, and the time is drawing near;
nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west, wherever foot hath trod,
by the mouth of many messengers goes forth the voice of God;
give ear to me, ye continents, ye isles, give ear to me,
that the earth may filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

March we forth in the strength of God, with the banner of Christ unfurled,
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth may shine throughout the world:
fight we the fight with sorrow and sin to set their captives free,
that the earth may filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the deed;
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God gives life to the seed;
yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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

POSTLUDE

If you would like someone to pray with you today, Stephen Ministers are present after the postlude at the front right of the Sanctuary.

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

TODAY'S MUSIC begins with the well known Advent hymn *Veni Emmanuel*, O Come, O Come Emmanuel, a chant from the 15th century, in dialogue with a great communion hymn, *Picardy*, Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, an unattributed carol. Both melodies come from French roots. The *Ave Maria*, by German composer Franz Biebl (1906 - 2001), became extremely popular long after it was written in 1959. The Cornell University Glee Club introduced it to this country in 1970 after hearing and learning it while on tour in Germany. The male acapella ensemble, Chanticleer, brought the motet to its current level of recognition beyond the concert hall. Chant is alternated with choral verses and closes with an ascending amen that is reminiscent of incense rising in a cathedral. The traditional text is introduced with the Annunciation in chant that also harkens to the "Canticle of Mary," the Magnificat, *My soul doth magnify the Lord.....* Luke 1: 46-55.

ADVENT WREATH - Each week during Advent we light another candle in our Advent wreath to anticipate to 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 the youth of our church.

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 for Lorne Frank, Greg Basil, Fernando Diaz, Cres and Doug Roewer, Gretchen Althen, Serena Garcia Knotts, and Barb Kaiser.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Lauren Vega, Layne Lebahn, Brian Hafner

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

Acolyte Coordinator: Tiffany Jozwiak

Acolytes: Colleen Kompare, Valerie Schimp

Communion Coordinators: Jana O'Brien, Kevin O'Brien

Communion Servers: Marcia Frank, Lorne Frank

Communion Bread baked by Marcia Knudson.

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 and help St. Pauls: give one dollar for each year of your life to our Birthday Fund.

Dec 2 Frank Mynard, Bill Kennedy, Richard Wu

Dec 3 Jack Knight, Livvy Nach

Dec 4 Katherine Schuller, Laura Van Zeyl, Linhard Stepf, Mark Smith

Dec 5 Christopher McGuire, Jason Colosi-McCann, Joel Finkle

Dec 6 Cherilynn Panko, Shannon Castle, James Hayes, Margery Johnson

Dec 8 Greta Schmahl, Maria Schmahl

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT ST PAULS

- SUN, DEC 2 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE
-Worship - 10 a.m., Sanctuary
-Night Ministry and St. Pauls House Stocking Drive
-Watch for the Light, session one - 11:30 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room
- WED, DEC 5 FIRST WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON - 12 p.m., Parlor
-Sing carols with Pastor Jeff. RSVP to chiggins@spucc.org
- SUN, DEC 9 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE
-Worship - Christmas Cantata, *Navidad Nuestra* - 10 a.m., Sanctuary
-All-Church Advent Party, Potluck* - 11:30 a.m., Gym
-Christmas Market** - 11:30 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room
- SAT, DEC 15 COOKIES WITH SANTA - 10 a.m.- noon, Gym
-Decorate cookies, make crafts, drink hot chocolate, welcome our neighbors, and take photos with Santa
- SUN, DEC 16 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY
-Worship - 10 a.m., Sanctuary
-Watch for the Light, session two - 11:30 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room
- WED, DEC 19 LITTLE LIGHTS ART SHOW & CHRISTMAS CONCERT - 5:15 p.m.
- THURS, DEC 20 WINTER SOLSTICE & LABYRINTH WALK - 6 p.m.
-A service of song and reflecting on the longest night of the year
- SAT, DEC 22 THE CHRISTMAS STORIES - 10 a.m.
-This special Bible study will dig into the stories of the birth of Jesus that we hear on Christmas Eve
- SUN, DEC 23 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF LOVE
-Worship - 10 a.m., Sanctuary
-Luminary Workshop

MON, DEC 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
-Family Service - 5 p.m., Sanctuary
-Candlelight Service - 9 p.m., Sanctuary
-Christmas story, carols, candles, sermon, and choir

SUN, DEC 30 WORSHIP - 10 a.m., Sanctuary
-Watch for the Light, session three - 11:30 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room

SUN, JAN 20 POLAR PEACE MARCH - 11:15 a.m.

***ALL CHURCH ADVENT POTLUCK** - 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-F side or casserole, G-M salad, N-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. Volunteers are needed for set-up and decorating on Saturday morning, December 8th and clean-up on Sunday December 9th following our meal. For questions and information, please contact Karen Johnson at kejpiano@aol.com or at 312-526-3618.

****CHRISTMAS MARKET/BAKE SALE ITEMS NEEDED** - We are accepting items for the Christmas Market on December 9th. Please bring any regiffable items (jewelry, candles, frames, decorations, toys, handmade items, etc.) to the office. After church on December 9th, you will be able to "shop" our market. Please bring bake sale items to the Oscar Mayer Room on December 9th. Funds raised will go towards the Polar Peace March.

*****POLAR PEACE MARCH** - March to support UCAN's work for non-violence, and honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on this 1.5 mile walk. This family friendly event will start after the 10 a.m. worship service and conclude with soup in the Gym. Invite your friends and family to be a part of your team. Register now. YOU CAN be part of the solution to a more peaceful Chicago.



ST PAULS 175 BLOG Visit our anniversary blog. We'll update it regularly throughout the coming year. You'll find anecdotes, trivia and fun facts about our 175-year history. It's on our website at <https://spucc.org/blogs/st-pauls-175>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - NIGHT MINISTRY AND ST. PAULS HOUSE STOCKING DRIVE - You can pick up a Christmas stocking wish list or gift card request for The Night Ministry youth shelter guests and residents of St. Pauls House to help brighten their Christmas. Look for the red and white "Santa hats" in the Social Hall. Please return stockings and gift cards to our front office no later than Sunday, December 16.

SPONSOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION - Does your employer make grants to charitable organizations doing good work in Chicago? We are looking for sponsors for our January 20, 2019 Polar Peace March that supports the violence prevention initiatives of UCAN. For more information contact Jan Bail, janbail@me.com.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP - Save the dates June 22-29, 2019. The trip is open to youth going into 8-12th grade. We are currently brainstorming ideas for the trip destination. Email Pastor Sarah with suggestions or to learn more about the trip.

LISTEN! - That's what Stephen Ministers do. In January 2019, we'll be training a new class of Stephen Ministers to walk beside our members who are going through a difficult time. If you'd like to know more about how to become a part of our one-to-one caregiving ministry, contact Pastor Jeff or Stephen Leader Marti Pechnyo, mpechnyo@gmail.com.

AMERICA TO ME - Would you like to watch and discuss “America to Me” in the New Year? This 10-part docuseries follows a year in the life of students, teachers, and administrators at Oak Park-River Forest High School as they search for answers around issues of race, equity and education. If you are interested in joining this 10-week group, please contact Kirk Chernansky at bchernansky@sbcglobal.net. Meeting times will be agreed on by the group.

DECEMBER 3 - CHRISTIANITY 101 - 7:30 p.m., Parlor

Join Pastor Jeff and fellow 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. Email Hannah at youngadults@spucc.org with RSVP or questions.

DECEMBER 10-14 - CHRISTMAS WRAPPING SERVICE - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m, Social Hall. Help us raise funds for the Little Lights Early Child Program by supporting our Christmas wrapping service. No time to wrap yourself? Need to hide gifts from family members before bringing home? We’ve got you covered! Drop off gifts for later pick up or stay while they are being wrapped. Donation prices will be from \$2-\$5 per gift to wrap.

DECEMBER 15 - CAROLING AT ST. PAULS HOUSE - 4:15 p.m.

Join the Young Adults Group for the 5th annual Christmas Caroling event at St. Pauls House. We will meet at the facility (3800 N. California Ave.) and stay for a pizza dinner afterwards. Carol books will be provided, and all singers of all abilities are welcome. Friends and guests are always welcome too! RSVP to the Punchbowl Invitation.

DECEMBER 16 - MONTHLY BRUNCH - 11:30 a.m.

Join the Young Adults Group for brunch after worship. We will gather during Social Hour and walk somewhere close. Have a suggestion of where we should go? Email Hannah at youngadults@spucc.org with your idea and RSVP.

DECEMBER 17 - *LES MISERABLES* BOOK DISCUSSION - 7 p.m., Parlor

The Long, Classic Novels Reading Group discusses the second half of Victor Hugo’s epic tale of redemption. New members are always welcome. For more information or to RSVP: Jeff Carlson at jcarlson@spucc.org.

OPPORTUNITIES

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/36-2179808>

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 two hours 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@gmail.com.

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 Claire Higgins at chiggins@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.

FEED THE HUNGRY - Thank you to all of our 2018 volunteers! We have opened up volunteering dates in 2019. Each week St. Pauls welcomes homeless and hungry people to Sunday dinner as part of the Community Engagement Program (CEP). Volunteers prepare and serve dinner. To find available dates and to sign up, contact Jennifer Kew at CEPsupper@gmail.com

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

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.

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.

ST. PAULS BASKETBALL WEDNESDAYS - 7 p.m. Our weekly pick-up game is co-ed. Ages range widely and skill levels go from from enthusiastic to "I think she played in college, you guard her." All are welcome! pastormatt@spucc.org

ST. PAULS PLAYGROUP - NOW ON FRIDAYS - For children from birth to 3 years old and their parent or caregiver in the church Nursery. Drop in anytime from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Friday mornings. Corie Gallemore at corie.gallemore@gmail.com.

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.

SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY - One Saturday a month, 10-11:45 a.m. Newcomers are always welcome. Increase your faith and your knowledge of the Bible in this monthly study. Next meeting: December 22 when we'll dig into the Christmas story. RSVP: Pastor Jeff jcarlson@spucc.org.

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 Barb Kaiser (bkaiser2213@gmail.com).

WANT MORE VARIETY AT COFFEE HOUR? - Sign up to bring it by emailing Claire Higgins at chiggins@spucc.org.

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 them at 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 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 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.

- Marcus, shot multiple times on Chicago's West Side.
- Gordon Fishburn who is hospitalized following a stroke.
- Liz Rein at the death of her sister, Becky.
- The Deely family, for the loss of their 11-year-old son, Gabe.
- Jan Exworthy and her mother Lucille facing health challenges.
- Phyllis Grimm's mother facing health challenges.
- The family of Stacie B., sister of Mark P., at the death of her sister-in-law.
- Sylvia Pine, on the death of her grandfather, Terry Barton.
- The daughters and extended family of Meghan Liddy, including her friend Katie Passon. Meghan died of malaria.
- Michael, nephew of Juanita Barlow, for his recuperation from surgery.
- Joe JaQuay's father, Harry, as he begins radiation and chemotherapy.
- Kathie Castle in hospice care for Alzheimer's disease.
- Mary, a beloved friend of Stacy and Brent, and her doctors and children, as she recovers from a brain brain aneurysm and is still at great risk.
- Toby Knott's aunt Diane Smith fighting cancer
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.
- Karl Wirsum, in rehabilitation for mini-strokes.
- Dede Koldyke, beating cancer.
- Amy Newman's sister, Linda, being treated for cancer.

You are beloved - to others, to the world you live in, and most important, to God. God knows your struggles and failures, as well as your joys and triumphs. Even when you walk through the valley of shadows, God is with you. If you or someone you love has lost hope, is feeling completely alone or like life doesn't matter, reach out for help. 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" LGBTQ 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 175 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 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Lincoln Avenue Parking Garage,
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.