



January 13, 2019

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

"Fearful rhetoric attempts to make us forget that we were made to love God and one another."

Serene Jones

PRELUDE

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

J. Pachelbel

INTROIT

Brightest And Best
Chancel Choir

Sacred Harp

WELCOME

Sarah Garcia

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Be still, and know that God *is*.

All: God was, also, in the beginning.

One: And when all human striving has ceased, God will *be*.

All: God alone is worthy of our worship.

One: Rejoice in God, always!

All: Again, I say, rejoice!

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

* HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

Black Hymnal, No. 436



1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2. From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
3. Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4. Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
5. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—
your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If I am honest,

I will confess that confession is a fearful request.

I am asking you to erase much of what makes me who I am.

Take away my resentment, despair, and defiance.

Extinguish my disbelief, superstition, and fear.

Leave me nothing but your greatness!

Give me nothing but your goodness!

Grant me nothing but your love!

Make your mercy my identity.

Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

At this time Sunday School students are invited to go to the Social Hall to begin preparing for the 175th Musical Revue.

If you would like to accompany your child, you are welcome to drop them off and return to worship.

* RESPONSE

Black Hymnal, No. 423 v. 3

Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside,
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, God, unto me!

THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THIS DAY

Isaiah 43:1-5

But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I'd sell off the whole world to get you back,
trade the creation just for you.
Do not fear, for I am with you.

* 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. 488 v. 2

Be still, my soul: for God will undertake
to guide in future days as in the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
how Jesus' power ruled them long ago.

SERMON

"Do Not Fear"

Matt Fitzgerald

* HYMN

Feel, Believe and be Awed

1. "Fear not!" I - sa - iah spoke, "God formed you, Is - ra - el." Ja -
 2. Fear not, you flat - tened souls, am - bi - tious but emp - ty; Sad,
 3. Fear not scorn's, sneer - ing pout: "How can you grasp God's ways?" "The
 4. Fear not, be - lov - ed church, un - cer - tain and dis - tressed, God

- cob was claimed; God knows our names! The Lord is faith - ful still!
 shin - ing ones whose faith is done— Christ came to set us free.
 mod - ern mind has knocked faith out! God makes no sense to - day."
 knows your name! Saint Pauls re - mains loved hon - ored and pre - cious!

No ris - ing flood can drown God's fierce, un - swerv - ing word Christ's
 For God's own Son was lost; Christ felt God's ab - sence too. Good
 Christ's heart still beats be - neath the lies we tell our - selves, God
 "I'd trade the world for you! I am the Lord your God!" His

grace as - tounds Christ's love sur - rounds our sin - ful, burn - ing world.
 news re - sounds; Christ's love a - bounds, he knows me and knows you!
 touched the earth with Je - sus' birth, to feel this is to thrill.
 cross re - veals his pledge is real! Feel, be - lieve and be awed!

175th HISTORY MOMENT

Tom Henry

OFFERTORY

There Shall A Star From Jacob Shine Forth
Chancel Choir

Felix Mendelssohn

There shall a star come out of Jacob,
and a sceptre shall rise out of Israel;
With might destroying princes and nations!
As bright the star of morning gleams,
So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams
Of light and consolation.
Thy word, O Lord,
Radiance darting, truth imparting,
Gives salvation;
Thine be praise and adoration!
based on Numbers 24:17

* 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

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

How Firm A Foundation

Black Hymnal, No. 407



1. How_ firm a foun - da - tion for you has been laid,
2. "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
5. "The_ soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,



by___ God in the Word, in the sac - ri - fice paid!
for___ I am your God, I will still give you aid;
the___ riv - ers of woe shall not o - ver you flow;
my___ grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;
I___ will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



What more can God say than to you has been said,
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand
For I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,
the flame shall not hurt you; for I have de - signed
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake.



to___ you, who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
up - held by my gra - cious, om - ni - po - tent hand."
de - liv - er - ing you from your deep - est dis - tress."
your_ soul to make pure just as gold is re - fined."
I'll___ nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

POSTLUDE

Go Tell It On The Mountain
St. Arbucks Trio

Spiritual
arr. Morgan/Henry

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

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

TODAY'S MUSIC features an offertory by Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847) from his unfinished oratorio, **Christus**, composed shortly before his death. The anthem closes with a setting of the famous German chorale, *Wie schön leuchtet Morgenstern* (O Morning Star, How Clear And Bright). That hymn can be found in our Black Hymnal No. 158. The “morning star” refers to the star of Bethlehem that guided the Magi.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: David Baker, Brian Hafner, Fred Pearson, Bruce Voice

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

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 13 Phil Canfield, Ginger Hecht, Sune Millard, Molly McGrath

Jan 15 Jonah Schloerb, Larry Simpson, Durham Barnes

Jan 16 Kristin Lane Mack, Alan Cramb, Rachel Adams

Jan 17 Mark Weglarz, Angela Adefioye

Jan 18 Brian Nach, Jacob Peterson, Anne Holland, Cara Hotz, Boris Tong

TODAY

VIOLENCE INTERRUPTION AND PREVENTION: MENTORING AT-RISK YOUTH -
11:30 a.m. Oscar Mayer Room.

Join St. Pauls member Steve Patton and Norman Kerr, VP for Violence Prevention at UCAN, for this special Faith Formation/Faith and Public Issues presentation and learn about the good work that our Polar Peace March is supporting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBER CLASS - Curious about Saint Pauls? Our next round of classes will be held February 24 and March 3 after worship. We will meet in the Conference Room at 11:30 a.m. and wrap up around 1:30 p.m. Contact Pastor Matt to register at mfitzgerald@spucc.org.

A MATCHING GRANT FOR THE POLAR PEACE MARCH - This year, every donation will be doubled with a matching grant! We have an anonymous donor who is going to match funds raised at the Polar Peace March - \$2 for every dollar we raise!! Our goal is to raise \$50,000 for UCAN and, with our matching grant, that means \$150,000 for UCAN - a great way to celebrate UCAN's 150th birthday! If you are not able to join us at the march, please support your fellow St. Pauls marchers.

JOIN OUR ORCHESTRA - The St. Pauls Intergenerational Orchestra will perform in worship on Sunday March 3rd. Orchestra members include teens and adults of all ages and abilities. We rehearse after worship in the Chapel on 2/10, 2/17 and 2/24. If you are interested, please contact our conductor Mark Mosley at 773-732-0625 or mwmosley@gmail.com. If you play a string, woodwind, brass or percussion instrument, please join us as together we "Make a Joyful Sound in the City!"

SAINT PAULS 175th ANNIVERSARY MUSICAL REVUE - Feb. 3 at 10 a.m. We will be spending the month of January preparing to bring significant historical moments in the life of Saint Pauls to the stage. Each Sunday school class will be using their creative talents to capture moments in Saint Pauls' past. Adults who would like to be involved are also welcome to be part of the production. Rehearsals will take place on Jan. 13, 20, 27 from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. If you don't want to be onstage, we need help offstage with costumes, sets and makeup design. To get involved, email Pastor Sarah sgarcia@spucc.org.

CLASSIC NOVEL READING GROUP 2019 - This year we'll be reading four novels. *Silence* by Shusaku Endo, discussion March 18th; *The Idiot* by Dostoevsky, discussion June 17th; *Don Quixote* by Cervantes, discussions in fall and winter. To join the group and receive updates, email Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org.

JANUARY 20 - POLAR PEACE MARCH - 11:15 a.m., St. Pauls Courtyard
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.

JANUARY 24 - POLO DAD'S NIGHT OUT - 7:30 p.m.
Join Parents Of Little Ones dads for a night out at Emporium Wicker Park, 1366 N. Milwaukee Ave. This event is open to dads of little ones, dads of not-so-little ones, dads of fur babies, non-dads. POLO dads will try to make third Thursdays a night out event each month. Watch the bulletin for the next location. Email Rob Castle at rkcastle@gmail.com to RSVP or for more information.

JANUARY 26 - SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY - 10 a.m. The Gospel of Matthew
It's a great time to join this study as we begin the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew focuses on the teachings of Jesus and what it means to follow him. Meets one Saturday a month. RSVP: Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org.

JANUARY 27 - 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.

JANUARY 27 - FAITH AND PUBLIC ISSUES ROUNDTABLE - 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Social Hall - We have an opportunity to do something concrete about segregation and inequality in Chicago. Patricia Fron from the Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance will discuss their research into aldermanic prerogatives and how they influence the siting of affordable housing.

FEBRUARY 4 - CHRISTIANITY 101 - 7:30 p.m., Parlor
Join Pastor Matt 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.

FEBRUARY 9 - BOARD GAME NIGHT- 7 p.m., Dice Dojo, 5550 N. Broadway, Chicago
Join the St Pauls Young Adults Group for a board game night! The Dice Dojo is located just off of the Bryn Mawr Red Line and has some residential parking in the neighborhood. All games are free to play and outside food and drink is welcome! Contact Jim Alrutz at jimalrutz@gmail.com with questions and to RSVP.

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 - We need volunteers for March 17, March 24, and March 31. 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 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 2019-2020. 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.) Corie Gallemore at corie.gallemore@gmail.com.

PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES - POLO has play dates, Moms night out, family pizza parties, prayer groups and more activities to support families with little ones between the ages of 0 to 5. If you have young children and you would like to get involved please contact Molly Mcgrath, mollymcgrath906@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: January 26. 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.

- Karen Hein's mom, Christine Schmidt, recovering from a stroke.
- Carole Knuti gives thanks for a completely clear MRI brain scan.
- Friends and family of Gordon Fishburn mourning his death.
- The thousands who lost homes and jobs due to the floods and fires this fall, and to those who gave them shelter.
- Liz Rein at the death of her sister, Becky.
- The family of Stacie B., sister of Mark P., at the death of her sister-in-law.
- Michael, nephew of Juanita Barlow, for his recuperation from surgery.
- Kathie Castle, in hospice care for Alzheimer's disease.
- Jessica Ashley and family during her boyfriend Darren McGraw's one-year deployment with the Army National Guard.
- Mary, a beloved friend of Stacy and Brent, and her doctors and children, as she recovers from a 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.

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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" 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.