

November 18, 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.

PRELUDE	<i>He Has Done Great Things</i> St. Arbucks Trio Brendan Henry, piano; Joel Kelsey, bass; Kurt Lubbe, drums	Jessy Dixon, arr. Henry
INTROIT	<i>We Gather Together</i> Chancel Choir	Netherlands Folk Hymn
WELCOME		Jeff Carlson

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: For all that is. For all that was. For all that will be

All: We thank you, loving God!

One: For all that we were. For all that we are. For all that we will be.

All: We thank you, loving God!

One: May our hearts be truly grateful.

All: May we show our gratitude by the ways in which we live, love and worship.

** Please stand if you are able*

* HYMN

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

Black Hymnal No. 73

Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

Open yourself to the song. Open yourself to the song.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

Open your hearts everyone. Open your hearts everyone.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

Don't be afraid of some change. Don't be afraid of some change.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Creator,
you have given us so much,
but too often we take those gifts for granted,
or as something to which we are entitled.
You call us to live in caring community,
but too often we place our wants and needs first,
with those of others a distant second.
You call us to share Your gifts with the world around us,
but we are worried that there may not be enough,
and our worrying gets in the way of our sharing.
For all the times when we mistreat and misuse Your gifts,
for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves,
forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom.
God you are a gracious giver.
God you are a gracious forgiver.
God guide us to new patterns and new life. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OF

Margot Rose Grachan

Pastor: Margot Rose Grachan, 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. Margot is 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 child, Margot. Inspire her life. May she sing many songs, know many joys, heal many wounds, and embrace many people in your name. We pray for her parents, that they may be guided by your love so that they may know your presence. May we walk together with this family 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

*At this time Sunday School students will be invited to go to their classrooms.
If you would like to accompany your child, you are welcome to drop them off and
return to worship.*

* RESPONSE

Black Hymnal No. 325, vv. 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 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

Gerald Wilk

Ecclesiastes 3 Excerpts

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

God has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds. I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it. That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is.

* 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. 325, v. 4

Child of God your loving Parent, learn to know whose child you are.
Grow and laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.

SERMON

“Milestones”

Sarah Garcia

HYMN

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Red Hymnal No. 9, vv. 1, 4

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

GIVING MOMENT

“\$175 More for 175 More”

Liz & Van Ewing

OFFERTORY

Praise The Lord, O Jerusalem
Chancel Choir

John Henry Maunder

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem,
Praise thy God, O Zion.
For He hath made fast the bars of thy gates,
And hath blessed thy children within thee.
The Lord is gracious,
And full of compassion,
Slow to anger, and of great goodness.
The Lord is good to all,
And his tender mercies are over all that fear His works.
All thy works praise thee,
And thy saints give thanks unto thee.
The valleys stand so thick with corn that they laugh and sing.
Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem,
Praise thy God, O Zion.
from Psalms 145 & 147

* 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

Matt Fitzgerald

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

Now Thank We All Our God

Black Hymnal No. 419

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices,
Who, from our parents' arms, has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God our Maker now be given,
To Christ, and Spirit too, our help in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Amen, amen, amen*

POSTLUDE *Nun Danket Alle Gott* S. Karg-Elert
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

TODAY'S MUSIC includes a well known Thanksgiving hymn for our Introit. *We Gather Together* was originally composed as a hymn of thanksgiving for the Netherlands being liberated from Spanish domination in the 16th century. Our offertory was composed in 1897 by John Henry Maunder (1858–1920) in a very distinctly Victorian style, a style he shared with other great composers of that time like Parry and Stanford. The text, "the valleys stand so thick with corn, that they laugh and sing," is particularly appropriate preceding our Thanksgiving.

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 WORSHIP LEADERS:

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Fred Pearson, Brian Hafner, Mary Brown, Gloria Joseph

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

Acolyte Coordinator: Tiffany Jozwiak

Acolyte: Valerie Schimp

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are from Bethany and Joel Grachan in celebration of their daughter, Margot Rose, and her baptism.

ADDITIONAL FLOWERS are in celebration of Patricia and Jeff Calore's wedding anniversary.

BORN THIS WEEK IN NOVEMBER

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.

Nov 18 Sarah Garcia, Maria Kooistra

Nov 19 Laura Hochuli

Nov 21 Gregg Taylor III

Nov 22 Mitchell Holzrichter

Nov 23 Kyle Mack, James Jay Miller, Cale Roschen

Nov 24 Shari Charlton, Jake Lippert, Pierce Prangley

TODAY

UCAN GIFT DRIVE - Just 30 more wish lists to meet our goal of 125! Help spread joy this holiday season by signing up to purchase a \$50 gift card for a teen or young adult who has suffered trauma. Visit the Gift Drive tables in the Narthex or Social Hall directly following worship. Gifts are due December 2. For questions, please contact Rebecca Brown, rebecca.brown@ucanchicago.org or (773) 279-3733.

PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES FAMILY PIZZA PARTY - 11:30 a.m., OMR, Gym
Families with kids age 5 and under are invited to enjoy pizza in the Oscar Mayer Room and play time in the gym with the bounce house. Older siblings are welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOTENFEST will be held on Sunday, November 25. During worship, we will give thanks for the lives of the members and friends of our congregation who died during the past year. Totenfest is a German word meaning "Festival of the Dead." If you would like to make a memorial gift for Totenfest honoring a loved one, email Claire at chiggins@spucc.org by Monday, November 20.

CHRISTMAS MARKET/BAKE SALE ITEMS NEEDED - We are accepting items for the Christmas Market on December 9. Please bring any regifiable items (jewelry, candles, frames, decorations, toys, handmade items, etc.) to the office. After church on December 9, you will be able to "shop" our market. Please bring bake sale items to the Oscar Mayer Room on 12/9. Funds raised will go towards the Polar Peace March.

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.

POLAR PEACE MARCH - NEW TIME and SAVE THE DATE! - Join us January 20, 2019 at our 1.5 mile walk to benefit UCAN and its violence prevention initiative. This family friendly event will start at 11:15 a.m. after a 10 a.m. worship service celebrating Dr. King's legacy of PEACE. The march will conclude with soup in the Gym. Invite your friends and family to be a part of your team. Register now at polarpeacemarch.org. YOU CAN be part of the solution to a more peaceful Chicago.

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.

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.

2019 ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP - The 2019 Altar Flower Sign Up is now available downstairs in the social hall or online at <http://tinyurl.com/h55pl82>. Sign up soon if you have a special Sunday when you would like to bring flowers!

LINCOLN AVENUE PARKING GARAGE CONSTRUCTION - The main north entrance of the Lincoln Avenue parking garage is closed for construction. The parking lot is accessible via the south entrance of the garage, also located on Lincoln Avenue. Visit LincolnCommon.com for additional project details.

NOVEMBER 30 - ST PAULS SOCIAL GAME NIGHT - 7-9 p.m., Parlor
Join host Patricia Calore for fun and fellowship during Trivia Night! Play solo and impress the crowd, or combine talents with randomly selected teams as we explore the trivial side of various topics. Please bring a beverage of choice, snack, or dessert to share with others. RSVP to Patricia at pfcalore@yahoo.com. If you need childcare please indicate when you RSVP.

DECEMBER 1 - ST PAULS HOUSE HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
St. Pauls House is having a holiday craft fair featuring local artisans, crafters and vendors. It will be in the St. Pauls House Auditorium at 3800 N. California Ave., Chicago, IL 60618.

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 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.

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/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.

FEED THE HUNGRY - Thank you to all of our 2018 volunteers! The 2018 calendar is completely booked so we will open up dates in 2019 shortly. 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

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>.

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 - Summer/Fall book is Victor Hugo's classic "Les Miserables." Second half discussion: December 17, 7 p.m., Parlor. New members are always welcome. For more information or to RSVP: Jeff Carlson at 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 Barb Kaiser (bkaiser2213@gmail.com).

SAINT 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

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.

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.

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.

- The family of Stacie B., sister of Mark P., at the death of her sister-in-law.
- Sylvia Barton 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 last week.
- Michael, nephew of Juanita Barlow, as he undergoes surgery on November 30, and for his recuperation.
- The family and fiancée of Nathan Ward, a singer and recent Northwestern graduate, who died by suicide.
- 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.
- Lincoln Park Community Services as they build their new facility to serve more community members facing homelessness.
- Jessica Ashley and family during her boyfriend Darren McGraw's one-year deployment with the Army National Guard.
- 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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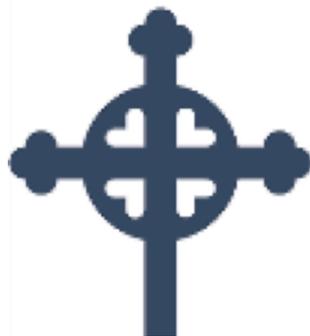
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Free Parking is available on Sundays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Lincoln Avenue Parking Garage,
2300 block of North Lincoln Ave. - Vouchers Not Needed



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.