

June 20, 2021

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

"Possibility is the mother of fact."

John O'Donohue

PRELUDE

Adagio

Daniel E. Gawthrop

Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

INTROIT

While Morning Gilds the Skies
Chancel Choir

Joseph Barnaby

WELCOME

Matt Fitzgerald

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: To God be the glory!

All: To the cross: reverence

One: To the church: exaltation

All: To the guilt-ridden: forgiveness

One: To the sick: recovery

All: To the four corners of the earth: great tranquility.

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

* HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign -
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend
 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

- tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -
 - eth, Shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so gent - ly sus -
 thee; Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -
 him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

- va - - tion! Come, ye who hear, Broth - ers and sis - ters draw
 - tain - - eth! Hast thou not seen All that is need - ful hath
 - tend thee. Pon - der a - new All the Al - might - y can
 - fore him. Let the A - men Sound from his peo - ple a -

near; Praise him in glad ad - or - ra - - - tion!
 been Grant - ed in what he or - dain - - - eth?
 do, He who with love doth be - friend thee.
 - gain: Glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sarah Garcia

**Your love surpasses understanding, Lord.
 You are not distant from us,
 trapped in some faraway heaven.
 You are with us
 so completely that
 you once fell asleep
 in the stern of a boat.
 Such nearness
 reveals how far we have
 wandered from you.
 Forgive our distrust.
 Wake *us* up!
 Remind us of your power.
 Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* RESPONSE

Be Still My Soul

Jean Sibelius

1. Be still, my soul: for God is on your side; _____
 2. Be still, my soul: for God will un - der - take _____

_____ bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain; _____ Leave to your
 _____ to guide in fu - ture days as in the past. _____ Your hope, your

God to or - der and pro - vide; _____ in ev - ery change God
 con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake; _____ all now mys - te - rious

faith - ful will re - main. _____ Be still, my soul: your best e - ter - nal
 shall be clear at last. _____ Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still

friend _____ through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 know _____ how Je - sus' pow - er ruled them long a - go.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:35-41

When evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's go over to the other side of the lake." They left the crowd behind. And they took him along in a boat, just as he was. There were also other boats with him. A wild storm came up and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him up. They said, "Teacher! Don't you care if we drown?"

He got up and ordered the wind to stop. He said to the waves, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased. There was a dead calm.

He said to his disciples, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"

They were terrified. They asked each other, "Who is this, that even the wind and sea obey him?"

* 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.**

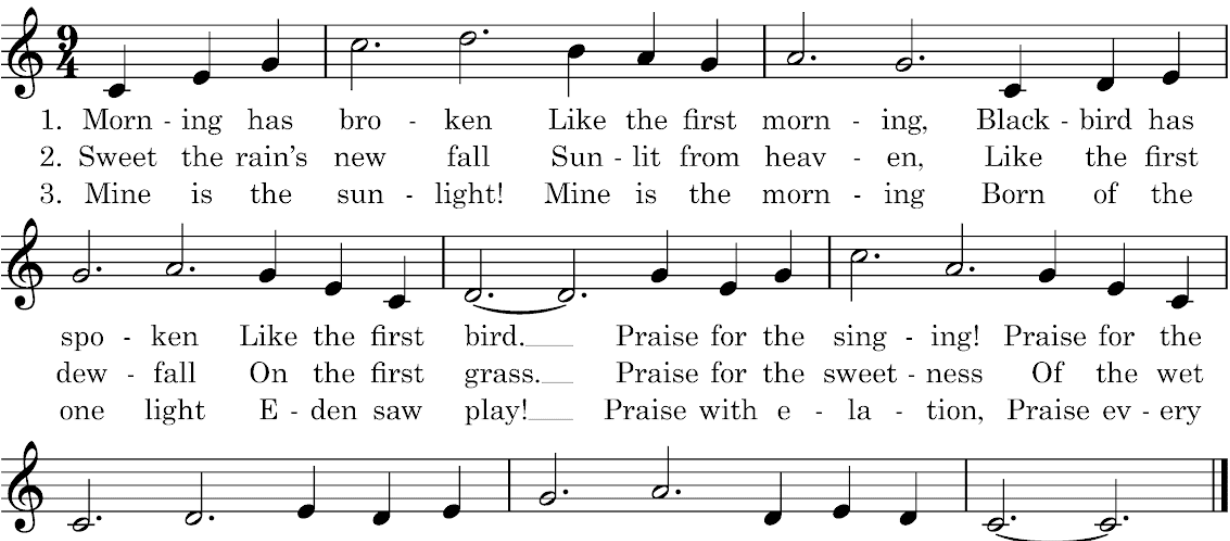
In life and death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

(adapted from the United Church of Canada)

* RESPONSE

Morning Has Broken
Verses 1 & 2



1. Morn - ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black - bird has
2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the

spo - ken Like the first bird.____ Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall On the first grass.____ Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet
one light E - den saw play!____ Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!____
gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where his feet pass.____
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!____

SERMON

"The Prince of Possibility"

Matt Fitzgerald

RESPONSE

Morning Has Broken
Verse 3, see previous response

OFFERTORY

He Watching Over Israel
from Elijah
Chancel Choir

Felix Mendelssohn

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps
Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish;
He will quicken thee.

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps.
Text from Psalm 121

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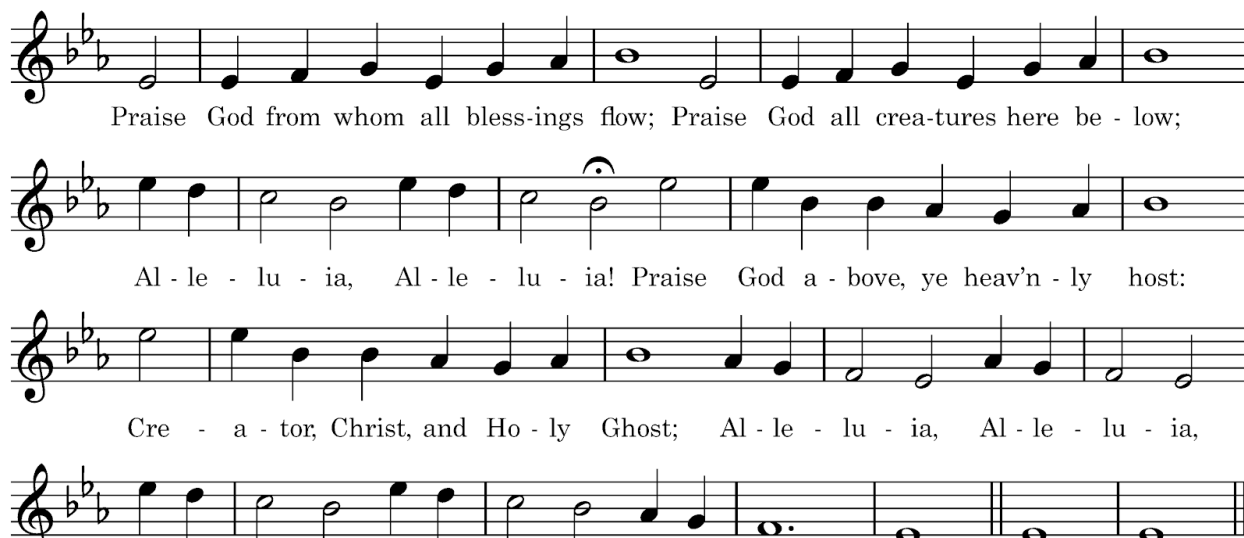
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* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (half). The second staff continues: F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half), C4 (half). The third staff: B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (half), F#3 (half). The fourth staff: E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (half), B2 (half). The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host: Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men."

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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

God Reigns O'er All the Earth

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal staff and a piano accompaniment staff. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves.

1. God reigns o'er all the earth! Green hills and val - leys low, the
2. God reigns o'er hu - man life! Through youth and ag - ing years, in
3. God reigns o'er time and space! In his - tory's by - gone days, Christ's
4. God reigns! Em - man - u - el! God with us ev - ery day, in

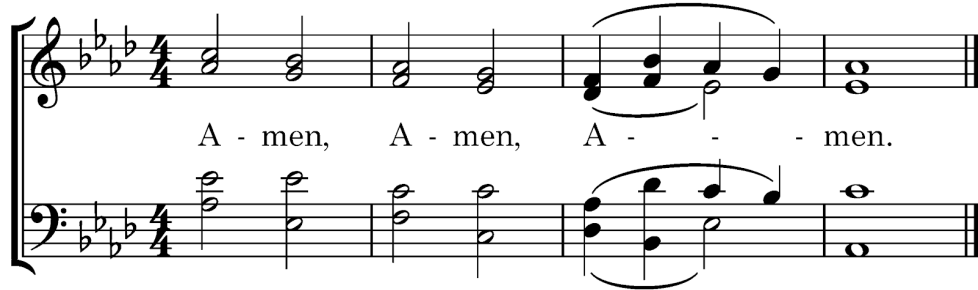
farms and towns in golds and browns God's grace and beau - ty show.
death, in birth, in grief, in mirth, in all our hopes and fears.
faith - ful folk in rev - erence spoke to bring God earn - est praise.
all our past and to the last, our com - fort and our stay.

God reigns o'er all the earth! Stone banks and spread - ing plains,
God reigns o'er hu - man life! Our in - spi - ra - tion still.
God reigns o'er time and space! O'er gal - ax - y and sun,
God reigns! Em - man - u - el! Let praise to Christ be sung!

in rain - bow hues— reds, yel - lows, blues— of streams and coun - try lanes.
Through all our schemes, in all our dreams, we see God's reign - ing will.
through time - less years the cos - mos hears the heaven - ly mus - ic run.
God's pres - ence here makes all things dear. Let joy - ful bells be rung!

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

I Saw the Light

Hank Williams

St. Arbucks Trio

with Kris Hansen, trumpet and vocals

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 outside in the Courtyard, weather permitting.

ALTAR CLOTHS AND PARAMENTS

Our altar cloths and paraments change colors when the seasons of the church year shift and were made by members of Saint Pauls.

Purple is for the season of Advent made by Deborah Rose.

White is for the seasons of Christmas and Easter made by Lynn Dykstra Davis.

Green is for ordinary time (Sundays between the seasons of Christmas and Lent, Easter and Advent) made by Deborah Rose.

Red is for special Sundays and symbolizes the Holy Spirit (Pentecost, Reformation Sunday, Ordinations) made by Deborah Rose.

TODAY'S MUSIC

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty is another great hymn from our German heritage. The tune, LOBE DEN HERRN, is the first line of the first stanza of the German text. The composer of the music is unknown and it was first published in a hymnal in 1668. The original text was written by Joachim Neander (1650 - 1680). Although he was reported to have spent a “riotous youth,” he became the first important hymn writer of the German Reformed Church.

When Morning Gilds the Skies was originally a German hymn, *Beim frühen Morgenlicht*, and dates from the late 18th century. Joseph Barnaby (1838 - 1896) adapted that tune to fit the translation by Edward Caswall (1814 - 1878). Caswell was the son of an Anglican clergy and converted to Roman Catholicism later in life. Joseph Barnaby was an important choral director of his era and produced the first performance of Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* in an English church, as well annual performances of the *St. John Passion*.

Be Still My Soul uses a tune called FINLANDIA, because the melody was composed by Jean Sibelius (1865–1957) as part of his famous tone poem by the same name honoring his homeland. The original German text is by Katharina von Schlegel (1697–17??) and was translated into English by Scottish writer Jane Borthwick (1813–1897), who translated and composed many hymn texts.

The text for ***Morning Has Broken*** was written by Elinor Farjeon (1881-1965), who also wrote children's books. The music we know so well is a Gaelic melody.

He Watching Over Israel, our Offertory anthem today, is a chorus from the oratorio *Elijah* composed in 1846 by Felix Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847). Mendelssohn, like Mozart, had a very short but artistically productive life. He was born in Germany, but a great source of his popularity was outside his home country. He was especially beloved in England. Amongst his greatest accomplishments was the revival of the works of J.S. Bach, and the first “modern” performance of Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* since his death. *Elijah* is performed in England almost as often as *Messiah*, which is, of course, by another “adopted” German, Handel. This chorus is sung in the oratorio as assurance to Elijah during his sojourn in the wilderness. This time in the wilderness is something to which many of us can relate, especially after 16 months being unable to worship together as a family of faith.

God Reigns O'er All the Earth is sung to the tune TERRA BEATA. The source of the music is an English folk melody which first appeared as a hymn in 1906. The text, written in 1981, is by Jane Parker Huber (1926 - 2008), one of the most prolific contemporary authors of hymn texts. She was born to missionary parents in China and was a lifelong Presbyterian who focused her hymn texts and ministry on peace-making, justice, and inclusiveness.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: David Baker, Brian Hafner, Fred Pearson

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

Camera Operator: Chuck Kent

St. Arbucks Quartet: Brendan Henry, piano; Alex Austin, bass; Matt Plaskota, drums; Kris Hansen, trumpet & vocals

BORN THIS WEEK IN JUNE

We celebrate and give thanks for your life at St. Pauls.

A perfect way to celebrate is by giving one dollar for each year of your life to our Birthday Fund, which supports A Just Harvest.

June 20 Zoe Montgomery

June 21 Paul Kendall

June 22 Geoffrey Gist

June 23 Benn Hamm, Brian Good, Chris Kohler, Nancy Kintzel, Elise Prangley, Quinn Houser

June 24 Doug Hoerr, Katie Barkley, Kristin Ammon

June 25 Deborah Bayly, Dianne Witkowski, Renae Bradshaw, Robin Burnett

June 26 Patricia Calore, Annabel Jackson, Lucas Lippert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CREATION CORNER

Composting is a super easy and cost-effective way to significantly reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. Why? When conditions are right in a traditional pile, as the little guys break down the organic content, heat is generated. As heat is generated, the contents break down faster. Eventually, you're left with beautiful, rich "garden food," as we like to call it in our house, aka, natural fertilizer. All is made from stuff that would have ended up in a landfill producing methane. In Chicago, take your compost to the Green City Market, greencitymarket.org.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

Now that our worship is back in person, we're happy to reopen our flower donation signup! Providing flowers for the altar is an excellent way of celebrating a special event in your life: an anniversary, a birthday, a holiday, or just because you like flowers! Sign up at spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/874446.

CHURCH SCHOOL

In coordination with our return to 10 a.m. in-person worship services, we will offer Sunday morning faith formation activities for children 2 to 11 years old. See the event page for more information and to register. Please register by Friday for the upcoming Sunday at spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/885065.

NEWBIGIN FELLOWS SMALL GROUP

Having participated in the Newbigin House's *Faith & Justice Fellowship* (faithjustice.net/fellowship), Steve Schwartzberg invites you to join a small group at St. Pauls made up of Newbigin Fellows for this coming year. It's an intense experience discussing such works as Willie James Jennings' *The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race*. A rewarding commitment, but not a small one either in time or money. Tuition is nearly \$900 (not including books) and there are webinars and fireside chats via Zoom in addition to bi-weekly cohort meetings. Please contact Steve at steven.schwartzberg@gmail.com to join or for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JULY 5-30 - SUMMER CAMP! - 9am-12pm/3pm

We are excited to have you join us for summer camp this year! Along with arts and crafts, games, and water activities, campers enjoy exploring local parks and going on daily adventures! St. Pauls Summer Camp is for school aged children 6-12. We have options for Full Day (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) or Half Day (9 a.m.-12 p.m.). Sign up on a weekly basis, Monday to Friday. Learn more and sign up here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/823571.

OPPORTUNITIES

CHURCH CENTER – spucc.churchcenter.com is our new portal for the Saint Pauls community. See our calendar, register for events, update your contact information, join and view our photo directory, manage your online donations, see your giving history, and more!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM (CEP) – We are seeking **CEP Laundry volunteers on Saturday mornings**. One volunteer is needed each week to greet street-based guests and launder their clothes on-site at St. Pauls from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you have any interest in **cooking in-person** meals for homeless neighbors in the coming months, please contact Jennifer Kew at CEPsupper@gmail.com. If you are not interested in in-person activities, we continue to have opportunities to drop off meals for LPCS.

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.

EMAIL SIGN-UP – Are you new to St. Pauls and want to get more connected? You can go to spucc.org to fill out our virtual fellowship card to begin receiving our weekly email and special congregational emails, introduce yourself and receive a call from a pastor, request more information about Children and Youth Programming, and more! If you're already a member of St. Pauls and have missed signing up for our email list, you can sign up at the bottom of our website, spucc.org.

FAITH IN ACTION – Some people call it showing up for a protest. Others call it public witness for the values inherent in our faith. Most of us appreciate being able to do both with like-minded congregational members. We are continually building a Faith-in-Action list of people who wish to receive notice of such protests and gatherings – frequently on short notice due to swift governmental action. Please join this email list by contacting Claire Higgins at chiggins@spucc.org.

FAITH & PUBLIC ISSUES – Help us connect our faith to critical public issues. Do you wish you knew more from a faith perspective about current issues that are important to our public life? Racism, climate change, immigration, to name a few? FPI programs provide opportunities to ask questions, help us understand issues in depth, and discuss possible action. The FPI Task Force plans these programs and we could use your ideas. Contact Toby Rogers at toby@rogers-home.com for information about meetings.

GIFTS, PASSIONS, SKILLS – If you have not already completed our GPS Survey, please go to forms.gle/jK54YezLs8Ea27uW8 to fill it out. This is an important component of our overall member engagement initiative. If you prefer to complete a paper document, please contact the office, info@spucc.org. Thank you in advance for your participation.

GREEN TEAM Help us as a congregation live out what we say in our Statement of Faith: “God calls us to care for creation.” This is the perfect time to plan, as we prepare to reenter and reimagine our common bodily life together. Joe Womack and Jan Fraccaro have volunteered to co-chair our efforts, both bringing a great deal of experience and ideas. To attend, or to be on the email list for future meetings, email Jan at jan.fraccaro@gmail.com.

LITTLE LIGHTS is a St. Pauls early childhood program with classes for 2, 3, and 4-year olds. We are now accepting applications for 2021. Check out www.littlelightslp.org. Email Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at littlelights@spucc.org.

MEALS FOR LPCS - Lincoln Park Community Services is a St. Pauls founded organization that provides comprehensive social services to our neighbors experiencing homelessness. LPCS is looking for volunteers to provide meals during this time. Please contact Sally Fletcher to sign up at sfletcher1443@gmail.com, or (312) 848-5400. Needed are 35 lunches, including 3 vegetarian, at the 600 W. Fullerton location.

NEW OR EXPECTING PARENTS – If you have a new baby or are expecting a baby, please let Corie Gallemore know so that we can find ways to support you (meals, prayer, etc.). Email Corie at corie.gallemore@gmail.com.

OUTREACH & BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE – Do you have a passion for reaching out to others? The St. Pauls O&B Committee would love you to join us in keeping our church engaged in community outreach. For more information, contact Jennifer Kew, JenniferLKew@gmail.com, or Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org.

PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES (POLO) has play dates, Moms night out, Dads night out, family pizza parties, prayer groups, and more activities to support families with little ones between the ages of 0 and 5. If you have young children and would like to get involved, please contact Joanne Tong at jctong@yahoo.com.

SAINT PAULS SOCIAL – Get better acquainted with other adults at St. Pauls. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Jen Luerssen at jenluerssen@yahoo.com. Subscribe to the distribution list at eepurl.com/gQ4Eg1, or look out for future events announced in the bulletin calendar.

SAINT PAULS TOGETHER – Our Facebook Group, “Saint Pauls Together,” is for St. Pauls Members and Friends to connect and share uplifting thoughts and stories. Check out our Facebook Page to request an invitation if you’re a member or friend!

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).

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – Meeting every Wednesday at noon via Zoom. Newcomers are always welcome. Increase your faith and your knowledge of the Bible. RSVP: Pastor Jeff at jcarlson@spucc.org to get the Zoom link.

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.

ZOOM MEETINGS – The St. Pauls Zoom account is available to start or continue groups. Email Claire Higgins at chiggins@spucc.org to schedule your meeting.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send any announcements you would like in the following week’s bulletin or Friday email to chiggins@spucc.org no later than 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

Verbal announcements are due by Wednesdays at noon.

Please limit announcements to 100 words. Thank you!

SAINT PAULS PRAYS

Please clip this page and pray for those who are named below. To have your prayer request included, 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.

- Friends and family of Karl Wirsum at his death.
- Friends and family of Larry Butcher at his death.
- Ivy Sanz's mother, Grace, for a quick recovery from her hospitalization with pneumonia.
- Tom Henry and family at the death of Colleen Henry's 100-year-old mother, Mary Payne.
- Friends of the Ashley family who are in times of crisis - Walt and Heidi, Sven and Bitten.
- Family and friends at the death of Ruth Cuzman.
- Al Cerkan, recovering from major back surgery.
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.

Prayer, Support, Mental Health Resources

Even when you walk through the valley of shadows, God is with you. If you or someone you love is feeling completely alone or like life doesn't matter, reach out for help. Help is available for every kind of issue. Contact one of the pastors today for support, referrals, and information that can help you and your loved ones.

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 and Affirming" of LGBTQ people.

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 important, over the past 177 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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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.