

August 22, 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.*

*Assisted listening devices are available in the Narthex.*

#### THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

The devil's first trick is to convince us that he doesn't exist.

Charles Baudelaire

#### PRELUDE

*Andante cantabile*

Pytor I. Tchaikovsky

From Symphony No. 5 in E Minor Op. 64

Owen Waldschmidt, cello; and Kecia Waldschmidt, piano

#### WELCOME

Matt Fitzgerald

#### GREEN TEAM MISSION MOMENT

Joe Womack

#### \* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is the day that our God has made.

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

One: Come, let us worship and bow down.

**All: Let us kneel before our God and Maker.**

One: For we are God's people and we belong to God.

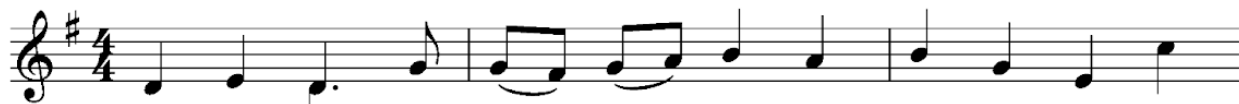
**All: This is the day that our God has made;**

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

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

\* HYMN

*God of Grace and God of Glory*



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

Matt Fitzgerald

**Merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you**

**with our whole heart and mind and strength.**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,**

**help us amend what we are,**

**and direct what we shall be,**

**so that we may delight in your will**

**and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

## MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### RESPONSE

### *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

vs. 1

1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, bur - dened with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to our God in prayer!  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, take it to our God in prayer!

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to our God in prayer!

All be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer.  
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to our God in prayer!  
 Je - sus' arms will take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

## SCRIPTURE

Patricia Kirby

### *Ephesians 6:10-20*

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand when evil comes, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of justice. As shoes for your feet, put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out.

And don't forget to pray for me. Pray that I'll know what to say and have the courage to say it at the right time, telling the mystery of the gospel to one and all, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must.

**\* 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**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

vs. 2


**SERMON**

**"Armed and Harmless"**

**Jeff Carlson**

\* HYMN

*Guide My Feet*



1. Guide my feet while I run this race, guide my feet  
2. Hold my hand while I run this race, hold my hand  
3. I'm your child while I run this race, I'm your child  
4. Stand by me while I run this race, stand by me

Yes, my God.



while I run this race, guide my feet while I run this race,  
while I run this race, hold my hand while I run this race,  
while I run this race, I'm your child while I run this race,  
while I run this race, stand by me while I run this race,

Yes, my God.



For I don't want to run this race in vain.

OFFERTORY

*Bright Mansions*  
The Sopranos

Traditional Spiritual  
arr. K. Scott Lee

In bright mansions above  
Lord, I wan' t' live up yonder  
In bright mansions above

My mother's gone to glory  
I wan' t' go there too  
Lord, I wan' t' live up yonder  
In bright mansions above

My father's gone...

My sister's gone...

My brother's gone...

My Savior's gone...

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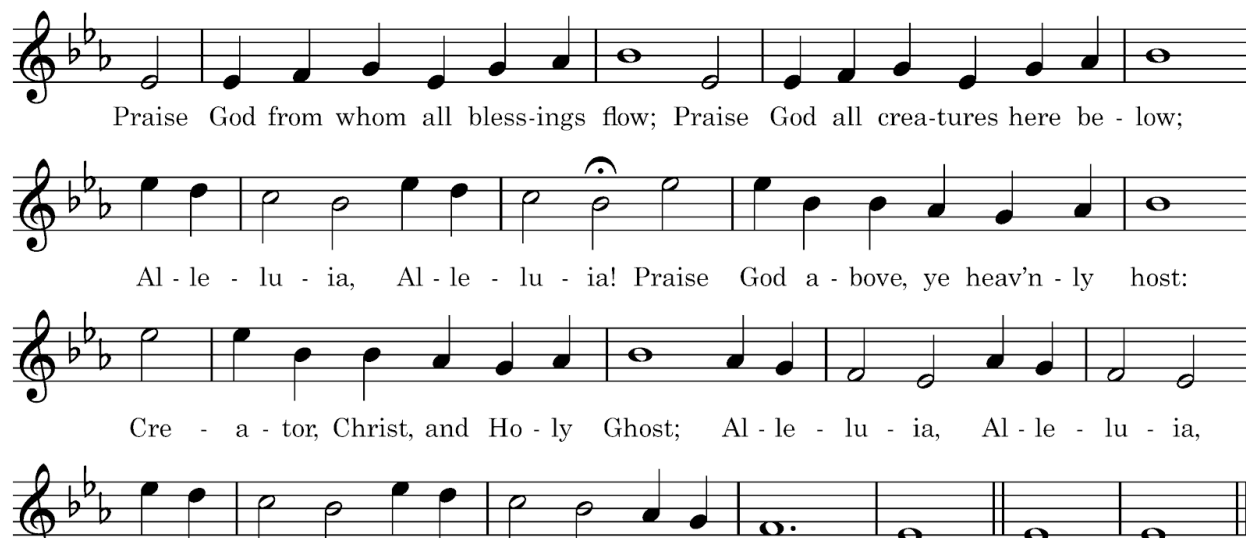
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\* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



The musical score 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 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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Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Sarah Garcia

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 Is Working His Purpose Out*



1. God is work - ing his pur - pose out As year suc -
2. From ut - most east to ut - most west, Wher - e'er man's
3. March we forth in the strength of God With the ban - ner of
4. All we can do is noth - ing worth Un - less God



- ceeds to year; God is work - ing his pur - pose out, And the  
foot hath trod, By the mouth of man - y mes - sen - gers Goes  
Christ un - furled, That the light of the glo - rious gos - pel of truth May  
bless - es the deed; Vain - ly we hope for the har - vest - tide Till



time is draw - ing near; Near - er and near - er draws the time, The  
forth the voice of God; Give ear to me, ye con - ti - nents, Ye  
shine through - out the world; Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin To  
God gives life to the seed; Yet near - er and near - er draws the time, The



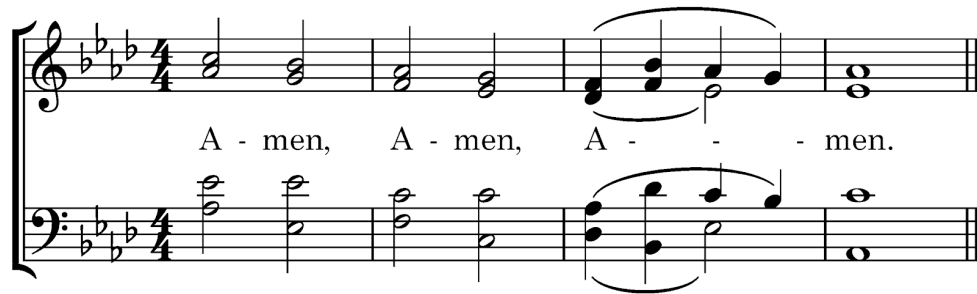
time that shall sure - ly be, When the earth shall be filled with the  
isles, give ear to me, That the earth may be filled with the  
set their cap - tives free, That the earth may be filled with the  
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\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

*Prelude and Fugue in G, BWV 557*  
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

J. S. Bach

*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 seasons of Advent and Lent, made by Deborah Rose.

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

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

Green is for ordinary time, made by Deborah Rose.

## TODAY'S MUSIC

It is a pleasure to welcome **The Sopranos**, members of our Chancel Choir, to share their music with us. Kecia Waldschmidt, Suzanne Freshley, Jen Kew, Nancy Pifer, Ashley Saluga, Grace Stauskas, and Meg Tazelaar.

The ***Andante cantabile*** from the Fifth Symphony in E Minor, Opus 64 was composed in 1888 by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840–1893). Tchaikovsky was a “melodist” in every sense of the word. In other words, he composed memorable lyric and majestic melodies to draw in the listener.

***God of Grace and God of Glory*** has, for us, the unusual Welsh tune name CWM RHONNDA. The text we know is by the famous American author and Baptist clergy, Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878–1969). He wrote this text in 1930. The well known tune was composed in 1905 by John Hughes (1873–1932). He had very little formal education and became a deacon and precentor, lay minister positions, in his Baptist church. He wrote this tune for a Welsh Baptist choral festival.

***What a Friend We Have in Jesus*** uses the tune CONVERSE. Text was written in 1855 by Joseph Mendicott Scriven (1819–1886). Scriven was an Irish immigrant to Canada. He often wrote hymn texts to find solace in his faith. His life was not altogether a happy one. Charles C. Converse (1832–1918) composed the hymn tune that bears his name in 1868. He also had two other pseudonyms. He was an American who studied in Leipzig, Germany. He returned to America and became a lawyer. He remained an active musician throughout his life.

***Bright Mansions*** is an African American spiritual that has been arranged by K. Scott Lee (b. 1950). Lee has composed and arranged numerous worship music works. He holds two degrees in composition from the University of Alabama.

***Guide My Feet*** is another uplifting spiritual from the African American tradition. It is one of the many songs that was sung during marches in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's. The believer asks God to guide them on the path of life.

***God Is Working His Purpose Out*** is a favorite hymn of Pastor Emeritus Tom Henry. The text was written by Arthur Campbell Ainger (1841–1919) in 1894. The text demanded a muscular tune, which Martin Shaw (1916–1999) provided in 1915.

Our postlude, ***Prelude and Fugue in G Major***, BWV 557 by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), is a wonderful way to welcome back our organist, Kevin Dzierzawski, after a well-earned vacation. The prelude is a miniature Baroque toccata and the fugue demonstrates Bach's dance style even in liturgical music.

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Head Usher:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** Mary Brown, 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

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are in loving memory of the life of Laini Zinn, from the Zinn and Ball families.

## **BORN THIS WEEK IN AUGUST**

*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.*

Aug 21 Ken Travers

Aug 22 Anne Mathew, David Baukol, Karen Lyons, Maurice Wallace,  
Cece Chamberlain

Aug 24 Cres Roewer, Christopher McGuire, Doug Heyboer, Paige Terborg

Aug 25 Kurt Hansen, Maureen Reilly, Paul Berghoff, Ainslie Razeghi

Aug 26 Landon Roark

Aug 27 Lyndsay Palkon, Maureen Grunst, Todd Smith, Brooke Gentzen,  
Holden Lechtenberg, Matthew Razeghi

Aug 28 Kathryn Mussatt, Pat Mayer, Roxana Vieira, Grace Ashley-McGraw,  
Nolan Dierks, Katie Kobak

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **LAINI ZINN ART GIVE-AWAY TODAY**

Thank you to all of those who attended yesterday's memorial service for Laini Zinn, mother of Cindy Zinn Ball, who passed away in late 2019. Laini loved God, creation, and life, and was a prolifically creative artist. Her art is how she expressed this love, and is meant to be shared. Her remaining works are on display in the Oscar Mayer Room, and you are invited to view her art and please take for yourself anything that you like.

### **HYMNAL GIVE-AWAY**

We are clearing out an over-abundance of hymnals from our archives. Several copies of the hymnal from our predecessor denomination the Evangelical and Reformed Church are available for free in the narthex.

### **SHARING OUR HARVESTS**

The Green Team of St. Pauls is hosting a table at Coffee Hour today for extra bounty from members of our congregation's gardens. Please stop by to pick up anything you'd like. There are also vegetable recipes to take.

### **LITTLE LIGHTS ENROLLMENT IS OPEN**

Does your child love to play? Little Lights is accepting applications and enrolling new students! Conveniently located inside St. Pauls, our early childhood education program still has limited spots available for 3- and 4-year-old children for the upcoming school year. Our loving and caring teachers provide a safe and comfortable space designed to spark learning, creativity and interaction. Classes run Monday through Thursday mornings. Small class sizes! A fantastic opportunity for your child to socialize and participate in engaging lessons. Visit [littlelightslp.org](http://littlelightslp.org) to learn more and contact Erin Fitzgerald at [littlelights@spucc.org](mailto:littlelights@spucc.org) to schedule a private tour.

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

A member of our community would like to come to church regularly but is required to have an escort to leave her building. We'd like to gather a group of volunteers who will take turns accompanying her to church on Sundays. This would entail meeting her where she lives at Clark and Oak on Sunday morning, riding with her in the van and then back to her residence after church. If you feel called to be a part of this team, or to learn more, please contact Pastor Jeff, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

## **CREATION CORNER**

Since 1958, the top of Mauna Loa volcano in Hawaii has had an observatory measuring the amount of carbon dioxide in the air. Observatories in Alaska, Samoa, the South Pole, and eight other tall towers located in the United States, plus small aircraft and volunteers at 50 locations worldwide, keep track of carbon dioxide as well. Carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels is distinguishable from carbon emitted from living animals and plants.

## **CHURCH SCHOOL**

We are offering Sunday morning faith formation activities for children 2 to 11 years old. See the event page for more information. Please register by Friday for the upcoming Sunday at [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/885065](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/885065).

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

### **AUG 25 - BIBLE STUDY: 1 CORINTHIANS - 12-12:45 p.m., Zoom**

St. Paul's famous words about love were written to a local church only about 7 years old. They were new Christians struggling to build a community around the good news of Jesus. For Paul, Christian faith can only be lived in community and in this letter he addresses the questions and struggles of a group of early Christians that remain surprisingly similar to our own. 1 Corinthians is a timely book to read as we reenter our in-person life together. Meets weekly on Zoom. RSVP: Pastor Jeff, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

### **SEPT 20 - DISCUSSION: *THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO* - 7 p.m.**

*The Count of Monte Cristo* is next up in this year's Long, Classic Novel Reading Group. Alexandre Dumas' epic tale of suffering and retribution, inspired by a real-life case of wrongful imprisonment, was a huge popular success when it was first serialized in the 1840s. We'll be reading it over six months, with the first of two discussions on September 20 at 7 p.m. RSVP: Pastor Jeff, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

### **SEPT 21 - UCAN HEALING GARDEN DEDICATION & RECEPTION - 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., UCAN**

You're invited to the dedication of UCAN's healing garden, Petria's Place, located on their North Lawndale campus. Join in for prayer, music, refreshments, and tours of UCAN's campus. RSVP at [www.ucangarden.org](http://www.ucangarden.org). For questions, please contact Rebecca Sandoval at [rebecca.sandoval@ucanchicago.org](mailto:rebecca.sandoval@ucanchicago.org).

## OPPORTUNITIES

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – 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](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/874446).

**CHURCH CENTER** – [spucc.churchcenter.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:marcia@volkonline.com).

**EMAIL SIGN-UP** – Are you new to St. Pauls and want to get more connected? You can go to [spucc.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://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](mailto: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. The Green Team welcomes your input, participation and ideas. Joe Womack and Jan Fraccaro are co-chairs. If interested or to offer suggestions, email Jan at [jan.fraccaro@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.littlelightslp.org). Email Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at [littlelights@spucc.org](mailto: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](mailto:sfletcher1443@gmail.com), or (312) 848-5400. Needed are 35 lunches, including three vegetarian, at the 600 W. Fullerton location.

**NEW OR EXPECTING PARENTS** – If you have a new baby or are expecting a baby, please let Joanne Tong know so that we can find ways to support you (meals, prayer, etc.). Email Joanne at [jctong@yahoo.com](mailto:jctong@yahoo.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](mailto:JenniferLKew@gmail.com), or Pastor Jeff, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto: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](mailto:jctong@yahoo.com).

**SAINT PAULS SOCIAL** – Get better acquainted with other adults at St. Pauls. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Jen Luerksen at [jenluerksen@yahoo.com](mailto:jenluerksen@yahoo.com). Subscribe to the distribution list at [eepurl.com/gQ4Eg1](http://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!

### **SCRIPTURE READER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed for the 10 a.m. in-person worship service each week to read the scripture passage of the day. Learn more and sign up at: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/686988](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/686988).

**STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. PAULS** – If you’re in need of support through a tough time and would like to be matched with someone who would support you with companionship and prayer, or you’re feeling called to offer support, speak to Pastor Jeff Carlson ([jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org)), Marti Pechnyo ([mpechnyo@gmail.com](mailto:mpechnyo@gmail.com)), or Barb Kaiser ([bkaiser2213@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:youngadults@spucc.org).

**ZOOM MEETINGS** – The St. Pauls Zoom account is available to start or continue groups. Email Claire Higgins at [chiggins@spucc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.*

- Kelli Fitzgerald and family at the death of her mother, Delcie.
- Friends and family of Marilyn Parsons at her death.
- For Stacie B., sister of Mark P., as she deals with a setback in her health.
- Family and friends of Carole Knuti at her passing.
- Bruce and Betty Voice are now living with her son Raymond. Cards are welcome at 2763 Peach Orchard Road, Anderson, MO 64831.
- Carrie Bruggers at the death of her mother, Phyllis.
- Ken Traverse and his family at the death of his younger brother, Ray Traverse, from a brain tumor.
- Karaçan Thomas' grandmother in the hospital.
- Joe JaQuay at the death of his mother, Noor.
- Sue Edmunds, friend of Sue Finkle in hospice with cancer.
- Yvette, friend of Jenny Benefield, struggling greatly with severe chronic depression.
- The many who have not received the COVID-19 vaccine, to get it before it's too late. May we all find our role in helping this happen.
- The family and friends of the Mora family, and other victims of the Surfside Condo collapse.
- Janice, cousin of Darlene Braun, asking for prayers.
- Angi Miller's friend, Rachelle, fighting cancer.
- Friends of the Ashley family who are in times of crisis - Walt and Heidi, Sven and Bitten.
- 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.

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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.