

October 31, 2021

Reformation

Confirmation

No matter who you are,  
No matter where you are  
On life's journey,  
You are welcome here.

***Children are asked to go to Sunday School before worship begins.***  
*Bibles for use during worship are available at each entrance to the Sanctuary.*  
*Assisted listening devices and Bluetooth hearing aid guides are in the Narthex.*  
***Please silence cell phones.***

#### THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"The grace of God is a very great, strong, mighty and active thing. Grace hears,  
leads, drives, draws, changes, and lets itself be distinctly felt and experienced. It  
is hidden, but its works are evident." Martin Luther

#### PRELUDE

*Ode to Joy*  
St. Arbucks Quartet

Ludwig van Beethoven  
Arr. Craig Curry

#### INTROIT

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*  
(Original Version)  
Chancel Choir

Martin Luther

#### CHIMES

#### WELCOME

Jeff Carlson

#### \* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are not here because we chose God,

**All: We are here because God chose us.**

One: We are not the church because of our own goodness.

**All: We are the church because of Christ's grace.**

One: We are called to be a light in the darkness.

**All: We are a holy priesthood, called to praise God  
together!**

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

\* HYMN

*Sing Praise to God*

1. Sing praise to God, who has shaped and sus - tains all cre -  
 2. Praise God, our guard - ian, who lov - ing - ly of - fers cor -  
 3. Sing praise to God, with sin - cere thanks for all your suc -  
 4. Sing praise, my soul, the great name of your high God com -

- a - tion! Sing praise, my soul, in pro - found and com -  
 - rec - tion, Who, as on ea - gle's wings, saves us from  
 - cess - es. Mer - ci - ful God ev - er loves to en -  
 - mend - ing. All that have life and breath join you, their

- plete ad - o - ra - tion! Glad - some re - joice— or - gan and  
 sin - ful de - jec - tion. Have you ob - served, how we are  
 - cour - age and bless us. On - ly con - ceive, what god - ly  
 notes sweet - ly blend - ing. God is your light! Soul, ev - er

trum - pet and voice— join - ing God's great con - gre - ga - tion.  
 al - ways pre - served by God's pa - ren - tal af - fec - tion?  
 strength can a - chieve: strength that would touch and car - ess us.  
 keep this in sight: a - men, a - men nev - er end - ing.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Benny VanDerburgh

**Rather than honoring you,  
we bow before  
the power of strength  
the power of privilege  
the power of shame  
the power of self  
the power of intellect  
the power of nation  
the power of wealth  
the power of guilt.  
We repent and turn to you,  
the source of all,  
the God of all.  
Forgive us. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

*All That I Am*  
Lee Lichamer, soloist  
Chancel Choir

William Grant Still

All that I am, all that I can ever be  
I owe to you, Lord, for You have molded me.  
All that I have, all that I call mine  
I owe to you Lord, for all things are Thine.  
You are the source of Light that's offered all souls,  
In Your wisdom, You give each his due.  
You are the source of love, love that binds in families.  
In love and mercy, I find lasting peace.  
All that I love, all that is dear to me,  
All of my blessings come, my Lord, from Thee.  
All that I own, all that belongs to me,  
All I surrender, my Lord, to Thee.

# SCRIPTURE

Kirsten Simonton

*Romans 3:24*

Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.

*2 Corinthians 8:9*

You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich.

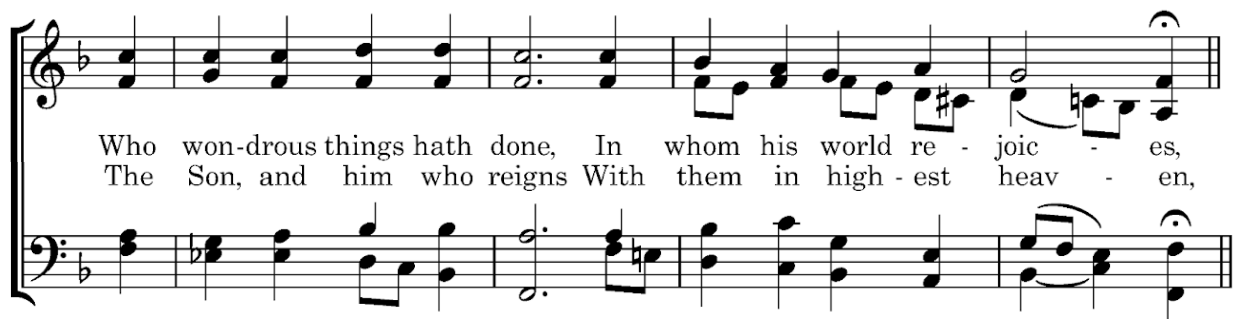
## \* RESPONSE

## Now Thank We All Our God

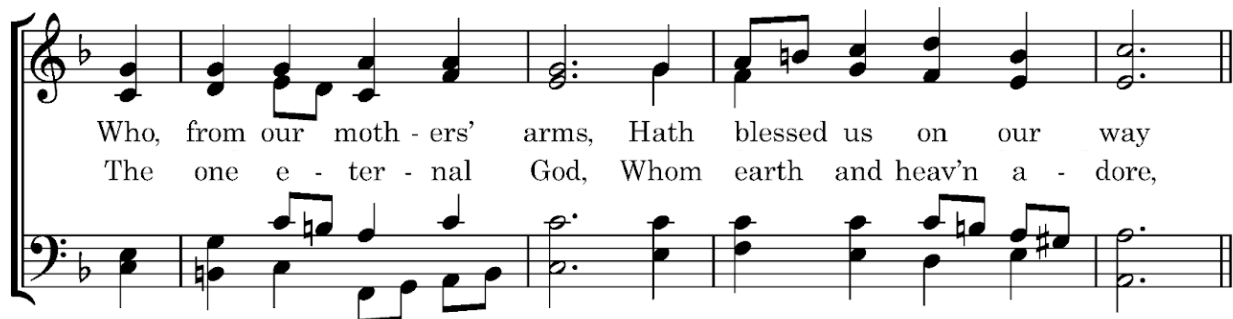
vv 1 & 3



1. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,  
3. All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,



Who wondrous things hath done, In whom his world rejoices,  
The Son, and him who reigns With them in highest heaven,



Who, from our mothers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore,



With countless gifts of love, And still is ours to day.  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ever more.

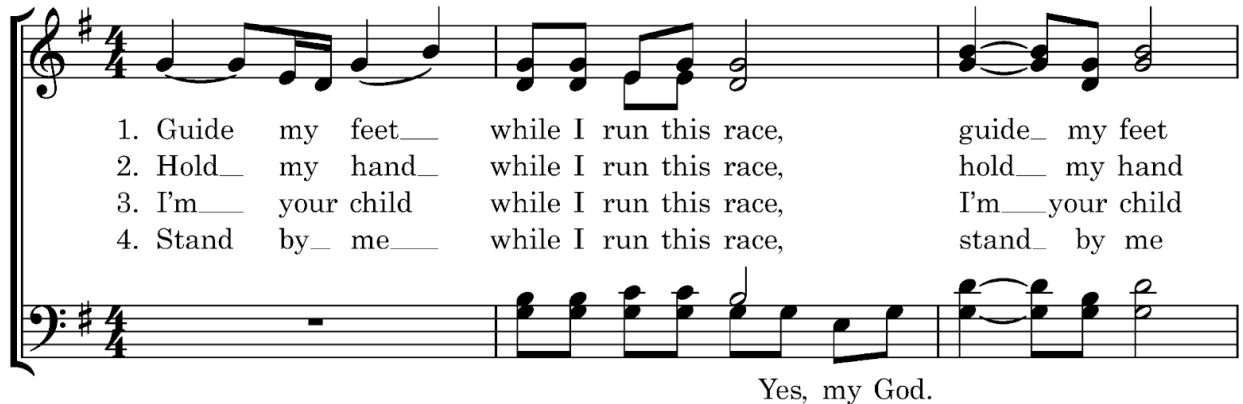
SERMON

"Pillow Case, Full of Grace"

Matt Fitzgerald


\* 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.

## GIVING MOMENT

### OFFERTORY

*We Are Not Alone*  
Breanna and Todd Coe, soloists  
Chancel Choir

Pepper Choplin

We are not alone.  
God is with us.  
We are never alone,  
And God will make us strong,  
We will press on,  
For God is with us.  
Now and through all our days, always.  
Forever and ever,  
We are never alone.

*You can give to St. Pauls by:*

*Scanning this code with your cell phone camera,*

*At [spucc.churchcenter.com/giving](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/giving),*

*Or through Zelle to [giving@spucc.org](mailto:giving@spucc.org).*



### \* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God all crea-tures 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.

## THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

### CONFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: Do you believe in God?

Confirmands: *We believe in God who has created and is creating.*

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Confirmands: *We believe that God has come to us in Jesus Christ to reconcile and make us new.*

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Confirmands: *We believe that God works in us and others by the Holy Spirit.*

Congregation: **We trust God. God calls us to be the Church.**

Pastor: Will you promise to support this congregation with your time, talent, and prayers, participating regularly in the worship, fellowship and work of Saint Pauls and contributing to our life in Chicago and beyond?

Confirmands: *We do promise.*

Pastor: With your love, God will love.  
With your hands, God will touch the city.  
With your lives, God will bring justice and compassion to the world.

(Sponsors please rise and affirm your support of the confirmands.)

\* Sponsors: *Together with you, we will celebrate God's presence, love and serve others, care for creation, seek justice and resist evil.*



(Congregation please rise and affirm your support of the confirmands.)

\* Congregation: **Confirmands, we promise you our love, our care, and our support.**

**With you, we will 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!**

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDLES

\* THE CONFIRMATION COVENANT

**All: We covenant with God and with one another,  
to walk together in God's ways,  
known or to be made known, whatever it should cost us.  
Amen.**

PRAYER

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

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A bul - wark nev - er
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our striv - ing would be
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should threat - en to un -
4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, No thanks to them, a -



fail - ing; Our help - er he a - mid the flood Of  
 los - ing, Were not the right man on our side, The  
 - do us, We will not fear, for God hath willed His  
 - bid - eth; The Spir - it and the gifts are ours Through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe Doth  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim, We  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, This



seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great, And  
 Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sab - a - oth his name. From  
 trem - ble not for him; His rage we can en - dure, For  
 mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y they may kill; God's



armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.  
 age to age the same, And he must win the bat - tle.  
 lo, his doom is sure: One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 truth a - bid - eth still, His king - dom is for - ev - er.

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

*Toccata and Fugue in d minor, BWV 565*  
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.*

**TODAY'S MUSIC**

The music for ***Ode to Joy***, which we know as *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*, was composed by Beethoven (1770-1827) and is the chorale melody from the final movement of his Ninth Symphony (1824). Craig Curry, who arranged this great hymn tune, is a graduate of Wheaton College Conservatory of Music and University of Miami. He is an active composer whose arrangements and compositions have been widely performed.

There is no better way for a church with a strong German heritage to celebrate the Reformation than by bookending our service with ***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***, the great Martin Luther (1483 - 1546) hymn. It is arguably his greatest hymn, encapsulating the theology of the Lutheran Church. The Introit is the original almost dance-like rhythmic version that Luther composed and congregations of that time sang. The recessional hymn presents a more majestic march. The final stanza is a harmonization of the final chorale by Bach (1685-1750) from his cantata, BWV 80, which bears the tune name, EIN FESTE BURG .

***Sing Praise to God*** 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. First published in a hymnal in 1668, the composer is unknown. 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.

***All That I Am*** was composed by William Grant Still (1895 – 1978). He was an influential and important African American composer. His *Afro-American Symphony* was premiered by the Eastman Rochester Orchestra in 1931, and was performed by 34 other American and European orchestras in the 1930s. He was the first African American to conduct a major symphony orchestra. He wrote operas, chamber music, and vocal music in addition to works for orchestra. His wife, Verna Arvey (1910 – 1987), was a journalist and pianist who provided texts and inspiration to her husband’s music. Ms. Arvey was not African American, so she and Still overcame a double social prejudice in addition to raising a family and producing great art together.

***Now Thank We All Our God*** is a translation by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) of the original German by Martin Rinkart (1586-1649) written 1636. Winkworth, although born in England, spent many years in Dresden, which is why she was so adept at translating German chorales. She was also a tireless fighter for women’s rights. Rinkart became a scholar at St. Thomas School in Leipzig where Bach would later be Kapellmeister. The tune, NUN DANKET, takes its name from the first words of the German text. It is most often attributed to Johann Crüger (1558-1662), who in reality was the publisher of the *Psalter* where this hymn tune first appeared.

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

***We Are Not Alone*** was composed in 2005 with text and music by Pepper Choplin. Mr Choplin is a full-time composer, choral conductor, and humorist. He has conducted premieres of his works at Carnegie Hall, but still resides in his home town of Raleigh, North Carolina. For us at St. Pauls, the opening text is well known from the last two lines of our Statement of Faith, “... We are not alone. Thanks be to God.” This anthem was purchased in gratitude for Breanna Coe’s online choral leadership during our time of virtual worship 2020 to 2021.

The postlude, ***Toccata and Fugue in d minor, BWV 565***, is arguably the most well known of Bach’s works for the organ. Sadly, it is often thought of as “spooky” and associated with Halloween and Disney’s *Fantasia*. Toccata is an Italian term meaning “touched.” A toccata is supposed to highlight the organist’s technique with improvisatory sounding flourishes, while also demonstrating the varying colors within a pipe organ. Fugue is a highly sophisticated imitative form, like a round with voices entering at different times, creating a layered soundscape that can be compared to the many small pieces of stained glass in our windows creating a larger picture or design.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

**Clergy:** Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson, Benny VanDerburgh

**Music Director:** Kurt Hansen

**Organist:** Kevin Dzierzawski

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

**Scripture Reader:** Kirsten Simonton

**Lay Liturgical Administrator:** Kevin O'Brien

**Head Usher:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** Mary Anne Brown, Doug Clark, Fred Pearson

**Head Greeter:** Greg Mooney

**Gatekeeper:** Dodd Brown

**Streaming Service Team:** Jim Alrutz, Marie Ankenman, Bob Ball, Jose Cruz, Brian Hafner, Chuck Kent.

**Custodian:** Ramiro Gonzalez

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are from Liz Raiman in celebration of 83 years of the joys of life at St Pauls.

A donation was made from Jan and Rick Bail in honor and celebration of Liz Raiman's Birthday.

## BORN THIS WEEK IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

*We 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.*

Oct 31	Liz Raiman, Lisa Doerr, Caroline Connolly, Jackson Noonan, Greg Kobak
Nov 1	Allen Heinemann, Melissa Erickson, Nick Walvoord
Nov 2	Georgia Smith, Greg Mooney, Meggan Teague, Phyllis Grimm, Charles Wilk, Jean Wilk, Prentiss Koldyke
Nov 3	Carole Crowley, Dolores Pifer, Ron Clarke, Sammi Rein
Nov 4	Corinne Henry, Nina Alverdy, Emily Hein
Nov 5	Doug Roewer, Dante Carter
Nov 6	Kelli Fitzgerald, Larry Howell, Scott Banjavcic

THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2021  
176th Confirmation Sunday, October 31, 2021

We celebrate the following young people who today confirm their faith and become members of Saint Pauls United Church of Christ:

Nathan Jeffrey Cata, Miles Patrick Davidson, Catherine Caroline Demery, Thomas Payton Demery, Ethan Dixon Fitzgerald, Katie Elizabeth Kobak, Sally Kristen Lien, Charles Louis Moehrke, Valerie Josette Schimp, Jack Louis Sancya, Rosa Monroe Schmahl, Clark Isgren Tavas, Braden Nicholas Van Zeyl, Claudia Nan Walvoord, Nathaniel Gordon Weglarz, Olivia Thia Weglarz, Katherine Johanna Weiskirch

The congregation extends a heartfelt thank you to the Confirmation teachers for all of their hard work and dedication: Peg Wander, Deborah Bayly, and Kelly Martin.

**Nathan Jeffrey Cata** is a sophomore at New Trier High School in Winnetka. He is a defensive back on the JV football team and is engrossed in all things football. He likes hanging out with “the fellas,” shooting hoops in the backyard and chilling with his two dogs, Havi and Koda. He is the son of Cynthia and Carlos Cata and his siblings, Elena (Confirmation Class of 2015) and Ian (Confirmation Class of 2017), are both at UW-Madison, which means Nathan is home alone and not so thrilled about it! Nathan’s favorite memory from St. Pauls is the Christmas Eve service when the lights are off and everyone lights a candle/glow stick and sings *Silent Night*. His family’s favorite memory is of him as a worm during Bible Story Theater. Nathan enjoys coming to the city for church and appreciates the diversity and inclusion of St. Pauls (he’s also a big fan of Chicago Bagel Authority post-service). Sponsor: Justin Hartanov

**Miles Patrick Davidson** is a sophomore at New Trier High School. It may come as no surprise to St. Pauls members, but he is active in performing arts, including theater and music, having honed his craft in Bible Off Broadway and Bible Story Theatre. He enjoys history, traveling and gaming with friends. Miles has a sister Audrey (Confirmation Class of 2013), brother Nathan (Confirmation Class of 2016) and two dogs. His parents are Kent and Nancy Davidson. Sponsor: Jim Alrutz

**Catherine “CC” Caroline Demery** is a freshman at Loyola Academy. She is a member of the freshman field hockey team and plays for the Varsity Girls Ice Hockey. On and off the ice, she enjoys time with her friends and loves biking around the city. She has a custom phone case business and you can find her creations on her Etsy shop, Smiley Cases. CC is the daughter of Tom and Monique Demery and has an older brother, Tommy (Confirmation Class of 2021). CC loves coming to church, really likes St. Pauls coffee hour, and looks forward to more opportunities for community service with her family. Sponsor: Maureen Reilly

**Thomas “Tommy” Payton Demery** is a sophomore at Wolcott College Prep. He is a sneaker aficionado, enjoys skiing in the winter, swimming off the Ledge in the summer, and biking around the city in all seasons. He completed an Outward Bound course kayaking and canoeing on the Green River in Utah this summer. Tommy is the son of Tom and Monique Demery and has a younger sister, CC (Confirmation Class of 2021). Tommy loves coming to church, really likes St. Pauls coffee hour and looks forward to more opportunities for community service with his family. Sponsor: Joe JaQuay

**Ethan Dixon Fitzgerald** is a freshman at Lincoln Park High School. In his free time, he enjoys playing basketball for his school, listening to music and going on bike rides. He is the son of Matt and Kelli Fitzgerald and has an older sister, Hannah (Confirmation Class of 2020), and an older brother, Isaiah (Confirmation Class of 2017). Ethan's favorite things about Saint Pauls are the gym, and congregational singing. "The hymns, when everyone sings." Sponsor: Nick Swineheart

**Katie Elizabeth Kobak** just turned 14 in late August. She is currently a freshman at Amundsen High School IB program. She enjoys piano and guitar, along with tennis and volleyball. She also loves hanging out with friends and family, her biology and world studies classes, and traveling with her family. She has really enjoyed the past years at St. Pauls for its inclusion and diversity. Sponsor: Betsy Kalmar

**Sally Kristen Lien** is a freshman at Loyola Academy and a member of the Loyola Girls Swim Team. Sally enjoys her English and math class at Loyola. She is the daughter of Erik and Sarah Lien, and has one sibling, Lucy, who was confirmed at St. Pauls last year. Sally's favorite memories of Saint Pauls are the holiday services (Christmas, Easter, etc.). In her spare time, Sally likes hanging out with friends and reading for fun! Sponsor: Tiffany Jozwiak

**Charles “Chip” Louis Moehrke** is a freshman at the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools (U-High). Chip swims with the Chicago Wolfpack Aquatic Club and will swim on the U-High team during the winter. He is a member of the U-High Finance Club and loves all things sports. His favorite teams are the Green Bay Packers, University of Michigan football and basketball teams, and the Chicago Cubs. He is the son of Scott and Renee (Hardt) and has three older half-sisters who live in Chicago and Wisconsin. Chip's favorite memories of St. Pauls include attending Oktoberfest and he was glad to learn about St. Pauls' commitment to feed the homeless. Sponsor: Ben Hamm



**Valerie Josette Schimp** is a sophomore at Amundsen High School in the International Baccalaureate program. She rows with the Chicago Rowing Foundation and competed with the crew at the National Championships in Sarasota last June. Her hobbies include rowing, reading, and spending time with her teammates. She is interested in a career in the medical field and hopes to be a surgeon. She is the daughter of Donn Schimp and Renae Bradshaw and has a younger sister, Colette. Valerie is exceedingly interested in leadership, having played an active role in student government and completed the YMCA's Leader In Training program. Her favorite memory of St. Pauls was getting to be a C.I.T. with the St. Pauls summer camp and having fun with the campers all summer. She loves the unity and inclusiveness within the St. Pauls community. Sponsor: Kecia Waldschmidt

**Jack Louis Sancya** is a freshman at John Hersey High School. He likes playing basketball and video games. He is the son of Jennifer and Mark Sancya. The family aspect of St. Pauls is his favorite part of the church. He worked on a project to help provide food for the homeless as part of his Confirmation activities. Sponsor: Chris McGuire

**Rosa Monroe Schmahl** is a freshman at Chesterton High School. She is a member of the Chesterton Trojan swim team and likes spending her free time with friends. Rosa would like to pursue marine biology in the future. She is the daughter of Kimberlee and David Schmahl and has twin sisters, Greta and Maria. Her favorite memory of St. Pauls was helping at the UCAN Polar Peace March. Sponsor: Meg Tazelaar

**Clark Isgren Tavas** is a freshman at Lane Tech College Prep High School. He likes basketball and was a junior coach at a camp this past summer. He also enjoys movies, fishing, camping and golf. He is the son of Kevin and Kristy Tavas and brother of Nolan. Clark's favorite thing about church is the friendly people. Sponsor: David Burnett

**Braden Nicholas Van Zeyl** is a sophomore at Northside College Prep, where he is a member of the Art Club. He also enjoys math and science, especially science that uses a lot of math, as well as coding. Braden likes to play and make video games and is most interested in pursuing a career in engineering or computer science. He is the son of Laura and Michael Van Zeyl. Braden likes that St. Pauls is a progressive church because it counters the view that Christians are narrow-minded and exclusionary. He was baptized at St. Pauls and has enjoyed his Sunday School experience and the fudge-striped cookies at coffee hour. Sponsor: Rick Sensenbrenner



**Claudia Nan Walvoord** is a freshman at Jones College Prep and a member of the Varsity swim team. When not swimming for high school or the CWAC club team, she enjoys baking, arts and crafts, and being outside. She is the daughter of Brooke and Chris Walvoord and has an older brother, Nick, who was in the COVID Confirmation Class of 2021. Claudia's favorite St. Pauls memories are performing in Bible Story Theatre and attending and volunteering at St. Pauls summer camp. Sponsor: Katie Huber

**Nathaniel Gordon Weglarz** is a sophomore at Latin School of Chicago. He is a member of the sophomore soccer team and likes to play spikeball and tennis. He is interested in Model United Nations club, technology, videography, and making digital art. His mother and father, Vanya and Mark Weglarz, are members of the church and he also has a twin sister, Olivia, who is getting confirmed as well. His favorite memory of the church is managing the kids in the bouncy house during Oktoberfest. He also enjoyed selling Christmas trees at the church because it showed him how connected the St. Pauls community is and how welcoming we are. Nate likes St. Pauls for its friendly community and charitable environment. Sponsor: Ben Emmrich

**Olivia Thia Weglarz** is a sophomore at Wolcott College Prep. She is on the tennis team and enjoys reading, spending time with friends, and helping others. Olivia started at Saint Pauls as a kindergarten student with her twin brother Nate. Olivia is the daughter of Saint Pauls members Mark and Vanya Weglarz. Some of Olivia's favorite memories of Saint Pauls are the candlelight Christmas Eve service and the pet blessing service. Sponsor: Jennifer Heiney

**Katherine Johanna Weiskirch** is a freshman at Latin School of Chicago. She is on the swim team and loves to swim. She also plays piano and guitar as well as singing, and loves anything music related. St. Pauls is a fun place for her to meet new people and have fun! Sponsor: Katie Passon

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOV 14 - WE HAVE GOOD NEWS TO SHARE!**

We will hold a special meeting of the congregation on Sunday, November 14, immediately after worship. Rather than vote on business, this meeting will update us as Saint Pauls rides out the pandemic. Come hear good news about Advent and Christmas worship, our hiring plan for an associate pastor, revitalizing youth ministry, GIVE, our relationship with Lighthouse UCC, and our wreath and tree sale.

### **PECAN PIE SALES ARE BACK!**

Our pecan pie sales will now support the Polar Peace March. Pies are wonderful fresh, and can be frozen (still wonderful)! Order and pay by credit card online (link below), or on Sunday after worship in the Narthex, Nov 7, 14, 21 by cash or check. \$22/pie, limit 2 pies per person. Pickup November 23rd, 1-5pm; or November 24th, 9am-12pm. Questions/concerns, please contact Mary Brown at 847-989-5966 or [doddbrown@sbcglobal.net](mailto:doddbrown@sbcglobal.net)  
[spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1061957](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1061957)

### **WE'RE READY FOR OUR REFUGEE FAMILY!**

Thank you for your tremendous support of preparations for our refugee family! We've surpassed our funding goal and all the needed household items have been spoken for. If you have signed up to provide something on the household items donation list, please deliver to the church by November 1, or as close to that date as possible. Please pray for this family as we move forward.

### **CREATION CORNER - 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26)**

In 2015 in Paris, almost every country in the world agreed to a monumental accord to limit global warming. The targets set in the Paris Accord have not been met. The world has failed to make meaningful progress on global warming since it was first identified as a problem. Leaders will try again to set climate targets between October 31 and November 12 in Glasgow, Scotland. We are at a vital turning point related to climate change. Scientists tell us that this is a decisive decade to make decisions that will avoid the worst consequences of the climate crisis. As never before, this is a time to pray for, and put pressure on, the leaders of our world.

### **QUEERING OUR ROOTS CAMPAIGN**

Join the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer – Religious Archives Network (LGBTQ-RAN) for a five-week series of *Queering Our Roots* Zoom events celebrating its 20th Anniversary! LGBTQ-RAN is a grassroots activist venture that electronically preserves the history and encourages the scholarly study of LGBT religious movements around the world. Attendance in these Zoom events is free, but registration is required, [lgbtqreligiousarchives.org](https://lgbtqreligiousarchives.org).

This week's events are on November 3 at 1 p.m. – Rev. Elder Dr. Troy Perry (founder and retired leader of Metropolitan Community Church). November 7, at 4 p.m. – LGBTQ-RAN Gala (rousing stories, testimonials and historical nuggets!) St. Pauls is one of 20 Sponsors and Allies of this *Queering Our Roots* Celebration. For questions, please contact LGBTQ-RAN Treasurer Rick Peterson, [rnpeterson2017@gmail.com](mailto:rnpeterson2017@gmail.com).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**NOV 3 - BIBLE STUDY: 1 CORINTHIANS 13 All you need is love!** - 12 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).

**NOV 11 - READING WITH ST. AUGUSTINE** - 5 p.m., Cloud Room  
Join Pastoral Associate Benny in this adult faith formation series, meeting bi-monthly on Thursday evenings. We will gather in witness to Augustine of Hippo's *Confessions*, one of the first Christian autobiographies. This will be a book group that requires little to no outside reading, a time when we will instead experience the text together in a contemplative gathering that will include periods of prayer and silence. This series will bridge other studies focused on the Biblical period and early church movement to take us to the early days of the Latin church, that period of global growth and imagination. How do St. Augustine's words stir us today? To join in or for more information, please email Benny at [bvanderburgh@spucc.org](mailto:bvanderburgh@spucc.org).

**NOV 19 - Windy City Winds Fall Concert** - 7:30 p.m., Gym  
Join us for Windy City Winds "An American Salute", conducted by the band's co-founders Mark Mosley and Sarah Good Mosley. Admission is free. Our season will open with a celebration of American heroes past and present. The evening of symphonic band music will feature selections from the documentary Victory at Sea, and showcase the sensational 10-year-old violin soloist Sylvia Pine. Also on the program: American Salute by Morton Gould, Eternal Father, Strong to Save (The Navy Hymn) by Claude T. Smith, American Hymn Song Suite by Dwayne S. Milburn and much more.

## 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](https://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 request more information about our programs!

### **EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM & CARDS**

The Emergency Contact Form developed by the Connectors has been updated. You may follow this link for additional information and to consider whether this form could be useful for you: [spucc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/178271](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/178271).

**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](http://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.

**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).

**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](mailto:jenluerssen@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!

**SARAH’S SIBS** are back and gather every Wednesday morning to make and distribute 40 bag lunches to our homeless neighbors. You are most welcome to come to the church kitchen at 9:30 a.m. and lend a hand.

### **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), Marti Pechnyo (mpechnyo@gmail.com), or Barb Kaiser (bkaiser2213@gmail.com).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** – If you plan to have your child participate in Sunday School this year, we ask that you please register them. This is a one-time registration to let us know that you intend to have your child participate so we can prepare the correct staffing and activities, [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/985445](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/985445)

**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.*

- Rejoice with Erika and Andrew Keegan at the birth of their son, Garrett Covey Keegan.
- Friends and family of Steve Stack at his death. For service details, see [stevestack.org](http://stevestack.org).
- Loved ones of Jim Hammac at his death.
- For Jay and Ann Abraham, on the death of Jay's parents, John and Sandy Abraham.
- Wes Salsbury and Marcia Knudson as Wes continues to develop strength after a months-long hospitalization and rehab stay occasioned by a fall.
- Cheryl and Bill Kennedy at the death of their beloved brother-in-law.
- Diane Massie's nephew, deployed to Kuwait.
- For Stacie B., sister of Mark P., as she deals with a setback in her health.
- Bruce and Betty Voice are now living with her son Raymond. Cards are welcome at 2763 Peach Orchard Road, Anderson, MO 64831.
- Ken Traverse and his family at the death of his younger brother, Ray Traverse, from a brain tumor.
- 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 Cerkhan, 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.