

November 7, 2021
Communion Sunday

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

Simply accept the fact that you are accepted! ...

In that moment, grace conquers sin, and reconciliation bridges the gulf of estrangement. And nothing is demanded of this experience, no religious or moral or intellectual presupposition, nothing but acceptance. - Paul Tillich

PRELUDE *Concerto in d minor—Largo e spiccato*, BWV 596 J. S. Bach/Vivaldi
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

INTROIT *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life* Ralph Vaughan Williams
Chancel Choir

CHIMES

WELCOME Matt Fitzgerald

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Unless God builds the house, its builders work in vain.

All: We have come into this place, built by the Lord, to worship our shared creator.

One: Praise to the living song -- the Lord who loves us today! We are not alone.

All: Our every call to God is heard, held, and answered. Amen.

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

* HYMN

This Is the Day

1. This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our
2. This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, Je - sus
3. This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came, when the

God has made; we will re - jice, we will re - jice and be
rose a - gain; we will re - jice, we will re - jice and be
Spir - it came; we will re - jice, we will re - jice and be

glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that our
glad in it, and be glad in it This is the day Je - sus
glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day when the

God has__ made, we will re - jice and be glad in__ it;
rose a - gain, we will re - jice and be glad in__ it;
Spir - it__ came, we will re - jice and be glad in__ it;

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.
This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain.
This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeff Carlson

**Holy God, who made yourself
Known to us, felt between us
And alive within us despite ourselves--
We confess to you and to each other
That we struggle with sin, with our sins,
With naming sins as they manifest today.**

**We struggle to bring ourselves before you
With humility, sincerity, and loving witness.
Instead, we compete, extract, elide truths
In self-protection. We worry. We miss your calls
Again and again. Forgive us. Have
Mercy on us and on this world, this world
We have been tasked to love
And love again. Forgive us so we may
Forgive others. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

When You Believe
from *The Prince of Egypt*
Chloe Combs & Claire Nitzsche
Kecia Waldschmidt, piano

Stephen Schwartz

Many nights we prayed
With no proof, anyone could hear
In our hearts a hopeful song
We barely understood
Now, we are not afraid
Although we know there's much to fear
We were moving mountains
Long before we knew we could, whoa, yes

There can be miracles
When you believe
Though hope is frail, it's hard to kill
Who knows what miracles you can achieve?
When you believe, somehow you will
You will when you believe

SCRIPTURE

Karen E. Johnson

Psalms 146

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth;

on that very day their plans perished.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

* 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 Covenant

v. 1

1. What a cov - e - nant, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing
2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing

on the ev - er - last - ing arms. What a bless - ed - ness,
on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Oh, how bright the path
on the ev - er - last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace

what a peace is mine, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
grows from day to day, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
with my Sav - ior near, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;

lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

SERMON

"Our Genealogy of Trust"

Benny VanDerburgh

* HYMN

Just as I Am



1. Just as I am, without one plea But
 2. Just as I am, though tossed about With
 3. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight,
 4. Just as I am, thou wilt receive, Wilt

that thy blood was shed for me, And that thou bidd'st me
 man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with -
 rich - es, heal - ing of the mind; Yea, all I need in
 wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause thy prom - ise

come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 - in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

GIVING MOMENT

Rebecca Sandoval

OFFERTORY

Ave verum corpus

W.A. Mozart

(Sung in Latin)

Chancel Choir

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary.
Who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals,
Whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood:
Be for us a foretaste of heaven during our final examining.
O Jesus sweet, O Jesus pure, O Jesus, Son of Mary,
Have mercy upon me. Amen.

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At spucc.churchcenter.com/giving,

Or through Zelle with your bank to 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.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Matt Fitzgerald

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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.**

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*As we observe Covid precautions, communion elements are set on tables in the
Narthex and in the lobby just outside the Sanctuary side door. Please serve
yourself and hold the elements in your pews until communion is celebrated.
The outer ring of cups contains grape juice. The inner rings contain wine.
A gluten-free bread option is wrapped and available on a separate tray.
All are welcome.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

Domine Deus
(Sung in Latin)
from Gloria

Antonio Vivaldi

Sylvia Pine, soprano; Rachel Barton Pine, violin;
and Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

Lord God, Heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

* HYMN

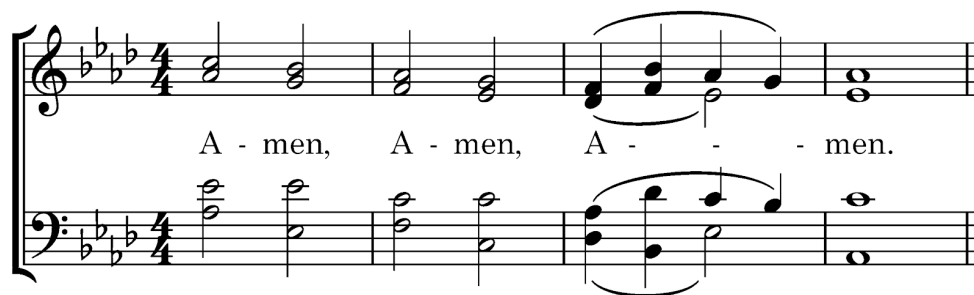
How Firm a Foundation



1. How firm a foun - da - tion for you has been laid,
2. "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
by God in the Word, in the sac - ri - fice paid!
for I am your God, I will still give you aid;
the riv - ers of woe shall not o - ver you flow;
What more can God say than to you has been said,
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand
For I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,
to you, who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
up - held by my gra - cious, om - ni - po - tent hand."
de - liv - er - ing you from your deep - est dis - tress."

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

POSTLUDE

Rejoice!
St. Arbucks Quartet

Richard Smallwood

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

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) had such respect for the music of Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741) that he hand copied some of his music into his personal library. They never met. This work, ***Concerto in d minor, BWV 596***, which Vivaldi wrote in 1710 for strings, Bach transcribed and arranged for organ in 1713 or 1714. *Largo e spiccato* is a direction usually associated with stringed instruments and means slow and detached with a “bouncing bow.”

Come My Way, My Truth, My Life is a text by George Herbert (1593-1633). He bears the title “Shakespeare of the Church.” Herbert was a contemporary of “The Bard” (1564-1616), and like Shakespeare, Herbert’s poetry lifted common religious practice to the spiritually sublime. THE CALL was composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) as part of a cycle for baritone, choir, and orchestra, *Five Mystical Songs*, composed between 1906 and 1911 and using the poetry of Herbert. Vaughan Williams then adapted THE CALL as a congregational hymn. The words are especially appropriate for a communion Sunday.

This Is the Day uses a folk melody and unattributed words from Fiji. It was first published in 1967 in a hymnal in Australia. It lends itself to be sung in a call and response style.

When You Believe was composed in 1998 by Stephen Schwartz (b. 1948) for the DreamWorks movie, *The Prince Of Egypt*. The movie is based on the Book of Exodus in the Hebrew Bible. The song became famous as a pop single in the duet recording of Mariah Carey and Whitney Houston, also recorded in 1998. It also received the Academy Award for Best Original Song. The text imagines both the fears and faith of the people as they leave Egypt for the Promised Land. Schwartz also composed the score and lyrics for *Wicked*.

E.A. Hoffman (1839-1929) wrote the text for ***What a Covenant***, that many of us learned as *What a Fellowship*, in 1877. He was an ordained minister and wrote more than 2,000 gospel songs in his lifetime. The tune bears two names, LEANING, which is the first word of the refrain, and SHOWALTER in honor of the composer, A. J.

Showalter (1858-1924). He actually began teaching shape-note singing at age 14. He attended a number of private Christian music programs to learn his craft.

Just as I Am is set to the tune WOODWORTH which was composed by American William B. Bradbury (1816–1868) in 1849. He also composed the children's hymn *Jesus Loves Me (This I Know)*. The text is by Charlotte Elliot (1789–1871), who was British. Sadly, she was frail and sickly most of her life, which makes her text especially poignant and personal. This hymn is often associated with altar calls in revivals.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) composed the communion motet, ***Ave verum corpus***, to a text from the 13th century by Pope Innocent III or IV. This prayer recalls Christ's sacrifice on the cross and where that sacrifice leads us as believers.

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741) was a contemporary of J.S. Bach (1685-1750). One could say that he was the "Bach of Italy." Bach thought so highly of his works that he transcribed 10 of his pieces into his own library. Vivaldi was a prodigious composer of operas, chamber music, songs, and sacred works. This movement from his *Gloria in D Major R. 589, Domine Deus*, is one of his most often performed works. It was composed sometime shortly after the turn of the 18th century. He composed two other settings of the Gloria text. *The Four Seasons* is probably his most widely played work, having even been used in commercials, cartoons, and film scores.

How Firm a Foundation, although of anonymous origin, is a true American hymn first published in Funk's *Genuine Church Music* in 1832. That hymnal is part of what is often referred to as the *Sacred Harp*, or shape-note hymnal, a tradition in our country that began in the early 19th century. These treasures gained a rebirth during the bicentennial celebrations in 1976. Did you know that before the revival of this tune, FOUNDATION, this text was most often sung to the tune *Adeste Fideles (O Come All Ye Faithful)*? The text is also unattributed, but first discovered by John Rippon (1751–1836), who was an English Baptist clergy. He noted the author as "K."

Rejoice! - Richard Smallwood (b. 1948) is one of the top composers and performers of Gospel music. His group, The Richard Smallwood Singers, has toured the world. He is a graduate of Howard University, which also counts Vice President Kamala Harris and so many other luminaries as alumni. He was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 2006.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson, Benny VanDerburgh

Music Director: Kurt R. Hansen

Organist: Kevin Dzierzawski

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

Scripture Reader: Karen E. Johnson

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Communion Coordinator: Jana O'Brien

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Mary Brown, 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

Communion bread baked by Marcia Knudson.

BORN THIS WEEK IN 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.

Nov 7 Chloe Combs

Nov 8 John DeCoster

Nov 9 Adam Polson, Jae Renfrow, Katy McMillan, Kristy Tavas, Catherine Demery,
Jareth Renfrow

Nov 10 Joel Chaiken, Daniel Pechnyo

Nov 11 Andrew Keller, Oliver Schneir

Nov 12 Eileen Felson, Robert Manrique

Nov 13 Terry Brancaccio-Hansen, Tatum Hunter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOTENFEST will be held on Sunday, November 21. During worship, we will give thanks for the lives of the members and friends of our congregation who died during the past year. Totenfest is a German word meaning "Festival of the Dead." You can make a memorial gift for Totenfest honoring a loved one online at the link below, or by any of our other giving methods. Please email your bulletin dedication to Claire at chiggins@spucc.org **by November 17.** spucc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/totenfest

ALL ABOARD THE UCAN GIFT TRAIN!

UCAN's annual gift drive is back and making all the station stops. Help us stay on track to deliver gifts to young people in need this holiday season. Sign up in the Narthex on November 7 or 14 to purchase a \$50 gift card for a UCAN participant. Gift cards are due at church by Sunday, December 5. For a virtual option, visit ucanchicago.org/gift-train. Reach out to Rebecca Sandoval with any questions, rebecca.sandoval@ucanchicago.org.

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 on November 7, 14 and 21 by cash or check. \$22/pie, limit 2 pies per person. Pickup November 23 from 1-5 p.m. or November 24 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Questions/concerns, please contact Mary Brown at (847)989-5966 or doddbrown@sbcglobal.net
spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1061957

ADVENT MARKET ITEMS NEEDED

The Advent Market on Sunday, December 12 will help fund the cost of the Polar Peace March. We need new or gently used regiffable items such as jewelry, candles, frames, handmade items, Christmas decorations, toys, etc. (Please, no clothing unless it is holiday specific.) The drop off dates are December 4, 5, 10, and 11 (times TBD). Questions, please text or email Kristin Lane Mack at (773) 322-7727 or klanemack@gmail.com or Carrie Bruggers at (773) 294-4446, crbruggs@gmail.com.

REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE

We don't have an arrival date for our family yet, but we are in great shape to welcome them to Chicago. We do have openings on a couple of teams supporting this effort. We need several more people on the apartment team (i.e., moving the furniture from St. Pauls to the new apartment) and one or two more folks on the mentoring team. If you're interested, please email Mark Pellegrino, jjmarkp@yahoo.com. Thank you for your tremendous support in the preparations for our refugee family!

CREATION CORNER - Halloween Pumpkin Take Back

When jack o'lanterns are past their prime, many unfortunately end up in the trash. In Cook County, 37% of landfill material is food waste. In Chicago alone, more than 500,000 tons of organic waste are sent to landfills annually. This is a major source of the greenhouse gas methane. Help keep compostables, including pumpkins, out of landfills.

QUEERING OUR ROOTS CAMPAIGN

Join the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer – Religious Archives Network (LGBTQ-RAN) for the last meeting of the *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. The last event is today 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NOV 10 - BIBLE STUDY: 1 CORINTHIANS 14 - When you should - and should not - speak in tongues. - 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.

NOV 11 - READING WITH ST. AUGUSTINE - 5 p.m., Cloud Room

We will gather bi-monthly on Thursday evenings in witness to Augustine of Hippo's *Confessions*, one of the first Christian autobiographies. Participation requires little to no outside reading. We will 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.

NOV 14 - CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - 11 a.m., Sanctuary

We will hold a special meeting of the congregation 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.

NOV 14 - HOW DOES RACIAL EQUITY HELP US ALL PROSPER? - 5 p.m., Zoom

Pilgrim UCC, Oak Park, invites you to a Zoom viewing and discussion of an interview with Heather McGhee, economic and social policy expert, and author of *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together*. In her book, McGhee discusses the “zero-sum paradigm,” the common but false idea that any gains for Black Americans must mean losses for white Americans. Ultimately, she argues for racial unity, which will yield a “Solidarity Dividend,” a resulting enrichment for all Americans. Register in advance for this meeting at:

us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join-link

NOV 16-20 - UCC ILLINOIS CONFERENCE ANNUAL CELEBRATION

St. Pauls members are welcome to attend the 2021 Illinois Conference Annual Celebration. This year’s Annual Celebration will be a little different. The completely virtual format, held from November 16 – 20, will offer inspiring worship services and learning opportunities as well as sessions for conducting the business of our Conference. You can find more information the schedule of events here:

<http://ilucc.org/annual-celebration>

NOV 18 - SPARC MEETING (St. Pauls Anti-Racism Cluster) 9 p.m., Zoom.

Would you like to help St. Pauls live our faith in an age of injustice in the coming year? Join our SPARC meeting as we discuss and make plans. For inquiries or to register, please contact Cindy Ball at cindyball11@gmail.com.

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, and *American Hymnsong 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.

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 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.

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. 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.

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 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, or Pastor Jeff, 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. 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!

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.

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

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.

- Mary Frances Winking's parents facing health and quality of life obstacles.
- Michelle Rodriguez, on the death of her aunt.
- Adé, a young Chicago artist and bicyclist who was struck by a car and is in a coma in critical condition. Prayers are needed for him, his family and ICU caregivers.
- 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.
- 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 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 178 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.