

# February 13, 2022

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. Masks are required.

#### THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"It is because we know of the resurrection that we know of God's creation in the beginning, out of nothing." Dietrich Bonhoeffer

PRELUDE	Someone Asked the Question - Why We Sing St. Arbucks Quartet	Kirk Franklin
INTROIT	<i>Thine Is the Glory</i> Chancel Choir	G.F. Handel
CHIMES		
WELCOME		Jeff Carlson
* WELCOMING EACH	OTHER	
* CALL TO WORSHIP		
One: Lord God,	you are brilliance without shadow!	
-	ist is the light of the world!	
	ve that knows no coldness!	
	f <b>reed us to love each other!</b> e life that defeats death!	
	our praise with joy!	
min we sing y	fur pruise with joy.	

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

\* HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeff Carlson

O God, you said "Let there be light" and there was light. We look for the living among the dead. Jesus Christ is risen. We look for the living among the dead. You made everything out of nothing. We look for the living among the dead. You sent messengers to proclaim the gospel. We look for the living among the dead. You have done wonderful things! We look for the living among the dead. Forgive us. Teach us to believe the good news: Christ is risen indeed! Amen.

#### MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE



#### SCRIPTURE

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ – whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

#### \* 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,

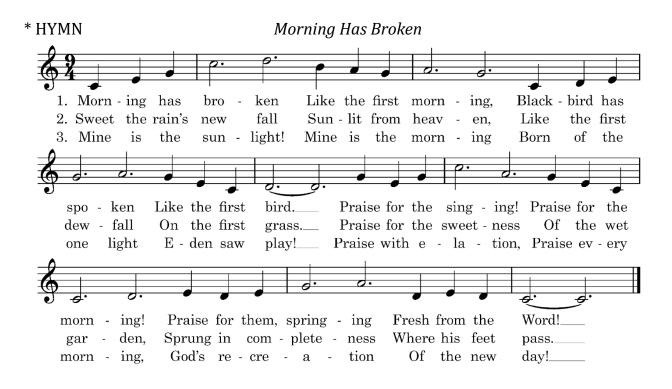
to seek justice and to resist evil,

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	God Reigns O'er All the Earth	vv. 3 & 4
	See previous insert	
SERMON	"Resurrection Explains"	Matt Fitzgerald



OFFERTORY

*Ninye otpoushaiyesi* (Sung in Old Church Slavonic) and *Gloria Patri* Chancel Choir Alexandr Grechaninov

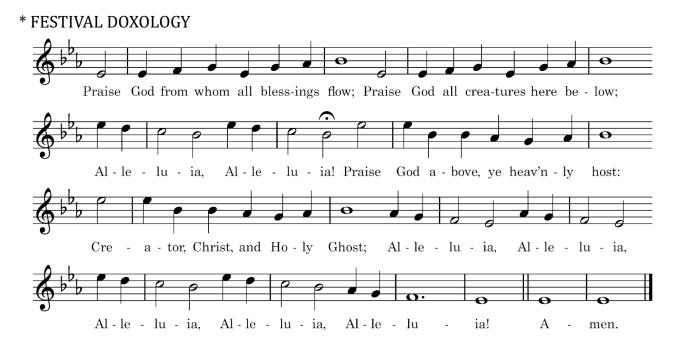
**George Matterling** 

Now let thy servant depart in peace, O Lord, according to thy word. For my eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou has prepared before the face of all peoples. A light as revelation to the Gentiles, and a glory of thy people Israel. Luke 2:29 - 32

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen

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#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Benny VanDerburgh

#### 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.



\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE Gloria Patri George Matterling Chancel Choir Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen

POSTLUDE Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne in C Major, BuxWV 137 D. Buxtehude Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

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 a Social Hour time of fellowship in the gym. At this time, we will not be serving coffee so everyone remains masked while indoors.

#### **TODAY'S MUSIC**

Our prelude, *Someone Asked a Question-Why We Sing* was written in 1993 and features both text and music by Kirk Franklin (b. 1970). Mr. Franklin also pays homage in this song to the historic hymn text *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*. He has also brought a new and contemporary edge to gospel music by adding the energy of hip-hop.

The music for *Thine Is the Glory* was composed in 1751 by George Friderick Handel (1685-1759). The hymn is actually a shortened form of a chorus from Handel's oratorio, *Judas Maccabeus*, which is obviously where the tune gets its name. The text happens to be one of Pastor Jeff's favorites and in our Black Hymnal, we have the first stanza in the original French, *A toi la gloire, O Ressuscité.* The original text was composed in 1904 by Swiss pastor Edmond L. Budry (1854-1932), who was inspired by Handel's music. The English translation is by Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939), who was an English Baptist minister who also taught theology in a Pennsylvania seminary.

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*, tune EASTER HYMN or LYRA DAVIDICA, uses a text by Charles Wesley (1707-1788) the great Methodist theologian and hymnodist. The tune's composer is not known and is taken from a collection, *Lyra Davidica*; hence, one of the tune names. It is equally appropriate to sing this great Easter hymn on a day that has a real sense of resurrection for many at St. Pauls.

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

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

*Ninye otpushaiyesi*, commonly known in Latin as the *nunc dimittis*, was composed by Alexandr Grechaninov (1864-1956). He is primarily remembered for his liturgical music for the Russian Orthodox Church. This is a setting of Simeon's prayer upon seeing the child Jesus. God promised Simeon that he would live to see the Messiah. Grechaninov moved from the Soviet Union to France in 1925. He immigrated to the United States in 1939, and spent the rest of his life here. Old Church Slavonic has a similar relationship to modern Russian as Latin does to Italian.

George Matterling added the *Gloria Patri* in the style of Grechaninov. While the Gloria Patri is a prescribed response in liturgical western churches to biblical readings or anthems on biblical texts, it is not part of the liturgy in the Russian Orthodox Church.

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God* is a text by Issac Watts (1674-1848), the eminent English poet, who set the entire books of Psalms as poetry, including Psalm 90, *Our God Our Help in Ages Past*. His poetry has inspired many composers. BETHLEHEM was composed by Joseph Barnaby (1838-1896). He was a renowned British choral director who introduced Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* and *St. John Passion* in English-to-English audiences. He was knighted by Queen Victoria.

The *Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne, BuxWV 137*, was composed by Dietrich Buxtehude (1637?-1707). Buxtehude's music and his skill as an organist had a profound effect on Bach. The true story is that Bach, at age 20, walked (!) nearly 250 miles from Arnstadt to Lübeck just to hear and work with Buxtehude. That is like walking from St. Pauls to Toledo, Ohio!

#### **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: Gerald Wilk Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji Ushers: Mary Brown, Fred Pearson Head Greeter: Greg Mooney Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown Camera Operators: Jim Alrutz, Marie Ankenman, Bob Ball, Jose Cruz, Brian Hafner, Chuck Kent Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are from Danae & Bruce Marcus in celebration of the love of family and friends.

#### **BORN THIS WEEK IN FEBRUARY**

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.

- Feb 13 Dana Peterson Harrits
- Feb 14 Harrison Rodriguez, Natalie Cramb
- Feb 15 Michelle Drew Rodriguez
- Feb 16 Brian Hafner, Graham Hicks
- Feb 17 Pam Vanderlinde, Dan Berghoff
- Feb 18 Wayne Parman, Ryan Holzricher

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **RESURRECTION GROUPS**

Are you wanting a dedicated space and time to check in prayerfully about this season, about how you're doing in this second year of the pandemic, and more generally with one another as Christians? Please join us this winter for a new weekly series, Resurrection Groups. No homework or reading required, just a sense of presence and curiosity about our shared life as a church. Groups will meet Thursdays on Zoom, or another time and/or location determined by the group. Register here: <u>spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1170710</u>.

#### **BONHOEFFER IN A YEAR**

More than 40 Saint Pauls members have registered to read the works of Dietrich Bonhoeffer in a Year. Join us as we read the works of this anti-Nazi martyr and brilliant theologian. We will meet monthly throughout 2022. Register at <u>spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1136986</u>.

#### JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

**Why isn't there a White History Month?** Every year when Black History Month comes around, this question is raised by people who may sincerely think racial equality should require an equal treatment for all racial identity groups. In an interview, Daniel Hirschmann, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Sociology at Brown University, replied, "We celebrate the accomplishments of white people every day. Calls to celebrate whiteness ignore the institutional celebration of whiteness that's built into the very fabric of our day-to-day lives, along with the more overt celebration in every history textbook." More thoughtful discussions are needed about the ever-present issue of whiteness in today's American society.

#### **CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team**

Buying in bulk, using your own containers, and purchasing refill bottles for various uses has always been eco-friendly. But the empty refill bottle still needs to be recycled. How about trading your empty cleaning product container for a filled one, producing a continuous cycle of use? Eco & the Flamingo at 4750 N. Rockwell Street in Lincoln Square allows you to do just that. Other products are also sold in 100% compostable/recyclable containers. Check it out!

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**FEB 15 - CALL TO ACTION TO PRESERVE JUSTICE & EQUITY -** 6-7:30 p.m., Zoom One year ago, Governor Pritzker signed the Illinois Safety, Accountability, Fairness, and Equity Today Act (SAFE-T Act). Reactive and punitive legislation is proposed for the Illinois General Assembly 2022 session, which would undermine this historic transformation of our state's pretrial justice system. Join the Justice and Witness Ministry Team of the UCC Illinois Conference and collaborators for "On Faith and Freedom" to learn the "Facts vs. Myths of Pretrial Freedom," then urge your legislators to stand by these progressive changes. Register at <u>tinyurl.com/2phk7rrp</u>.

## FEB 16 - BIBLE STUDY: THE GOSPEL OF LUKE - 12 p.m., Zoom

Luke introduces us to Jesus, who brings hope, justice and truth to the world. This Gospel contains some of the most cherished stories, such as the Prodigal Son, Zacchaeus and the Good Samaritan. Meets once a week for about a half hour. All are welcome! RSVP to Pastor Jeff, <u>icarlson@spucc.org</u>.

#### FEB 20 - CEP SUPPER PREPARATION - 3:30-6 p.m., Kitchen

We are seeking 4-6 volunteers to prepare a supper for the Community Engagement Project (CEP). A team leader will plan a meal, assign shopping lists, and volunteers will cook a dinner together for 35 in the St. Pauls kitchen, which we will bring to the Lincoln Park Community Services shelter at the 600 W. Fullerton location by 6 p.m. This opportunity is open to fully vaccinated individuals. Sign up here: <u>spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1168441</u>. **CEP Laundry program** also needs volunteers each Saturday to launder clothes on site at St. Pauls from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you'd like to help, please contact Jennifer Kew at CEPsupper@gmail.com.

**FEB 27 - BUDGET REVIEW MEETING -** 11 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room For those who want a more in-depth review of our budget, St. Pauls Treasurer Toby Rogers will present a preview of the 2022 budget on Sunday, February 27, following the 10 a.m. worship service.

MAR 4 - "MARCH FORTH" WITH WINDY CITY WINDS - 7:30 p.m., Gym & Livestream Join Windy City Winds for "March Forth," a musical celebration of resilience throughout the ongoing pandemic. You can attend via livestream on the church website or in person in the gym. Conducting the concert will be the band's co-founders, Mark Mosley and Sarah Good Mosley. The evening will appropriately feature four pieces, including two classic marches: *Summerland* by William Grant Still and Percy Grainger's masterwork for wind band, *Lincolnshire Posy*. In accordance with the city of Chicago ordinance, audience members will be required to wear masks and show proof of vaccination for entry.

# MAR 12 - IN-PERSON MOVIE NIGHT - 7-9:30 p.m., Parlor

Join St. Pauls Social and host Matt Fitzgerald for an in-person movie night. We will watch Warner Herzog's ski jumping documentary "Great Ecstasy of the Woodcarver Steiner." It is a short, 45-minute movie. We'll watch it together, discuss and socialize. Popcorn provided! BYOB.

Register here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1184210

# **OPPORTUNITIES**

**ALTAR FLOWERS –** Providing flowers for the altar is an excellent way to celebrate a special event in your life: an anniversary, a birthday, a holiday, or just because you like flowers! Sign up at <u>spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1078968</u>.

**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 Jen Kew at <u>CEPsupper@gmail.com</u>.

**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 <u>marcia@volkonline.com</u>.

**EMAIL SIGN-UP** – Are you new to St. Pauls and want to get more connected? You can go to spuce.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** – You may follow this link for additional information on this form developed by the Connectors: <u>spucc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/178271</u>.

**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 <u>toby@rogers-home.com</u> for information about meetings.

**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 <u>jan.fraccaro@gmail.com</u>.

**LITTLE LIGHTS** is a St. Pauls early childhood program with classes for 2, 3, and 4-year-olds. We are now accepting applications for 2022. Check out <u>www.littlelightslp.org</u>. Email Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at <u>littlelights@spucc.org</u>.

**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 <u>jenluerssen@yahoo.com</u>. Subscribe to the distribution list at <u>eepurl.com/gQ4Eg1</u>, 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 here: <u>spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1079008</u>

**SPARC (St. Pauls Anti-Racism Cluster)** invites you to join the journey toward racial justice through educational opportunities, resources, and actions as we seek to live our faith in an age of injustice. For more information contact Cindy Ball at <u>cindyzinn11@gmail.com</u>.

**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 (<u>icarlson@spucc.org</u>), Marti Pechnyo (<u>mpechnyo@gmail.com</u>), or Barb Kaiser (<u>bkaiser2213@gmail.com</u>).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL –** Please register your children for Sunday School. This is a one-time registration for the year so we can prepare the correct staffing and activities, <u>spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/985445</u>.

**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 <u>icarlson@spucc.org</u> 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 <u>youngadults@spucc.org</u>.

#### **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please send any announcements you would like in the following week's bulletin or Friday email to <u>chiggins@spucc.org</u> no later than 10 a.m. on Tuesday. Verbal announcements are due by Wednesdays at noon. **Please limit announcements to <u>100 words</u>.** 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.

- Sharon Phillips, undergoing a stem cell treatment for bone marrow cancer following five months of treatment. Prayers for a healthy and successful transplant and recovery.
- Micki Fayhee and her mother, Linda, who has begun cancer treatment.
- Angi Miller's friend, Rachelle, being treated for cancer.
- Tom Henry, recovering from pneumonia.
- Phill, brother of Bob Ball, who has leukemia and has been diagnosed with covid-related pneumonia.
- Marcia Knudson at the death of her husband, Wes Salsbury.
- Sonja Rae, recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- Lorri Gunn Wirsum, diagnosed with covid and at home managing symptoms.
- Encouragement for Al Cerkan as he enters home recovery for a serious spinal cord injury.
- Bob and Cheryl Kuba, as they are challenged by some significant health issues.
- Mary Frances Winking's parents facing health and quality of life obstacles.
- 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.

Senior Pastor Matt Fitzgerald, <u>mfitzgerald@spucc.org</u> Associate Pastor Jeff Carlson, <u>icarlson@spucc.org</u> Pastoral Associate Benny VanDerburgh, <u>bvanderburgh@spucc.org</u> Pastor Emeritus Tom Henry, <u>emeritushenry@gmail.com</u>

For a complete list of St. Pauls Staff, Governance, and Lay Leadership Please visit <u>www.spucc.org/contact</u>

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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.