

February 20, 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

What was between
us wasn't a fragile thing to be coddled, cooed
over. It came out fully formed, ready to run.

What I Didn't Know Before, Ada Limón

PRELUDE

Beautiful Savior
Kevin Dzierzawski, piano

Arr. L. Wasson

INTROIT

O How Glorious, Full of Wonder
Chancel Choir

CHIMES

WELCOME

Matt Fitzgerald

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our God is with us! She hung up each star in our sky

All: and knows each of us not just by name, but as holy parent.

One: Praise God! She moves as forgiveness and commands us to love one another.

All: We are here! Praise God! May the blessings pave our way forward together.

** 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 - joice, we will re - joice and be
rose a - gain; we will re - joice, we will re - joice and be
Spir - it came; we will re - joice, we will re - joice 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 - joice and be glad in__ it;
rose a - gain, we will re - joice and be glad in__ it;
Spir - it__ came, we will re - joice 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

Benny VanDerburgh

O God, we confess it:

We would rather make you the wind

Or the teacher, the parent or the spirit

Of love - but never all. We struggle to focus

Our creativity on our createdness. We struggle

To carry your commands of us into a truly new life

Free in your Word, free to do justice. Incarnate

God, God who walks with us and yet made the way,

Forgive us. Have mercy on us. We have not been creaturely,

We have not been just. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

Beautiful Savior

vv. 1 & 2

1. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Cre - a - tion's sov - 'reign
2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands,
3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light,
4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, O'er all the na - tions,

One with God and one with us! Tru - ly I'd love thee,
Robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er,
Bright the spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er,
One with God and one with us! Glo - ry and hon - or,

Tru - ly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
Je - sus is pur - er, He makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er, Than all the an - gels in the sky.
Praise, ad - o - ra - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be thine.

SCRIPTURE

Hannah Fitzgerald

Luke 6:27-38

But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.

* 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

Beautiful Savior
See previous insert

vv. 3 & 4

SERMON

“When God Incarnate Gives Advice”

Benny VanDerburgh

* HYMN

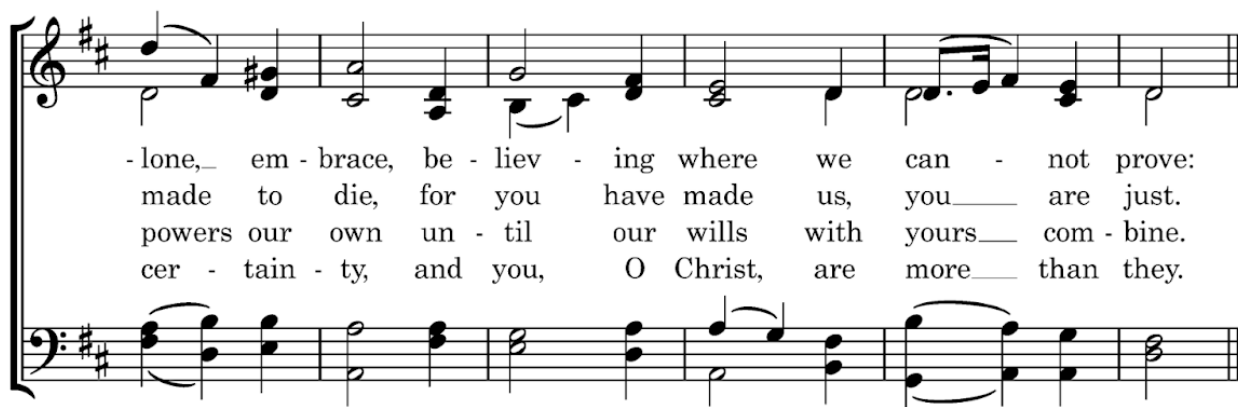
Incarnate God, Immortal Love



1. In - car - nate God, im - mor - tal Love, whom we, that
2. You will not leave us in the dust; you gave us
3. In you meet hu - man and di - vine, the high - est,
4. Our lit - tle sys - tems have their day; they have their



have not seen your face, by faith, and faith a -
life, we know not why. We trust we were not
ho - liest un - ion known. We false - ly call our
day and cease to be; They are but fleet - ing



- lone, em - brace, be - liev - ing where we can - not prove:
made to die, for you have made us, you are just.
powers our own un - til our wills with yours com - bine.
cer - tain - ty, and you, O Christ, are more than they.

MISSION MOMENT

Resurrection Project

Ben Emmrich

OFFERTORY

The Heavens Are Telling
from Creation

Franz Joseph Haydn

Nancy Pifer, Nathan streeter, and Lee Lichamer, soloists
Chancel Choir

Recitative: The space immense of the azure sky,
A countless host of radiant orbs adorns.
And the sons of God announced the fourth day
In song divine, proclaiming thus his power.

Chorus: The heavens are telling the glory of God
The wonder of his work displays the firmament.

Trio: Today that is coming speaks it the day,
The night that is gone to following night.

Chorus: The heavens . . .

Trio: In all the lands resounds the word
Never unperceived, ever understood.

Chorus: The heavens are telling . . .

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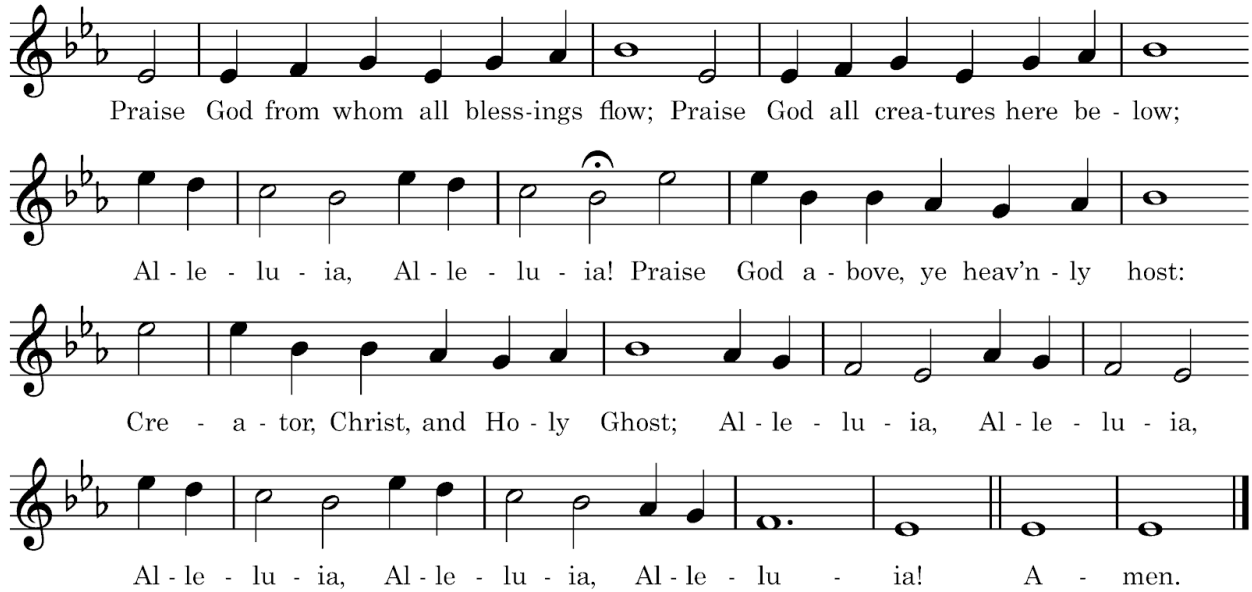
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At spucc.churchcenter.com/giving,

Or through Zelle to giving@spucc.org.



* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here be - low;
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:
Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Matt Fitzgerald

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

O Love, How Vast, How Flowing Free



1. O Love, how vast, how flow - ing free, O Love how
2. Not as an an - gel vis - it - ing, nor form ce -
3. A - ris - ing from the dead a - gain, our Sov - ereign
4. Then for God's bound - less love sing praise through end - less



filled with ec - sta - sy, That God a hu - man form should
- les - tal or - bit - ing, But born in flesh God chose to
goes on high to reign; And sends the Spir - it to a -
a - ges, count - less days; By Love we have been rec - on -



take, and mor - tal be for mor - tals' sake.
be, robed in our own hu - man - i - ty.
- bide for strength and sol - ace at our side.
- ciled: sal - va - tion gained through God's own Child.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o, Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - - o.

POSTLUDE

O Happy Day
St. Arbucks Quartet

Edwin Hawkins

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

The author of the text for ***O How Glorious Full of Wonder*** was Curtiss Beach (1914-1993). He was Harvard educated and came from a long line of ministers. He wrote this text in 1958 while serving a church in Pasadena, CA. The tune, IN BABILONE, is a traditional Dutch melody first published in 1710. It was adapted as a hymn by Julius Röntgen (1855-1932), a Dutch Romantic composer and pianist. Brahms chose him to debut his *Piano Concerto No. 1*.

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.

Beautiful Savior was originally a German hymn, *Schönster Herr Jesu*, first found and attributed in a 17th century hymnal. The English tune name is CRUSADER'S HYMN. The translation was provided by Joseph Augustus Seiss, (1823-1904), who was a Lutheran pastor in this country in the mid-1800's. *Beautiful Savior* also became the alma mater of St. Olaf College, and is sung at the close of every concert and important event at St. Olaf and other colleges. The melody is also the subject for today's prelude.

The author of the text for ***Incarinate God, Immortal Love*** is the famous English poet Alfred Lord Tennyson (1809-1892). He was raised to Poet Laureate in 1850 by King Edward VII. The tune ROCKINGHAM was composed and harmonized in 1790 by Edward Miller (1735-1807). He was born to a stone paver and became a flutist in G. F. Handel's orchestra. He published a great deal of music and even detailed history of antiques from his birthplace of Doncaster.

The Heavens Are Telling is the well-known chorus from *Creation* composed in (1798) by Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809). He was easily one of the most important composers of the Classical Period. *Creation* is a most unusual work. It was written on an English commission and was composed with both English and German texts as co-equal and original. The portion of John Milton's (1608-1674) poem, *Paradise Lost* (1667), that Haydn set celebrates the glory of the seven days of creation and only mentions the "fall of Adam" briefly. This chorus celebrates the creation story of the fourth day and the radiant heavens.

The text for ***O Love How Vast, How Flowing Free*** is a free translation of an anonymous 15th century Latin poem. The tune, DEO GRACIAS, is also known as AGINCOURT. It is an English ballad that also dates from the 15th century.

O Happy Day was composed by Edwin Hawkins (1943-2018). He was an artist of wide ranging talents: gospel musician, singer, pianist, composer, arranger, and choir master. He was born in Oakland, CA and was already playing keyboards at age 7 for his family's gospel group. *O Happy Day* is his most performed and remembered work.

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: Hannah Fitzgerald

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 in celebration of the love of community.

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 20 Sonya Brizzolara, Sami Due, Sophia Riportella

Feb 21 Albert Ettinger, Mike Fenstermacher, Andrew Dickson, Richard Koldyke,
Jen Luerssen

Feb 22 Jeffrey Braun, Mark Chernansky, Nathan Cata

Feb 23 Andrew Razeghi, Colleen Scrivner

Feb 24 Annie Jaussi, Char Damron, Dan Charlton, Joy Klaben, Regan Hildebrand,
Hannah Hafner

Feb 25 Catherine Clarke, Martha Phillips, Tracy Taylor

Feb 26 Tom Klein

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE: Mr. Khaksar is looking for work. His skill set includes more than 10 years experience as a team leader with strong motivational skills; three years as a mechanic working on cars, trucks, and buses; two years as a private driver (including having his own taxi). If anyone has leads on a position that matches his skill set, please let Mark Pellegrino (jjmarkp@yahoo.com) know. Note: the level of his English skills may be a challenge, but he's eager to work and appears to be a quick learner. Thank you.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

Black pioneer Jean Baptiste Point du Sable was Chicago's first permanent, non-indigenous settler. Learn about other Black contributors to our history on February 24 at blockclubchicago.org/2022/02/11/bhm. Although our first non-indigenous settler was Black, we remain one of the most segregated cities in the U.S. This February 22 conversation (tinyurl.com/3hrxhx5h) introduces an in-depth exploration of the reality and impact of this segregation on all of us. How can we live into Beloved Community?

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

Consider projects and opportunities that can use repurposed materials. Take a trip to the ReBuilding Exchange. Click here for a taste: rebuildingexchange.org. Perhaps you would like to incorporate pieces from distinctive buildings or their interiors into your plans. Visit Urban Remains (urbanremainschicago.com) or Salvage One (salvageone.com). Be warned! Plan to spend some time getting lost in these amazing collections/places.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEB 23 - 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, jcarlson@spucc.org.

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 feature four pieces, two classic marches, *Flight* and *Rolling Thunder*, along with *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 spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1078968.

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 CEPsupper@gmail.com.

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 – You may follow this link for additional information on this form developed by the Connectors:
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.

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 2022. Check out www.littlelightslp.org. Email Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at littlelights@spucc.org.

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 Luerksen at jenluerksen@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 here:
spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1079008

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 cindyzinn11@gmail.com.

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 – 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, 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.

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.

- 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 Salisbury.
- 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.

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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.