

February 6, 2022
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.

PRELUDE	<i>Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele, BWV 654</i>	J.S. Bach
	Kevin Dzierzawski, organ	

CHIMES

INTROIT	<i>Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness</i>	Johann Crüger
	Chancel Choir	

WELCOME	Matt Fitzgerald
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* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: May God be with you!

All: And also with you!

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to God!

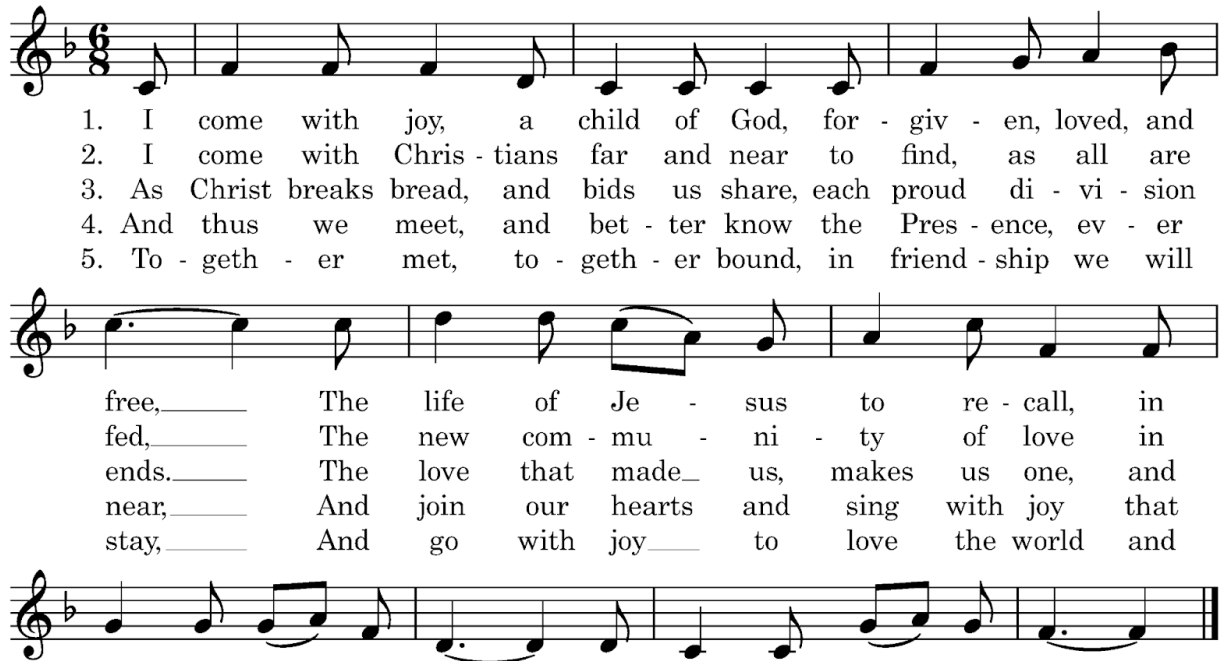
One: Let us give thanks to God!

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise!

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

* HYMN

I Come With Joy



1. I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4. And thus we meet, and bet - ter know the Pres - ence, ev - er
 5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, in friend - ship we will

free,_____ The life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed,_____ The new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends,_____ The love that made_ us, makes us one, and
 near,_____ And join our hearts and sing with joy that
 stay,_____ And go with joy_____ to love the world and

love laid down for me,_____ in love laid down for me._____
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread,_____ in Christ's com - mu - nion bread._____
 strang - ers now_ are friends, and strang - ers now_ are friends.
 Christ is ris - en here,_____ that Christ is ris - en here._____
 live the way_ we pray,_____ and live the way_ we pray._____

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeff Carlson

**Merciful God, in gracious hospitality invite us to your feast,
 instead we settle for junk food that only leaves us empty.
 We are preoccupied with wealth, image, comfort and status,
 while we neglect the way of neighborly love, peace and justice.
 Forgive us.
 Change our appetites.
 Make us hungry for you.
 At your table, feed us with the life of Christ,
 that we may walk in your way and rejoice in your truth.
 Amen.**

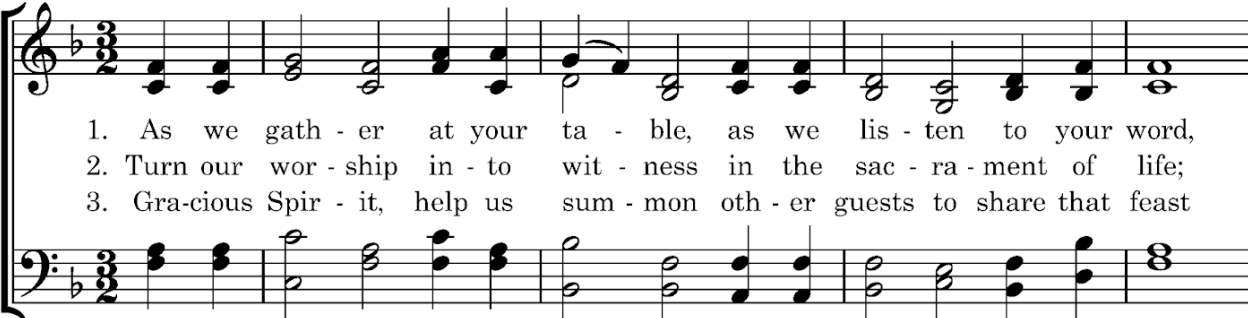
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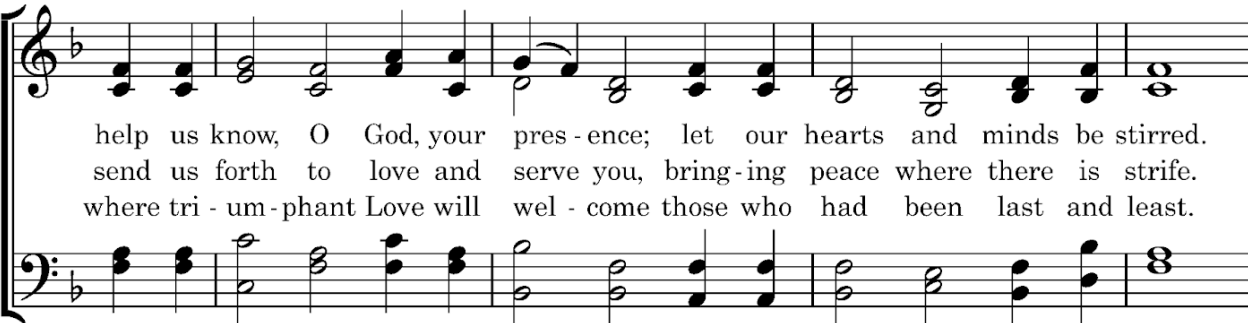
RESPONSE

As We Gather

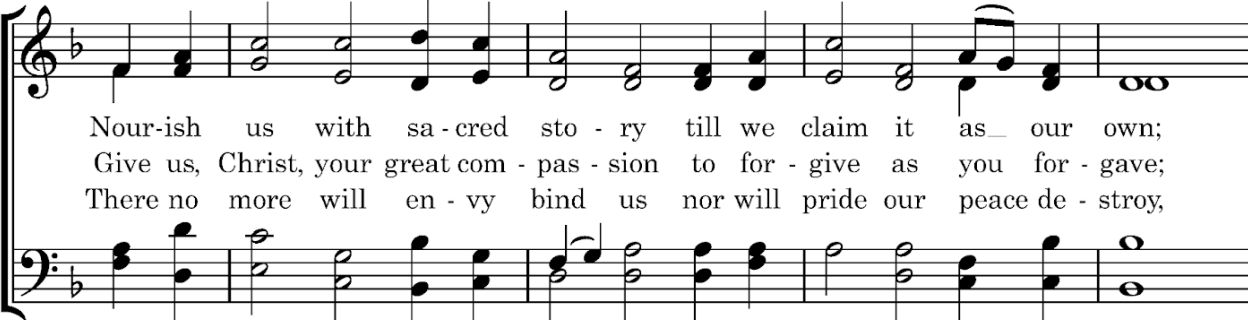
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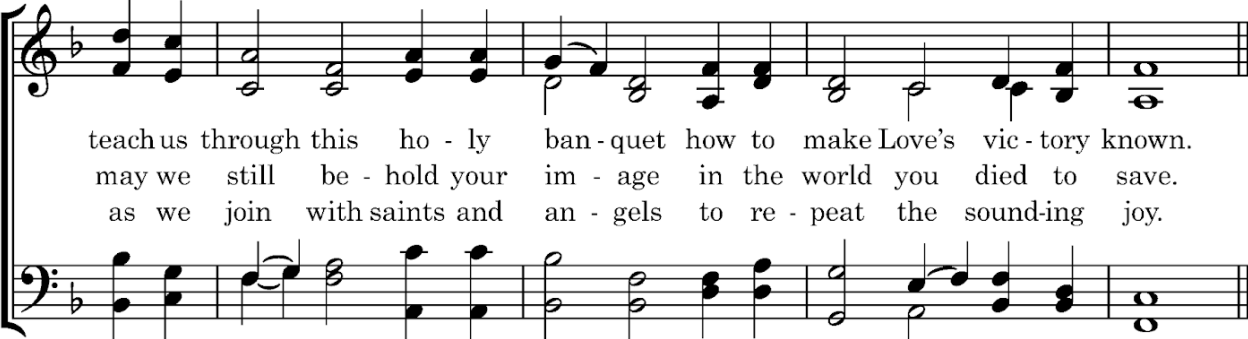
1. As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3. Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

SCRIPTURE

Cindy Ball

Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

* 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

As We Gather
See previous hymn

vv. 2 & 3

SERMON

"Into the Deep"

Jeff Carlson

* HYMN

I Heard the Voice of Jesus

1. I__ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me__ and rest;
2. I__ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3. I__ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I__ am this lost world's Light,
Lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on__ my breast."
The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, draw near, and drink, and live."
Look un - to me; your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I__ came to Je - sus as I was, so__ wea - ry, worn, and sad,
I__ came to Je - sus, and I drank of__ that life - giv - ing stream;
I__ looked to Je - sus, and I found my__ guid - ing Star, my Sun;
And there I found a__ rest - ing place, where Je - sus made me glad!
My thirst was quenched, my soul re - lived, and now I am re - deemed.
And in that light of__ life I'll go till__ trav - eling days are done.

MISSION MOMENT

Lincoln Park Community Services

Sally Fletcher

Outreach & Benevolence Committee

OFFERTORY

Salvation Is Created

Pavel Chesnokov

Chancel Choir

Salvation is created,
In midst of the earth,
O our God.
Alleluia.
Psalm 74:12

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Scanning this code with your cell phone camera,

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.

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.**

COMMUNION HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together



1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; _____
2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; _____
3. Let us praise god to - geth - er on our knees; _____

Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. _____
Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. _____
Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. _____

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

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.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, thank you for welcoming us to your table and feeding us with the life of Christ. Fill us with your Spirit. Lead us into new places. Give us open hearts of hospitality that extend your welcome in our hungry world. Thank you, God! Amen.

* 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

Glo - - - - - ri - a

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

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

POSTLUDE

I Saw the Light
St. Arbucks Quartet

Hank Williams

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

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness is one of the great German communion hymns. It is often referred to by church musicians as “the queen of communion chorales.” SCHMÜCKE DICH (*Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness*) was composed by Johann Crüger (1598-1662). This hymn, which is also the subject of our Prelude, was set for organ by Bach (1685-1750) and many other German composers. Crüger also composed Nun danket alle Gott (*Now Thank We All Our God*).

The text of ***I Come With Joy*** was written by Brian Wren (b. 1936), who is a pastor in the Congregational Church in England. He wrote the hymn as a summary of a series of sermons on the meaning of communion. The tune is an old American hymn, DOVE OF PEACE, from the *Southern Harmony* hymnal, part of the Sacred Harp tradition. It was arranged by Austin Lovelace (1919-2010), who was Organist and Choirmaster for several years at First United Methodist Church in Evanston.

The text for ***As We Gather at Your Table*** was written in 1989 by Carl P. Daw Jr. (b. 1944). Daw is the son of a Baptist minister and has a doctorate in English literature. He has penned a number of hymn texts. The tune, BEACH SPRING, is attributed to Benjamin F. White (1800-1879) and was first found in the great American shape note hymnal, *The Sacred Harp*, which dates from 1844.

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say, tune KINGSFOLD, first appeared in a 19th century collection of English folk melodies, but may date back to the Middle Ages. The text was composed by Scottish clergy, Horatius Bonar (1808-1889). He came from a long line of ministers and composed many hymn texts and religious poems.

Salvation Is Created, Op. 25, No. 5 was composed by Pavel Chesnokov (1877-1944). He was one of the most prolific composers of the Moscow Synodal School. These “hymns” were based on Russian Orthodox chant melodies.

Our **Festival Doxology** is to the German hymn tune *Lasst uns erfreuen*, and dates from 1623. It was first found in a hymnal published in Cologne, Germany.

The tune and text for ***Let Us Break Bread Together***, the well-known communion hymn, are unattributed but became widely known after being printed in 1926 in *The Second Book Of Negro Spirituals*, which was curated and compiled by the famous poet, James Weldon Johnson, and equally prominent composer, J. Rosamond Johnson. The history of the text and tune probably predates the Civil War.

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 which 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.”

Angels We Have Heard on High is originally an 18th century French Noël (carol) freely translated by James Chadwick (1813-1882), an Irish Catholic priest. GLORIA is from the text of the joyfully cascading Latin refrain, which we sing as a Benediction Response after Christmas and during Epiphany.

I Saw the Light was composed and recorded in 1952 by Hank Williams (1923-1953). He was a beloved country music singer and composer. In his all-too-short life, he recorded 35 singles, 11 of which reached #1 on the Country & Western charts.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson

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: Cindy Ball

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Communion Coordinator: Jana O'Brien

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: David Baker, Fred Pearson

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

Camera Operators: Brian Hafner, Bob Ball

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

Communion bread baked by Marcia Knudson.

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 6 Ivy Sanz, James Weimer, José Cruz Rivera, Rebecca Sandoval, Sarah Leeper

Feb 7 Aaron Fangman, Nolan Tavas, Kilian Zindel

Feb 8 Sherrie Myers, Ethan Frisch

Feb 9 Bruce Reider

Feb 10 Becky Kornick, Jan Bail, Melinda Schrimpf, Cameron Rogers, Jack Sancya

Feb 12 Bobbi Gannello, Jim Brandt, Ilse Wiebe, Linda Loving

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - SHARE THE TABLE OF JESUS

Food prices are rising. Beginning today, we'll be collecting food for the Common Pantry every communion Sunday. St. Pauls helped found the pantry in 1967. Unexpired food and personal items most needed are listed below. Modest-sized products are best for distribution to the folks they serve (e.g., a few 24 oz. containers of cooking oil are preferable to one 64 oz. container). Items can be left in the bin in the Narthex.

Needed: cereal (whole grain, less sugar varieties), nuts, brown rice, jelly/jam (low sugar), peanut butter (natural, no hydrogenated oils), cooking oil, pasta sauce (low sodium), soup (low sodium), easy prep meals (e.g., Hamburger Helper. Look for low sodium or whole grain varieties if possible), ground coffee, toothpaste, deodorant, disposable razors, shampoo, conditioner, mouthwash.

**COMMON
PANTRY**



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: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1170710.

THANK YOU! Forty-two St. Pauls households fulfilled Christmas wish lists for 82 UCAN participants in addition to purchasing 56 items from UCAN's Target registry. The grand total value of contributions was \$4,818. Thank you for your generous support of UCAN youth!

GOD IN NEW NOVELS

This winter is providing plenty of time to dive into a good book. Join Pastor Matt and others to look for God in contemporary fiction. Our first novel is *Deacon King Kong* by James McBride, author of *The Good Lord Bird* and *The Color of Water*. We will meet to discuss this excellent novel about church on Monday, February 7, at 7 p.m. Register at spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1137474.

BONHOEFFER IN A YEAR

More than 30 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 spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1136986.

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

Recycling batteries:

- Single-use, alkaline batteries can be placed in the regular trash.
- Single-use, lithium batteries can be dropped off at the City of Chicago's Household Chemical and Computer Recycling Facility (HCCRF) for recycling (1150 N. North Branch). It accepts all batteries except single-use alkaline batteries.
- Home Depot, Lowe's, and UBreakIFix will take rechargeable batteries.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

February is Black History Month

Black History Month (aka African American History Month) is an annual celebration to honor the legacy and contributions of African Americans across U.S. history and society. Initially established in 1915 as "Negro History Week" by noted African American Professor Carter C. Woodson, it was originally set in mid-February to coincide with the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Woodson incidentally has become known as the "father of Black history." Black History Month grew by 1976 to become an international, one month celebration.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEB 9 - 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 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 Illinois Conference UCC 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 tinyurl.com/2phk7rrp.

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: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1168441. **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.

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. Contact Toby Rogers at toby@rogers-home.com 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 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 cindyball11@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.

- Micki Fayhee and her mother, Linda, who has begun cancer treatment.
- Angi Miller's friend, Rachelle, being treated for cancer.
- Tom Henry, in rehab 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.
- Juanita Barlow and son Jeff at the 50th anniversary of her husband George's death. A gift has been made to the Sam Hill Music Fund.
- Ginger Hecht and family at the death of her mother, Nina Whitsel.
- Lorri Gunn Wirsum, diagnosed with COVID and at home managing symptoms.
- Encouragement for Al Cerkas as he enters home recovery for a serious spinal cord injury.
- An 18-year-old friend of Lisa Doerr in critical condition from a burst aneurysm.
- Chris, Rem and Sabrina Cabrera-Schram at the death of son and brother, Gabriel.
- Pastor Jamie Frazier, whose mother, Irene, has died.
- Joe JaQuay, being treated for an infection in his leg.
- Cameron and his family, family friends of Juanita Barlow, managing his brain damage after an accident.
- 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.