

March 13, 2022  
Second Sunday in Lent  
Communion Sunday

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

***Please silence cell phones.***

*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.*

## THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"Walking in the autumn woods do you feel that a subtle distance has come between you and the smell of wood smoke?" John Cheever

PRELUDE *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* Georg Neumark  
St. Arbucks Trio

# CHIMES

INTROIT *To My Humble Supplication* Genevan Psalter  
Chancel Choir

# WELCOME

\* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O Lord our God! Be in our midst today!

**All: Extinguish our despair.**

One: Replace it with your greatness, your goodness, and your hope!

**All: Make us yours today and every day! Amen.**

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

\* HYMN

*Sing Praise to God*

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

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

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

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

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Your appearance startles us, God.**

**We wish your presence**

**in our lives was *reasonable*.**

**We prefer you as a spirit or a feeling.**

**You come to us as a God who bleeds.**

**You unnerve us,**

**even as we feast at your table.**

**How odd, to be unnerved**

**by your nearness.**

**How wonderful, to be healed**

**by your presence.**

**Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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

*Please come forward for communion.*

*Take the bread and eat it. Then take the cup and drink.*

*Deposit the cups in the baskets on the way back to your seat.*

*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.*

*Return to your seat by the side aisles.*

*All are welcome to take part in communion.*

## \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

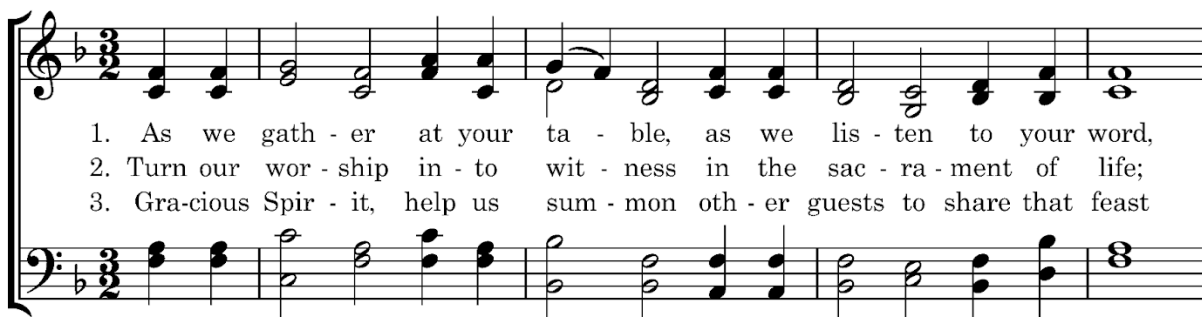
**Oh God, in Christ you come to us humbly and joyfully. With your breath in our lungs, we become Christ's body in the world. Thank you. Amen.**

*Children are now invited to go to Sunday School.*

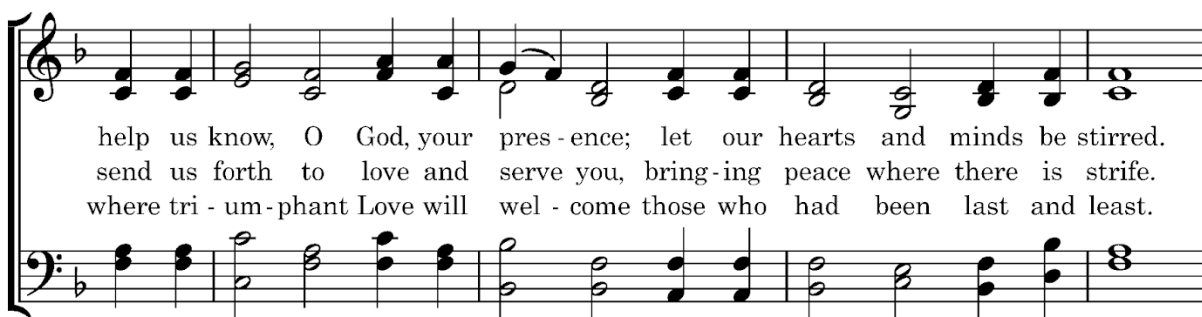
*Teachers will lead them to their classrooms. If you would like to walk your children to class, you are welcome to go and come back.*

\* COMMUNION HYMN

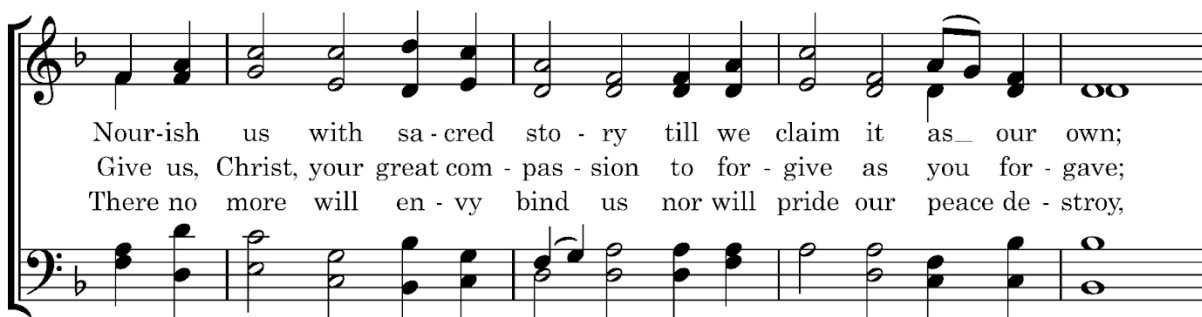
*As We Gather at Your Table*



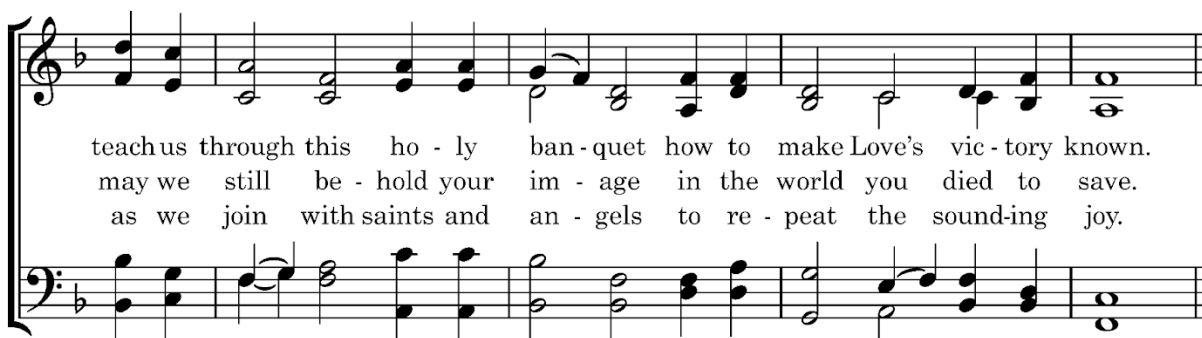
1. As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
 2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
 3. Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



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

### *Ephesians 2, selections*

You let the world, which doesn't know the first thing about living, tell you how to live. You filled your lungs with polluted unbelief, and then exhaled disobedience. We all did it. It's a wonder God didn't lose his temper and do away with the whole lot of us. Instead, rich in mercy and with an incredible love, he embraced us. He took our sin-dead lives and made us alive in Christ.

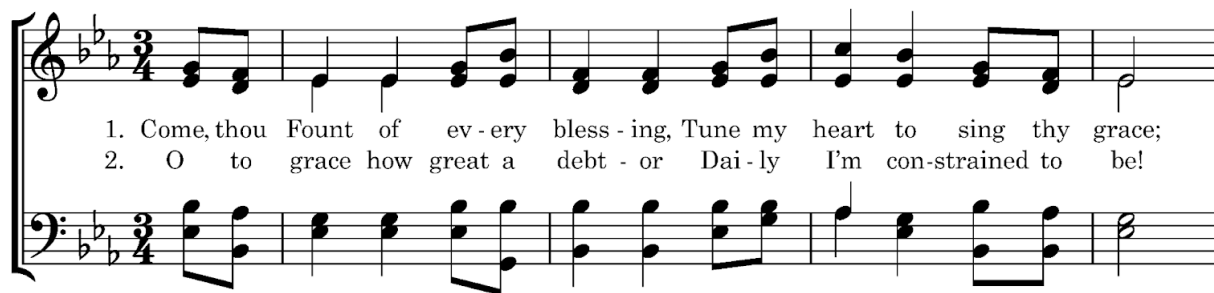
Don't take any of this for granted. Only yesterday you once-Gentiles were utter strangers to the commonwealth of Israel. Unlike us once-Jews, you had no knowledge of, or right to, the promises of God. You had nothing to look forward to and no God to whom you could turn. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. He is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the hostility between us. He has abolished the law and made a new kind of human being, a fresh start for everybody.

Christ brought us together through his death on the cross. Christ came and preached peace to you outsiders and peace to us insiders. He treated us as equals, and so made us equals. You're no longer wandering exiles. This kingdom of faith is now your home country. You're no longer strangers or outsiders. You *belong* here, with as much right to the name Christian as anyone. God is building a home. He's using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day—a holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home.

\* RESPONSE

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

v. 1



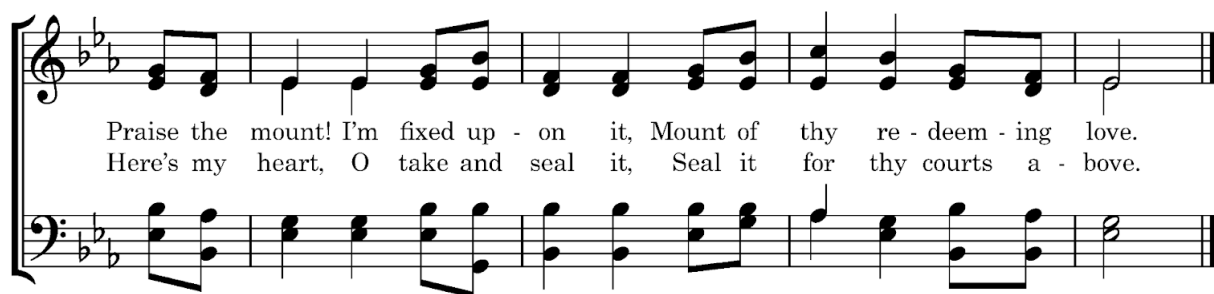
1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2. O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise.  
Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter Bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by\_\_ flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
Prone to\_\_ wan - der, Lord, I feel\_\_ it, Prone to\_\_ leave the God I love;



Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, Mount of thy re - deem - ing love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for thy courts a - bove.

SERMON

"God's Harmony"

Matt Fitzgerald

\* HYMN

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
See Previous Hymn

v. 2



MISSION MOMENT

A Just Harvest

Andrea Koekpe

OFFERTORY

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Moses Hogan  
African-American Spiritual

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

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



\* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God all crea-tures here be - low;

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

\* HYMN

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano part, with the other parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in five lines, with the first line being a refrain and the subsequent lines being verses. The score includes a final double bar line at the end of the fifth line.

1. In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing  
2. When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
3. When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
4. Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the  
5. In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing

o'er the wrecks of time; All the light of sa - cred  
- ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -  
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no  
o'er the wrecks of time; All the light of sa - cred

sto - ry gath - ers 'round its head sub - lime.  
- sake me: Lo! it glows with peace and joy.  
stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.  
sto - ry gath - ers 'round its head sub - lime.

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Prayer of St. Patrick*  
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ above me, Christ beneath me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ is hearts of all the love me,  
Christ is mouth of friend and stranger.

POSTLUDE

*Concerto in a minor—I, BWV 593*  
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

J. S. Bach

***If you would like someone to pray with you today, Stephen Ministers are present  
after the Postlude at the right front of the Sanctuary.***

***Following Worship, all are invited for coffee and snacks  
downstairs in the Social Hall, with cake provided by Juanita Barlow in  
celebration of her birthday.***

## TODAY'S MUSIC

***To My Humble Supplication*** is a text composed in 1620 by Joseph Bryan (dates unknown). The tune, GENEVAN 86, derives its name from a famous psalter published in Geneva, Switzerland in 1551. Each psalm setting was assigned its number corresponding to the same number in the Book of Psalms. Among other tunes we still sing from the *Genevan Psalter* is *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*.

***Sing Praise to God*** is another great hymn from our German heritage. The tune, LOBE DEN HERRN, is the first line of the first stanza of the German text. The composer is unknown and it was first published in a hymnal in 1668. The original text was written by Joachim Neander (1650-1680). Although he was reported to have had a "riotous youth," he became the first important hymn writer of the German Reform Church. This updated translation was made in 1993 for our *New Century Hymnal* by Madeleine Forell Marshall (b. 1946).

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 also 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 is first found in the great American shape-note hymnal, *The Sacred Harp*, which dates from 1844.

***Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing***, to the tune NETTLETON, is from the rich American tradition of the Sacred Harp hymnals, specifically *Wyeth's Repository Of Sacred Music*. The text was written by Robert Robinson (1735-1790), who began his professional life as an apprentice to a hairdresser before committing himself to a religious life.

This arrangement of ***Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*** was composed in 1995 by Moses Hogan (1957-2003). In his all too brief life, Mr. Hogan continued and amplified the great tradition of spiritual arrangement that includes William Dawson. He recorded a number of compact discs and provided solo arrangements for singers like Kathleen Battle. He was commissioned by St. Pauls to write an anthem, *I Got a Home in-a Dat Rock*, in honor of Ron McCowan's 25 years of service to this congregation. Mr. Hogan invited Ron and our Chancel Choir to sing that anthem with his professional choir when they sang in Chicago.

***In the Cross of Christ I Glory*** is a text written in 1825 by John Bowring (1792-1872). He was an English Unitarian and became a member of Parliament. His text is decidedly Christian. RATHBURN was composed in 1851 by Ithamar Conkley (1815-1867). Conkley was an American of Scottish descent. He became a professional bass and also organist in New York City.

***A Prayer of Saint Patrick*** was composed in 1982 by John Rutter (b. 1945). The text is from a 5th century manuscript, *St. Patrick's Breastplate*, and was translated from the Gaelic into English by Cecil Francis Alexander (1818-1895). She translated numerous hymns from Gaelic and also wrote her own original hymn texts. The most famous of hers is *All Things Bright and Beautiful*. John Rutter is certainly a well-known contemporary English composer. Our Chancel Choir has sung anthems and larger works by him in past years.

### **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

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

**Communion Coordinator:** Jana O'Brien

**Head Usher:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** David Baker, Mary Brown

**Head Greeter:** Greg Mooney

**Gatekeeper:** Dodd Brown

**Camera Operators:** Jim Alrutz, Marie Ankenman, Bob Ball, Jose Cruz, Brian Hafner, Chuck Kent

**Custodian:** Ramiro Gonzalez

*Communion bread baked by Marcia Knudson.*

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are in honor of the work of St. Pauls Staff during the pandemic from Char and Larry Damron.

### **BORN THIS WEEK IN MARCH**

*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.*

Mar 13 Ron Banks  
Mar 14 Juanita Barlow, Sean Cochran  
Mar 15 Breanna Coe, Eve Davis, Gail Renfrow, Lee Ballard, Mila Mussatt  
Mar 16 Kesner Bienvenu, Muzette Morgan  
Mar 17 Julia Spainhour, Louise Brach-Spivey, Isla Bartels  
Mar 18 Ross Penniman, Brooks Nagy  
Mar 19 Samer Bashiti

### **LENT & EASTER AT ST. PAULS**

SUN, APRIL 10 PALM SUNDAY - 10 a.m.  
Palm branches, songs, Polar Peace March

THU, APRIL 14 MAUNDY THURSDAY  
Details to come

FRI, APRIL 15 GOOD FRIDAY - 7:30 p.m.  
Communion, Tenebrae with choir

SAT, APRIL 16 EASTER EGG HUNT - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Egg hunt, crafts, photos, please RSVP  
[spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1200283](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1200283)

SUN, APRIL 17 EASTER SUNDAY - 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Communion, choir, brass

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THIS SUNDAY - SHARE THE TABLE OF JESUS**

We're 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 Items: 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, low sodium or whole grain varieties if possible), ground coffee, toothpaste, deodorant, disposable razors, shampoo, conditioner, mouthwash.

### **EASTER BUNNIES NEEDED**

Help the Connectors visit and distribute Easter Lilies, cookies, cards and palms to the people on the Connectors' "Senior/Care List." This involves picking up their Easter gifts at church and making a visit to their nursing home or home prior to Palm Sunday. You may go with one of the Connectors or on your own. For information and to volunteer, call or email Marcia Volk at (773) 307-6866 or [marcia@volkonline.com](mailto:marcia@volkonline.com).

### **UCC EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR UKRAINE**

The United Church of Christ is appealing for support for people displaced within Ukraine and unable to leave. UCC support is being targeted to people most in need through humanitarian relief partners with a history of working in the region. Aid is also being extended through Hungarian Reformed Church Aid, the relief agency of the Reformed Church in Hungary. The UCC's long-term relationship with the Reformed Church in Hungary is held through the Europe and the Middle East Office of Global Ministries. You can find out more and donate here: [tinyurl.com/yc2ha84f](https://tinyurl.com/yc2ha84f).

### **PLEASE DONATE TO THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP!**

Support St. Pauls youth fundraising efforts for their service trip to repair homes and serve others in Appalachia this June. We need to raise \$10,000! Your donation helps fund the tools and supplies, their van and gas, and other expenses for their week away. St. Pauls has a history of working with Appalachia Service Project and greatly trusts the integrity of their organization. Please give if you are able to support our emerging congregational leaders, youth who have just spent the last crucial years of their adolescence altered by covid restrictions. Donate here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/2022-youth-mission-trip-donations-appalachia-service-project](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/2022-youth-mission-trip-donations-appalachia-service-project)

### **A MUSICAL GIFT FOR YOU!**

Our own St. Arbucks Quartet has recorded an album, *Mid-Winter Gifts*, featuring music they have played during our worship services. It is available FREE to you and everyone online. Here is a link to the album on Spotify:

[open.spotify.com/album/5FEG6gRZPMTNBvaBINborm](https://open.spotify.com/album/5FEG6gRZPMTNBvaBINborm).

And here is a link to the same album on Apple Music:

[music.apple.com/us/album/mid-winter-gifts-ep/1611741689](https://music.apple.com/us/album/mid-winter-gifts-ep/1611741689). It is exactly the same music on both sites, simply choose your preferred platform. Please feel free to share these links with your friends. You do NOT have to join either Spotify or Apple Music to listen.

### **EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS**

Celebrate or remember a loved one by ordering a flowering plant for the Easter Festival Altar. You can order a flower for pickup after the 11 a.m. Easter Service, or donate flowers to be delivered to our senior members and neighbors. Registrations must be completed **by April 8** for inclusion in the Easter Bulletin.

Register and pay here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1212341](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1212341), or, fill out and return the paper form at the end of the bulletin.

### **ST. PAULS KIDS CHOIRS RETURNING**

After a long hiatus, we welcome back the children of St. Pauls to sing together! We are planning a combined performance of Children's Choir and Paul's People for Sunday, March 20. We will rehearse today and again March 20 at 9:20 a.m. in the Chapel. We will learn a simple song and may be able to feature a couple of solos from older kids who are interested! All of us will sing masked. Please let me know if you have any questions. I really hope to see many of the kids and can't wait to hear their beautiful voices together!! Kecia Waldschmidt, [keciagerman@hotmail.com](mailto:keciagerman@hotmail.com)

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

One of our seniors who has a disability needs help moving from her small apartment to the one next door due to repairs. She needs help packing from March 26 to the move on April 2. Can you spend a couple of hours helping her? If so, please contact Pat Kirby at (773) 263-1913.

### **PICKLEBALL**

We can take this fun game into the church gym. Register here if you are interested in a regular pickleball game at Saint Pauls, for church members and friends. Think you can beat your pastor? [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1075696](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1075696)



## **JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC**

**Health Equity Points to Ponder, Part 1** - Earliest federal laws barring discrimination in education can be found in the National Apprenticeship Act of 1937. Department of Labor statistics show 10% of RNs identify as Black and 33% of Nurse Assistants identify as Black. The national average RN salary is \$68,000; the national Nurse Assistant salary is \$28,000. A question arises: Why are not more Black individuals choosing to pursue an RN license?

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

Consider volunteering in Chicago or nearby areas with various organizations that promote sustainability, improve our environment and/or make the city greener. There are many groups available from which you can choose. Search online and find your niche. Some examples include Chicago Park District, Friends of the Chicago River, Friends of the Forest Preserves, Sierra Club, Chicago Environmental Network, Illinois Green Alliance, and many others. At [chicago.gov](http://chicago.gov) you can find many initiatives related to the environment.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**MAR 16 - BIBLE STUDY** - 12 p.m., Zoom

**MAR 26 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL TRIVIA NIGHT** - 7-8:30 p.m., Zoom

Join us for Trivia Night with St. Pauls Social and host Patricia Calore for fun, fun facts, and fellowship. Random teams will vie for the top spot as we explore the trivial side of TV, movies, and more. Breakout room hosts needed as well as players! RSVP to Patricia to be a virtual host or a player at [pfcalore@yahoo.com](mailto:pfcalore@yahoo.com) by March 24.

**MAR 27 - NEW MEMBER CLASS** - 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Oscar Mayer Room

Join pastors, members, and others curious about Saint Pauls for our Spring 2022 New Member Class. Together we'll talk about faith and our community, and we'd love you to be part of the conversation! We'll meet in the Oscar Mayer Room after worship, lunch will be provided, and childcare will be available as needed.

Register here ([spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1207210](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1207210)) or contact Pastor Matt with questions at [mfitzgerald@spucc.org](mailto:mfitzgerald@spucc.org).

**APR 2 - CEP MEAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - 10 a.m.-1 p.m., SPUCC Kitchen**

We are seeking 4-6 volunteers to prepare lunch for the Community Engagement Project (CEP) on Saturday, April 2 at 10 a.m. A team leader will plan a meal, assign shopping lists, and volunteers will cook a meal together for 35 in the St. Pauls kitchen, which we will bring to the Lincoln Park Community Services shelter at 600 W. Fullerton to serve at 12:30 p.m. Volunteers for CEP suppers must be fully vaccinated to participate in meal preparation and serving and may not volunteer with COVID-19 symptoms. Volunteers must wear masks at all times while onsite and wear gloves while handling food. Proof of vaccination is required to serve at the 600 W. Fullerton LPCS facility.

Sign up here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1201953](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1201953).

**APR 10 - PALM SUNDAY (AKA POLAR) PEACE MARCH - After Worship**

Our peace march is on Palm Sunday this year as we remember the Prince of Peace's arrival at the start of Holy Week. The march supports the peace-making work of UCAN in Chicago and reminds us and our neighbors that our streets are all connected. Our goal is to raise \$30,000 for UCAN and we're already a third of the way there! If you'd like to lend your support, please visit [polarpeacemarch.org](https://polarpeacemarch.org) and pick up a lawn sign after worship in the Narthex. For more information contact Kristin Mack, [klanemack@gmail.com](mailto:klanemack@gmail.com).

**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](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1078968).

**CHURCH CENTER** – [spucc.churchcenter.com](https://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](mailto: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](mailto:marcia@volkonline.com).

**EMAIL SIGN-UP** – Are you new to St. Pauls and want to get more connected? You can go to [spucc.org](http://spucc.org) to fill out our virtual fellowship card to begin receiving our weekly email and special congregational emails, introduce yourself and request more information about our programs!

**EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM & CARDS** – You may follow this link for additional information on this form developed by the Connectors:  
[spucc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/178271](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/178271).

**FAITH & PUBLIC ISSUES** – Help us connect our faith to critical public issues. Do you wish you knew more from a faith perspective about current issues that are important to our public life? Racism, climate change, immigration, to name a few? FPI programs provide opportunities to ask questions, help us understand issues in depth, and discuss possible action. The FPI Task Force plans these programs and we could use your ideas.

**GREEN TEAM** – Help us as a congregation live out what we say in our Statement of Faith: “God calls us to care for creation.” The Green Team welcomes your input, participation and ideas. Joe Womack and Jan Fraccaro are co-chairs. If interested or to offer suggestions, email Jan at [jan.fraccaro@gmail.com](mailto:jan.fraccaro@gmail.com).

**LITTLE LIGHTS** is a St. Pauls early childhood program with classes for 2, 3, and 4-year-olds. We are now accepting applications for 2022. Check out [www.littlelightslp.org](http://www.littlelightslp.org). Email Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at [littlelights@spucc.org](mailto: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](mailto:JenniferLKew@gmail.com), or Pastor Jeff, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

**SAINT PAULS SOCIAL** – Get better acquainted with other adults at St. Pauls. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Jen Luerksen at [jenluerksen@yahoo.com](mailto:jenluerksen@yahoo.com). Subscribe to the distribution list at [eepurl.com/gQ4Eg1](http://eepurl.com/gQ4Eg1), or look out for future events announced in the bulletin calendar.

**SAINT PAULS TOGETHER** – Our Facebook Group, “Saint Pauls Together,” is for St. Pauls Members and Friends to connect and share uplifting thoughts and stories. Check out our Facebook page to request an invitation if you’re a member or friend!

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

### **SCRIPTURE READER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed for the 10 a.m. in-person worship service each week to read the scripture passage of the day. Learn more and sign up here:  
[spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1079008](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1079008)

**SPARC (St. Pauls Anti-Racism Cluster)** meets monthly to discern how we as a congregation can answer the call to live our faith in an age of injustice. We invite you to join us in identifying the educational opportunities, resources, and actions to take on our journey toward racial justice. To participate or share your ideas, contact Cindy Ball at [cindyzinn11@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org)), Marti Pechnyo ([mpechnyo@gmail.com](mailto:mpechnyo@gmail.com)), or Barb Kaiser ([bkaiser2213@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:chiggins@spucc.org) no later than 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

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.*

- Annie Johnson's mother, Jean, in the hospital.
- 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.
- 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.

## EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS ORDER FORM

Celebrate or remember a loved one by ordering a flowering plant for the Easter Festival Altar. Please select whether you would like to pick up your flowers on Easter Sunday or donate them to be delivered to our senior members and neighbors.

Purchased plants may be picked up after the 11 a.m. Easter Sunday service. Please enclose \$30 or more per plant with this order form, or order and pay online here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1212341](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1212341)

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☐ Flower Donation      ☐ Purchase for Pickup

**In Celebration of** *(print name(s) as you wish to appear):*

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**In Memory of** *(print name(s) as you wish to appear):*

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**From** *(your name(s) as you wish to appear):*

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**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Tear out this form and drop it in the offering plate or it mail to:

St Pauls UCC

Attn: Easter Flower Order Form

2335 N. Orchard Street

Chicago, IL 60614

This form, along with your payment or gift, **must arrive at the church by April 8** to appear in the Easter Bulletin.

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.