

March 6, 2022
First Sunday in Lent
Annual Meeting

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

Children are asked to go to Sunday School before worship begins.
Bibles for use during worship are available at each entrance to the Sanctuary.
Assisted listening devices and Bluetooth hearing aid guides are in the Narthex.
Please silence cell phones.

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"We are each other's harvest; we are each other's business; we are each other's
magnitude." Gwendolyn Brooks

PRELUDE *Be Thou My Vision* arr. N. Rawsthorne
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

CHIMES

INTROIT *Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee*
Chancel Choir

WELCOME Jeff Carlson

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Dear God, today we thank you for the church,

All: And for all who came before us.

One: Draw us together and pull us toward you, Lord.

**All: We cannot be the church on our own,
only you can make us so.**

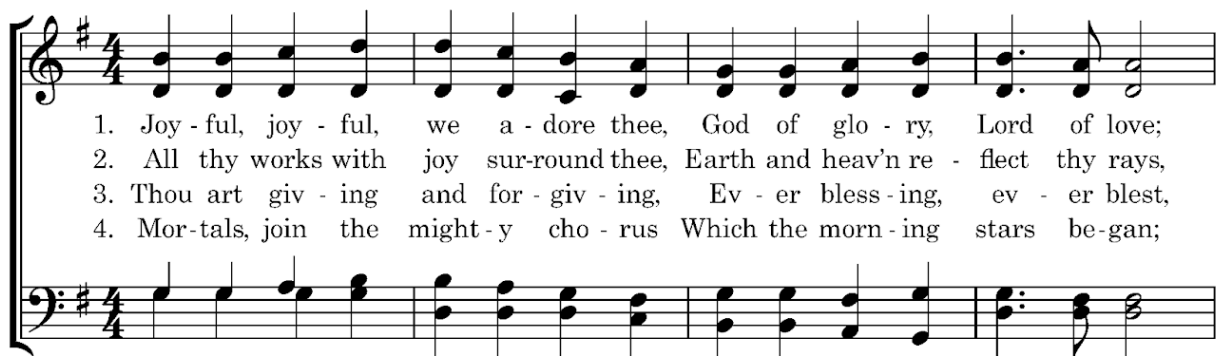
One: Enlighten and empower our praying, our singing,
our speech and our hearing.

**All: Reign in our midst and let us, Saint Pauls,
be your joyful people today! Amen.**

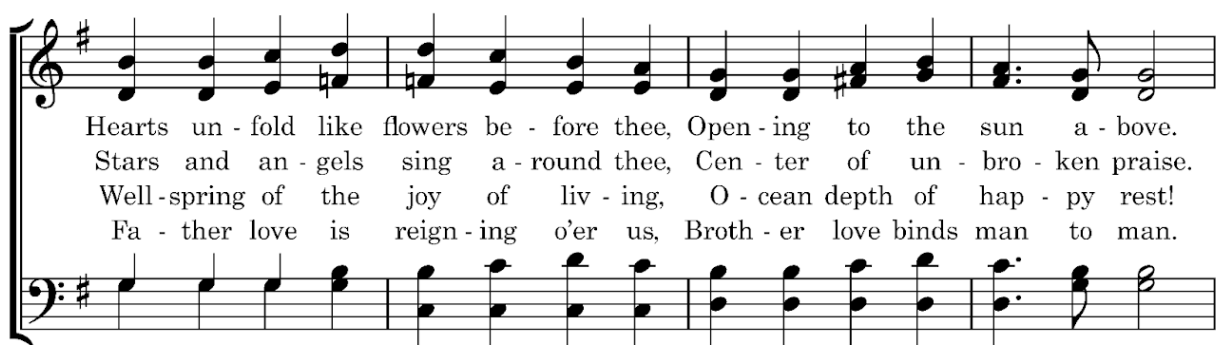
** Please stand if you are able to do so.*

* HYMN

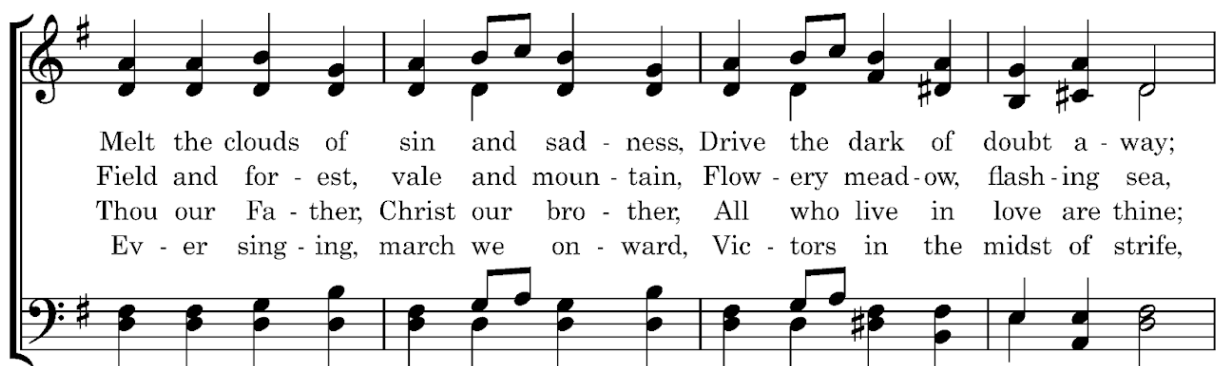
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



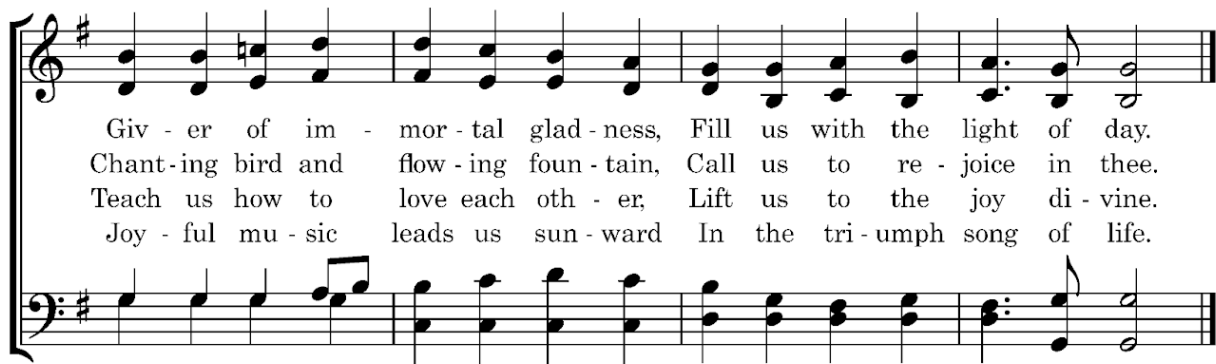
1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
4. Mor-tals, join the might-y cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be-gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!
Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er love binds man to man.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our bro - ther, All who live in love are thine;
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in thee.
Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We trust things we can organize, understand, and own.

You, dear God, are silent as light.

So we pretend to bend you, use you.

Church becomes an attempt to control you.

Forgive our frightened attempts to be in charge.

Though we cannot know you completely,

we can trust you absolutely.

We are your people.

You are our God.

Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* RESPONSE

What a Covenant

Black Hymnal No. 471, v. 1

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

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

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



SCRIPTURE

Psalms 133

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
Unity is like the precious oil on the head,
that ran down upon the beard of Aaron's beard:
running down over the skirts of his garments.
Unity is as refreshing as the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.

* STATEMENT OF FAITH

**We believe in God who has created and is creating,
who has come to us in Jesus Christ to reconcile and make us new,
who works in us and others by the Holy Spirit.
We trust God. God calls us to be the Church,
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to care for creation,
to seek justice and to resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life and death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God!**

(adapted from the United Church of Canada)

RESPONSE *What a Covenant* v. 2
See previous hymn

SERMON "In Cahoots " Matt Fitzgerald

* RESPONSE *What a Covenant* vv. 3 & 4
See previous hymn

MISSION MOMENT Jenny Benefield
Outreach & Benevolence Committee

OFFERTORY *Ave verum corpus* W.A. Mozart
(Sung in Latin)
Chancel Choir

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

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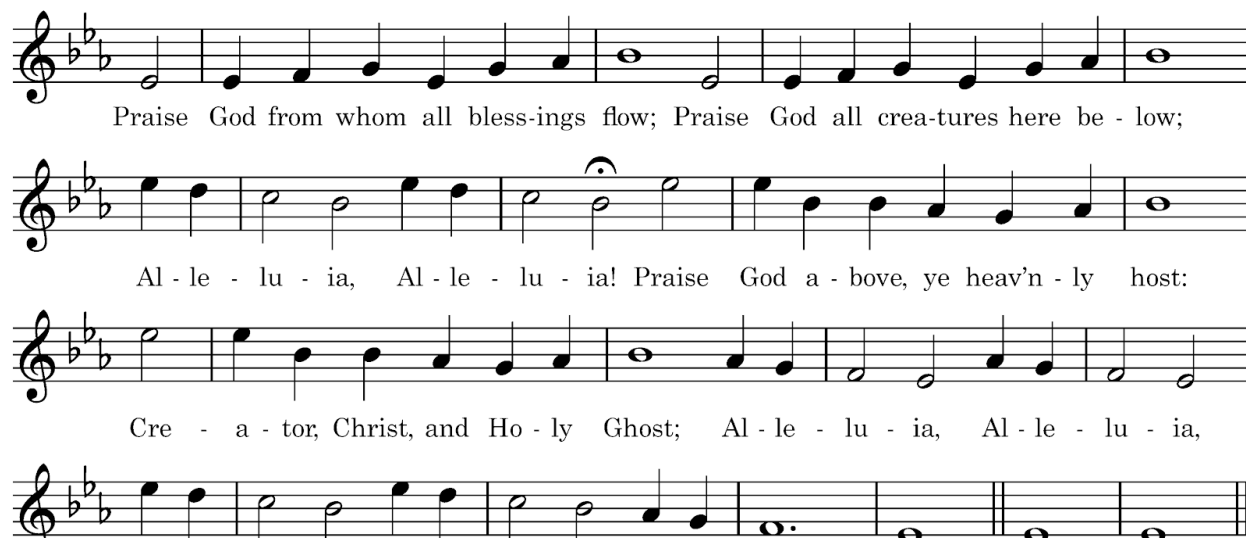
Scanning this code with your cell phone camera,

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.

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the doxology, the second and third staves contain the second line, and the fourth staff contains the third line. The notation includes various note values (quarter, eighth, and half notes) and rests, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

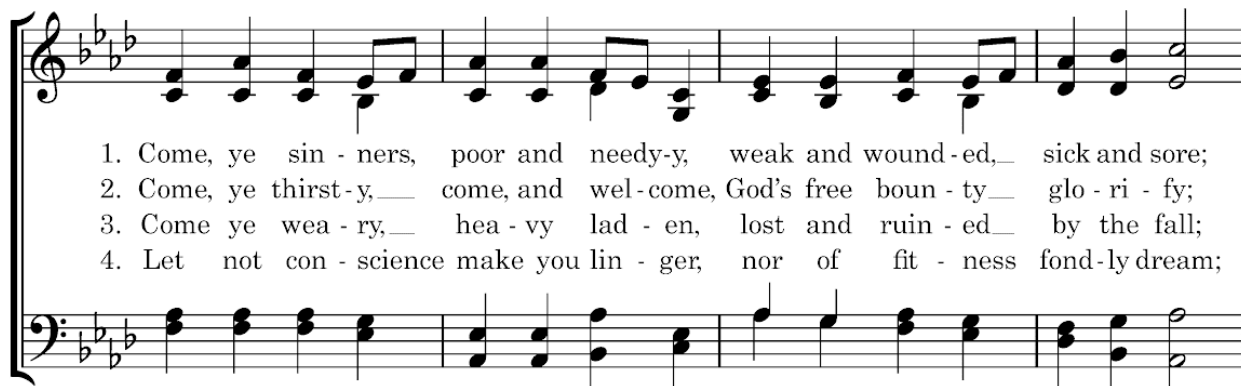
Benny VanDerburgh

THE LORD'S PRAYER

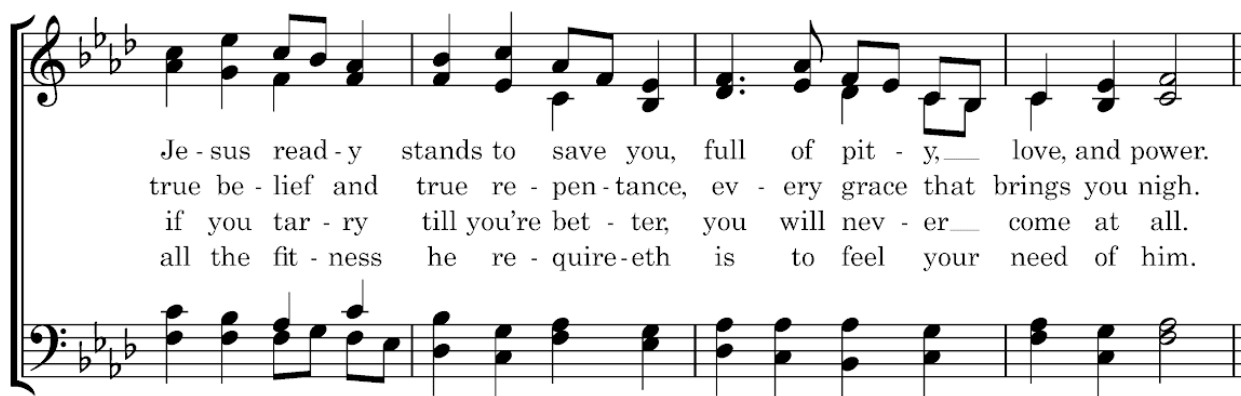
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

* HYMN

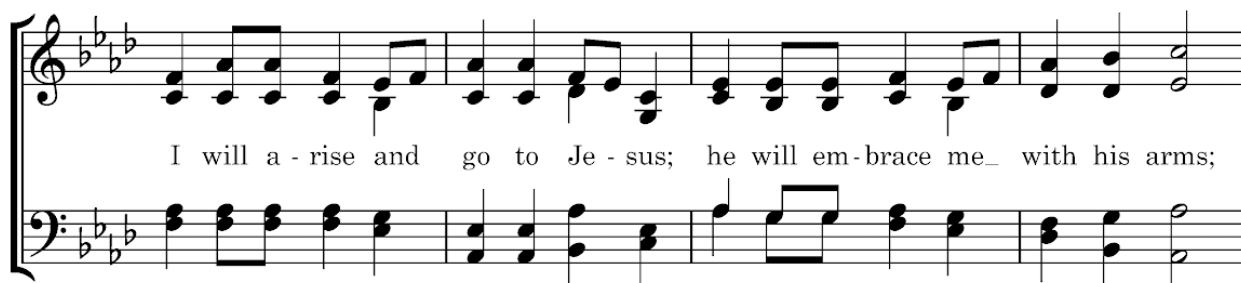
Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy



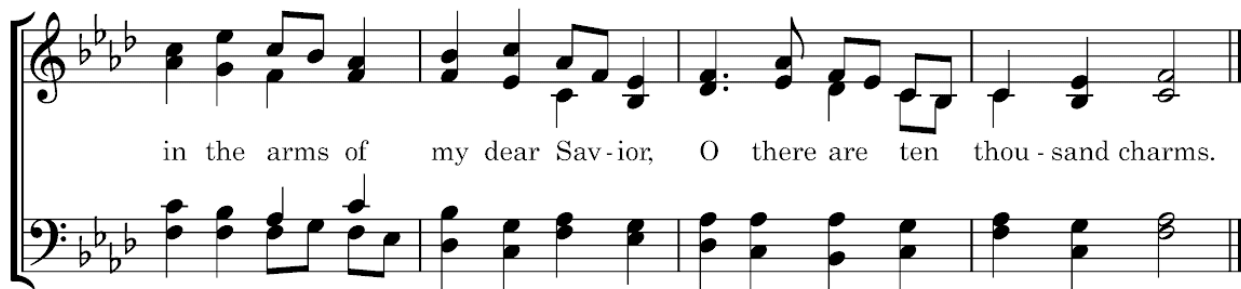
1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and needy-y, weak and wound-ed, sick and sore;
2. Come, ye thirst-y, come, and wel-come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;
3. Come ye wea - ry, hea - vy lad - en, lost and ruin - ed by the fall;
4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond-ly dream;



Je - sus read-y stands to save you, full of pit - y, love, and power.
true be - lief and true re - pen-tance, ev - ery grace that brings you nigh.
if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all.
all the fit - ness he re - quire-eth is to feel your need of him.



I will a - rise and go to Je - sus; he will em-brace me with his arms;



in the arms of my dear Sav-ior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

Walk All Over God's Heaven
St. Arbucks Quartet with Meg Tazelaar

Thomas A Dorsey
& Mahalia Jackson

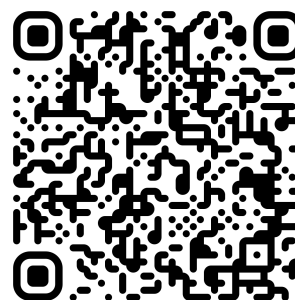
If you would like someone to pray with you today, Stephen Ministers are present after the Postlude at the right front of the Sanctuary.

Following Worship, all are invited to stay in the Sanctuary for the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Congregation of St. Pauls.

We will vote on the 2022 budget, new members of the Church Council, and learn about the activities of 2021 and plans going into 2022.

Members have voice and vote; Friends have voice.

Scan this code with your cell phone camera to pull up the meeting packet, or pick up a paper copy at any entrance to the sanctuary.



TODAY'S MUSIC

Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee is a text written in 1524 by Martin Luther (1483-1546). The original German of the first line is the tune name, AUS TIEFER NOT. The translation was done in 1863 by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878). Although born in England, her mother was German. Winkworth moved to Dresden where she developed a deep interest in Lutheran chorales. She translated hundreds of German hymns. This setting was harmonized by J. S. Bach (1685-1750).

The music for ***Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*** (ODE TO JOY) was composed by Beethoven (1770-1827) and is the chorale melody from the final movement of his Ninth Symphony (1824). The original German text (1785) was by the famous poet and dramatist Friedrich Schiller (1759-1805) and the English text was composed in 1907 by Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Van Dyke was an American author and clergy. He was appointed ambassador to the Netherlands by President Woodrow Wilson prior to the outbreak of World War I.

E.A. Hoffman (1839-1929) wrote the text for ***What a Covenant***, that many of us learned as *What a Fellowship*, in 1877. He was an ordained minister and wrote more than 2,000 gospel songs in his lifetime. The tune bears two names, LEANING, which is the first word of the refrain, and SHOWALTER, in honor of the composer, A. J. Showalter (1858-1924). He actually began teaching shape-note singing at age 14. He attended a number of private Christian music programs to learn his craft.

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

Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy, to the tune RESTORATION, is mined from the wonderful early 19th century American shape-note hymnals including *Southern Harmony*. Its composer and lyricist are unknown, but it was first published in 1835. The melody is characterized by a folk-like swing.

Walk All Over God's Heaven is much more a new creation than an arrangement by Mahallia Jackson (1911 - 1972). She took inspiration from the old hymn *I Got a Robe, You Got a Robe*. Mahallia has a direct connection with St. Pauls. Brendan Henry grew up loving her music and has such a deep spiritual connection that his daughter is named after her. Mahallia Jackson was born in Mississippi, but her connection to Chicago was long and deep. She was fervently committed to the civil rights movement and was behind Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as he spoke at the Lincoln Memorial in 1963. In the recordings of that event, you can hear her shouting to Dr. King, "Tell them about the dream, Martin!" Studs Terkel was among her biggest fans and champions. Although she toured the world, she called Chicago her home and returned to Chicago during her final illness.

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

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Doug Clark, 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

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 6 Marcia Gulbrandsen, Jameson Beck

Mar 7 Amy Barton, Rick Peterson

Mar 8 Madeline Forman

Mar 9 Beth Wiser, Greg Basil, Kimberly Carter, Sean Banjavcic

Mar 10 Darlene Braun, Tiffany Jozwiak, Cate Gallemore

Mar 11 Nancy Pifer, Lennon Fangman

Mar 12 Penny Trowbridge

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY - SHARE THE TABLE OF JESUS

We're collecting food for the Common Pantry every communion Sunday - which is next week. 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.

**COMMON
PANTRY**



UCC EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

The United Church of Christ is appealing for support for refugees, elderly and other vulnerable 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 also is 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.

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/5FEG6gRZPMTNBvaBjNborm.

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

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 here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1212341.

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

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

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

It is a frightening fact that of the more than 120 billion units of plastic packaging the global beauty industry produces each year, only 9% is recycled. Now, you can recycle those empty or near-empty beauty product containers by taking them to Nordstrom stores. Nordstrom has formed a nationwide partnership with TerraCycle, hoping to recycle 100 tons of beauty product packaging by 2025! Here's more information: tinyurl.com/4b2a6n88. Better yet, consider how you can reduce your purchase and use of beauty products.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

Healthy people 2020 (tinyurl.com/4erzwsvz) defines health equity as the attainment of the highest level of health for all people, and notes that it requires valuing everyone equally with focused and ongoing societal efforts to address avoidable inequalities, historical and contemporary injustices, and health care disparities. The CDC (cdc.gov/chronicdisease/healthequity/index.htm) defines the achievement of health equity as when every person can "attain their full health potential" and no one is "disadvantaged from achieving this potential because of social position or other socially determined circumstances."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MAR 9 -NO BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK

MAR 12 - 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, March 12 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. Can't make it March 12? Sign up for next time, April 2! Sign up here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1201953.

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.

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 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) or contact Pastor Matt with questions at mfitzgerald@spucc.org.

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 and pick up a lawn sign after worship in the Narthex. For more information contact Kristin Mack, 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.

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) 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 cindyinn11@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.
- 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.