

April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday

Peace 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

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly." Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

PRELUDE

Processional
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

W. Mathias

CHIMES

INTROIT

Lift Every Voice and Sing
Chancel Choir

J. Rosamond Johnson

WELCOME

Matt Fitzgerald

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Look! The Prince of Peace comes to you,
humble and riding on a donkey.

All: Hosanna! Hosanna!

One: Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children.

All: Hosanna! Hosanna!

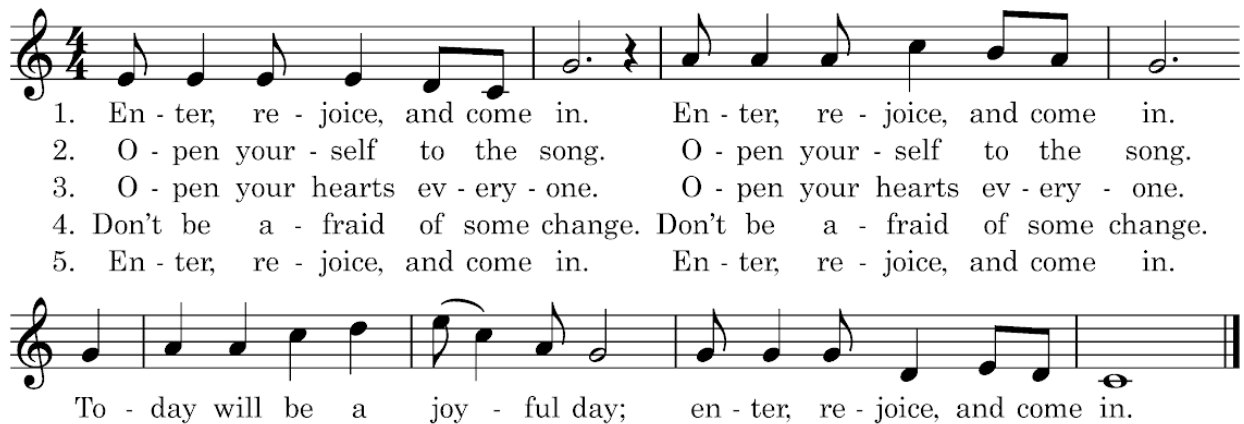
One: Blessed is the one,
who comes in the name of the Lord!

**All: Peace in the highest heaven!
Hosanna! Hosanna in the Highest!**

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

* PALM PROCESSIONAL

Enter, Rejoice and Come In



1. En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.
2. O - pen your - self to the song. O - pen your - self to the song.
3. O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one. O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one.
4. Don't be a - fraid of some change. Don't be a - fraid of some change.
5. En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.

To - day will be a joy - ful day; en - ter, re - joice, and come in.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeff Carlson

**Gracious God, as we enter Holy Week,
we pray that you will forgive us our comfortable Christianity,
which seeks the joy of Easter
without the passion of the days that come before it.
Forgive our complicity in the same cycles of violence and injustice
that crucified the Prince of Peace.
Turn our thoughts toward Jerusalem this week,
that we might spend time listening to Jesus in the Upper Room,
and praying with him in the Garden of Gethsemane,
and walking with him to Golgotha,
and going with him through the valley of the shadow of death.
And, then, O God, bring us to Easter with a renewed commitment
to embody the peace of Christ in your world. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*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.*

RESPONSE

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Red Hymnal No. 235, v.1

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad To make the wound - ed whole,
There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.
Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged And think my work's in vain,
But then the Ho - ly Spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain.

SCRIPTURE

Molly McGrath

Luke 10:25-37

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

*** 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

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal ensemble (Soprano, Alto, Tenor 1, Tenor 2) and a piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a consistent interval of a fourth between the Soprano and Tenor parts. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady bass line and a treble line that provides harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in five systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The first system includes five numbered verses. The second and third systems each contain two verses. The fourth system contains one verse. The score concludes with a double bar line.

1. & 6. Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are
3. I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
5. When we sing to God in heav - en we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may
trav - elers on the road; We are here to
shad - ow of your fear; I will hold my
laugh, I'll laugh with you. I will share your
find such har - mo - ny, Born of all we've

have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.
help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.
hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

SERMON

"Don't Leave Them Behind"

William E. Hall

UCAN Director of Faith and Community

* HYMN

Here I Am, Lord



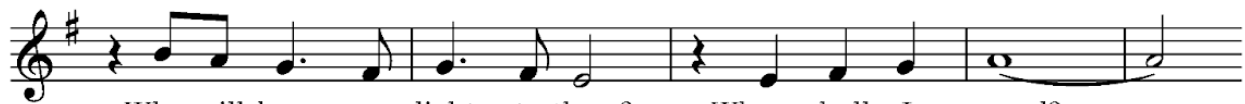
1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them, they turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.



I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?_____
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?_____
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?_____



Here I am, Lord.____ Is it I, Lord?____ I have heard you



call - ing in the night.____ I will go, Lord,____ if you lead me._



____ I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

UCAN MISSION MOMENT

Christa A. Hamilton
UCAN President and CEO

OFFERTORY

Ride On, King Jesus Black Spiritual
Breanna Coe and Kecia Waldschmidt, soloists arr. Moses Hogan
Chancel Choir

Ride on, King Jesus, the conquerin' King.
Oh ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man can-a hinder thee.

I was but young when I begun.
No man can-a hinder thee.
But now my race is almost over.
No man can-a hinder thee.
Oh ride on, . . .

King Jesus rides a milk white horse.
No man can-a hinder thee.
The ribber of Jordan he did cross.
No man can-a hinder thee.
Oh ride on . . .

He's the King and the Lord.
He's the first and the last.
He's the Lord of Lords.
Jesus is the Prince of Peace.
No man can-a hinder thee.
Oh ride on . . .

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At spucc.churchcenter.com/giving,

Or through Zelle to giving@spucc.org.



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

This Little Light of Mine
Kris Hansen, soloist
St. Arbucks Quartet
Chancel Choir and Congregation

Black Spiritual
arr. Sam Hill

Refrain - This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3 times)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, No! I'm gonna let it shine. (3 times)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All around the neighborhood. I'm gonna let it shine. (3 times)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

This Little Light of Mine
(reprise)

***Immediately following Worship, all are invited to join the
Palm Sunday (Polar) Peace March!
Gather in front of the church, walk with us through the neighborhood,
then join us back in the Gym for refreshments.***

TODAY'S MUSIC

Processional was composed in 1964 by William Mathias (1934-1992). He was a Welsh composer who composed opera, chamber music, choral music, and works for orchestra. He was a child prodigy, beginning piano at age 3 and composing at age 5. One of his best known works, *Let the People Praise Thee, O Lord* was written on commission for the wedding of Prince Charles and Princess Diana in 1982. It is an anthem that our Chancel Choir has often sung in worship.

The Introit, ***Lift Every Voice and Sing***, is the joyous refrain of a longer hymn that is the unofficial anthem of black churches and the civil rights movement. J. Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954), the composer, and James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938), the poet, were brothers who crafted this wonderful hymn together. They also wrote Broadway musicals and edited song collections as a team.

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In was composed in the 1970's by Louise Ruspini (1900-2000) who also provided the text, which is based on Psalm 100. The tune borrows the from the first line of the refrain: ENTER, REJOICE.

There Is a Balm in Gilead is a Black Spiritual. In the Hebrew Bible, Gilead was the name of the mountainous region east of the Jordan River. This region was known for having skillful physicians and an ointment made from the gum of a tree particular to that area. Many believed that this balm had miraculous powers to heal the body. In the book of Jeremiah, God tells the people of Israel that though many believe in the mysterious healing power of this balm, they can't trust in those powers for spiritual healing or as a relief of their oppression.

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant, tune title THE SERVANT SONG, is a relatively new hymn composed in 1977 by Richard Gillard (b. 1953). Gillard was born in England, but moved to New Zealand when he was only 3 years old. He is a self-trained musician.

Here I Am, Lord/I, the Lord of Sea and Sky, tune HERE I AM, LORD, does not appear in either of our hymnals but has become a favorite of ours over the years. The composer and author, Daniel Schutte (b. 1947), wrote this hymn in 1981. He has composed more than 150 hymns, this being his most popular, for Catholic worship services. He was born in Elm Grove, Wisconsin, and is a Jesuit priest.

In his all too brief life, Moses Hogan (1957–2003) continued and added to the great tradition of spiritual arrangement that includes William Dawson. He recorded a number of compact discs and wrote solo arrangements for singers like Kathleen Battle. ***Ride On, King Jesus*** is a well-known spiritual that was made memorable across decades of St. Pauls Palm Sunday services by the Chancel Choir's beloved long-term bass soloist, Ron McCowan. This arrangement by Moses Hogan was a gift to the choir in Ron's honor from Jana O'Brien and Wayne Parman. Mr. Hogan was commissioned by St. Pauls to write *I Gotta Home in-a Dat Rock* in honor of Ron McCowan's 25 years of service to this congregation.

This Little Light of Mine has been a favorite of St. Pauls for more than 40 years. It has an uplifting and spiritually powerful message that celebrates the sharing of faith. This is also another example from the deep well of spirituals from the African American tradition. The arrangement that we are used to singing was created by Dr. Sammie “Sam” Hill, who was the Director of Music and Organist at St. Pauls from 1971-1991. Sam and our current Director of Music, Kurt R. Hansen, both studied with the same teacher at Northwestern University, Grigg Fountain.

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson, Benny VanDerburgh, William E. Hall

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: Molly McGrath

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O’Brien

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: David Baker, Doug Clark

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 APRIL

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.

April 10 Jonathan Beck, Margarita DiMonte, Asher Malnick

April 11 Annie Johnson, Kelly Singles, Kate Beck, Eva Bartels

April 12 Marcia Opp

April 13 Leo Pensinger-Sok

April 14 Jay Abraham, Lisa Henry, Mark Huddle, Michael Toomin

April 15 Suzanne Mynard, Calla Lundquist

April 16 Mark Lefens, Raymond Manasia, Van Ewing III

EASTER AT ST. PAULS

- THU, APRIL 14 MAUNDY THURSDAY - 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Dinner church – eat, sing, pray. Please RSVP
spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1238314
- 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. RSVP by April 4.
Contact Danielle Mayfield to check for late registration availability.
- 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**



MOTHER'S DAY MISSION TRIP MEAL BOX

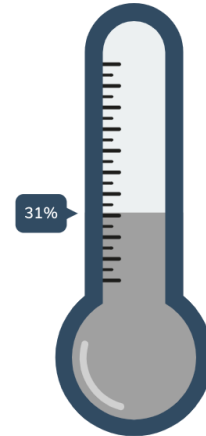
Order a Mother's Day Mission Trip Meal Box to support our youth mission trip this summer, providing home repair with the Appalachia Service Project. A meal box will include dinner for two people, including ham (or mac and cheese in the vegetarian version), Southern greens, corn bread, and pecan pie bars. A bowl of mac and cheese can be added for additional food. Please purchase a box in advance after worship today or on upcoming Sundays, or you can order and pay online at spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1250452. Pickup on Mother's Day, May 8, after worship. Contact Sue Finkle sue@suefinkle.com with any questions.

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.

GOAL: \$10,000



CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

Studies have shown that a specific type of seaweed added to livestock feed minimizes methane production during digestion. Less burping of methane means decreasing greenhouse gasses and could mean slowing climate change.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

The UCC 33rd General Synod has declared Racism a Public Health Crisis, calling on congregations to act locally. Racism impacts health through social determinants of health, such as safe and affordable housing, access to education, public safety, availability of healthy foods, local emergency/health services, and environments free of life-threatening toxins. These conditions are shaped by the distribution of money, power, and resources at all levels. Support for UCAN through the Polar Peace March is one way that St. Pauls more equitably resources our young black and brown neighbors.

DOWNLOAD YOUR GIVING STATEMENT FOR 2021 TAXES

If you missed the link to download your 2021 giving statement, sent this January, you can retrieve it online from your giving profile on Church Center. Computer instructions follow below. You can also click this link on a smartphone and it will ask you to open the church center app to download your statement.

- Login to spucc.churchcenter.com with your email address or cell phone number
- Click on your profile photo (or your initials, if you haven't uploaded a photo)
- Click **"Profile"** in the dropdown
- Click **"My Giving"**
- On the left, you'll see a list of choices. Click **"Statements"**
- You'll see the list of all statements available for you to download. Click the arrow on the one(s) you want.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APR 13 - BIBLE STUDY - 12 p.m., Zoom

We're in the Gospel of Luke, home to some of the best stories in scripture, such as the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan. Newcomers are always welcome! Contact Pastor Jeff for the Zoom link, jcarlson@spucc.org.

APR 23 - CHICAGO'S CITYWIDE CLEAN & GREEN

Every year the Streets & Sanitation Department sponsors Clean & Green when neighborhood groups and community organizations team up and beautify various areas throughout the city. Registered groups are provided with brooms, rakes, shovels and garbage bags. Visit chicago.gov/ddc or call 311. Deadline for registration is April 18.

MAY 1 - GREEN TEAM: "PLASTIC LITTER IN FRESHWATER ECOSYSTEMS: ABUNDANCE, MOVEMENT, AND BIOLOGICAL INTERACTIONS" - 11:15 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room.

Originally from Edinboro, Pennsylvania, Tim Hoellein completed a B.S. in Biology from West Virginia Wesleyan College and a Ph.D. in Biology at the University of Notre Dame. He is an Associate Professor at Loyola University Chicago, where he has taught since 2010. Dr. Hoellein's research focuses on the sources, fate, and biological interactions of pollutants including dissolved chemicals (i.e., nitrogen and phosphorus) and particulate material (i.e., microplastic and trash) in urban aquatic environments. Dr. Hoellein's goals are to contribute to a greater understanding of freshwater ecosystems, incorporate students into research, and to communicate results to colleagues, policy makers and the general public.

MAY 12 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL COOKING CLASS - 6 p.m., Church Kitchen

Join St. Pauls Social and professional chef Molly McGrath for an in-person cooking class in our own St. Pauls kitchen. We will learn and practice some basics of Asian dumplings by making steamed bao and wonton soup. Cooking along is welcome but certainly not required! Cost is \$10/person. Please **RSVP by May 1** to Molly at mollymcgrath906@gmail.com.

MAY 14 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL BIRD WATCHING - 7 a.m. - 9 a.m., Montrose Point

Join David Baker and St. Pauls Social to observe the spring bird migration at Montrose Point. David has been birding the lakefront for 30 years and welcomes both beginners and avid birders for this two hour experience. May is the best time to see migrating warblers, the tiny jewels of this annual exhibition of nature's wonders. Dress in layers, wear good walking shoes and bring binoculars. To get to Montrose Point, exit Lake Shore Drive at Montrose and drive East to a "T". turn south by the

green bait shop on the right and park along the street. You now have to feed the parking kiosks. David will meet you at the entrance on the East side of the street. RSVP here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1259498

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.

THE BOOK NOOK – Love to read? We are restarting the Book Nook on the north side of the Social Hall. Find your next good read or drop off books to share with others. Since we are rebuilding, donations are welcome – just add them to the shelf for “New Arrivals” or leave them on the floor next to the bookcase. We appreciate all genres, including books for kids. Questions or comments, contact Linda Nitzsche at lindanitz@yahoo.com.

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.

PICKLEBALL – Enjoy pickleball? Join the group if you are interested in a regular pickleball game at Saint Pauls! Think you can beat your pastor?
Game Times: Tuesdays: 5-6 p.m. and 6-8:30 p.m; Fridays: 2-3 p.m.
spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/pickleball

SAINT PAULS SOCIAL – Get better acquainted with other adults at St. Pauls. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Jen Luerssen at jenluerssen@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 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 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.

- A friend of the Combs family who has suffered a serious fall.
- Ken Travers, recuperating from a broken hip and surgery.
- Two friends facing cancer surgery: Jeff on April 9 and Rob on April 18.
- Annie Johnson's mother, Jean, at home in hospice care.
- 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.
- 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.