

October 2, 2022  
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

"The song of history can only be sung as a whole."

Ortega Y Gasset

PRELUDE

*In the Crowd*  
St. Arbucks Quartet

Ramsey Lewis

CHIMES

INTROIT

*Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*  
Chancel Choir

Ralph Vaughan Williams

WELCOME

\* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let the whole earth sing!

**All: Let all creation sing!**

**Wild animals and flying birds!**

One: Christ is alive and we live in God's world.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

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

\* HYMN

*For All the Saints*



1. For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, Who
2. Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:\_\_\_\_\_
3. O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,\_\_\_\_\_
4. O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!\_\_\_\_\_
5. And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,\_\_\_\_\_

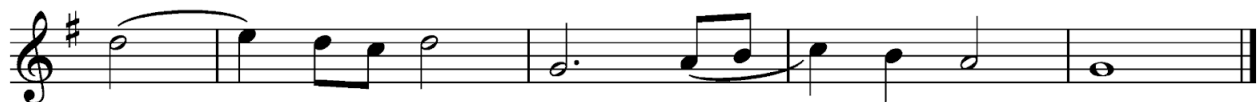


thee\_\_\_\_\_ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;\_\_\_\_\_

Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, And  
We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet  
Steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, And



name O\_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus, be for - ev - er\_\_\_\_\_ blest.  
Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one\_\_\_\_\_ true\_\_\_\_\_ light.  
win with\_\_\_\_\_ them the vic - tor's crown of\_\_\_\_\_ gold.  
all are\_\_\_\_\_ one in thee, for all\_\_\_\_\_ are\_\_\_\_\_ thine.  
hearts are\_\_\_\_\_ brave a - gain, and arms are\_\_\_\_\_ strong.



Al - - le - lu - ia! Al - - le - lu - ia!

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Righteous God,**

**Take away the deceit that turns our words to riddles.**

**We live in confusion. We inflict pain.**

**All the while, your strong hand holds us.**

**You do not reject or forget any of us.**

**Let us believe this promise!**

**Let it change our lives! 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

COMMUNION MUSIC

*The Creator Has a Master Plan*

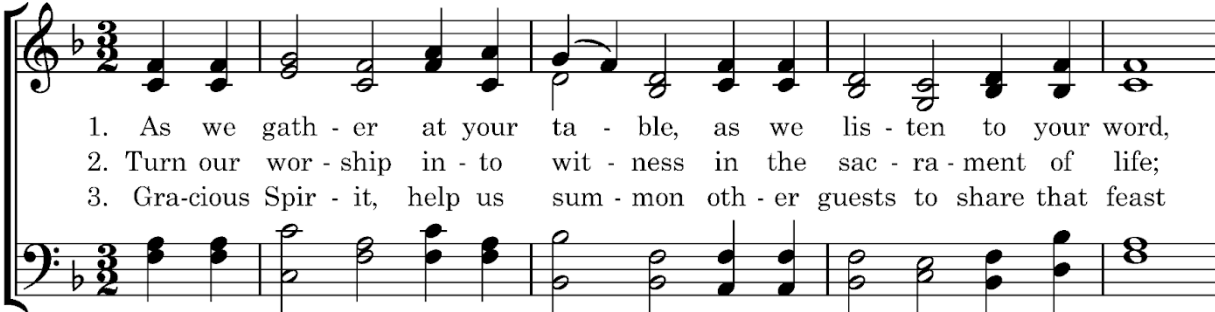
Pharoah Sanders

St. Arbucks Quartet

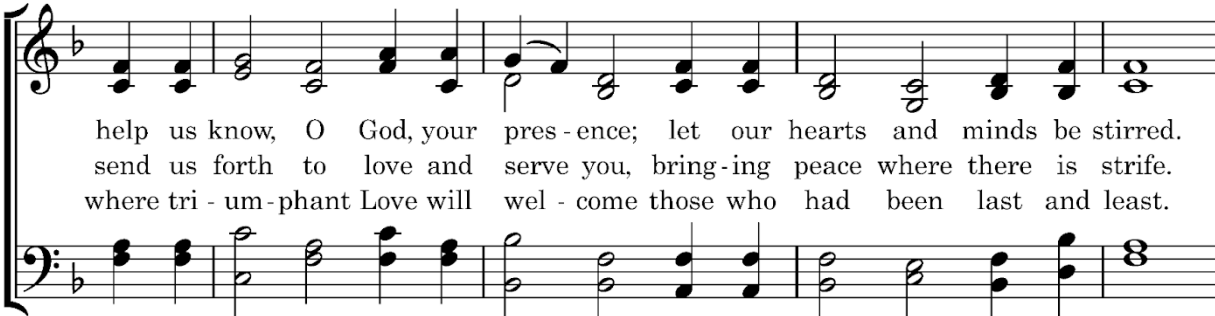
*Please come forward for communion.  
Take the bread and eat it. Then take the cup and drink.  
Deposit the cups in the baskets on the way back to your seat.  
The outer ring of cups contains grape juice. The inner rings contain wine.  
A gluten-free bread option is wrapped and available on a separate tray.  
Return to your seat by the side aisles.  
All are welcome to take part in communion.*

*As the hymn is sung, Sunday School students are invited to go to their classrooms.  
If you would like to accompany your child(ren),  
you are welcome to drop them off and return to worship.*

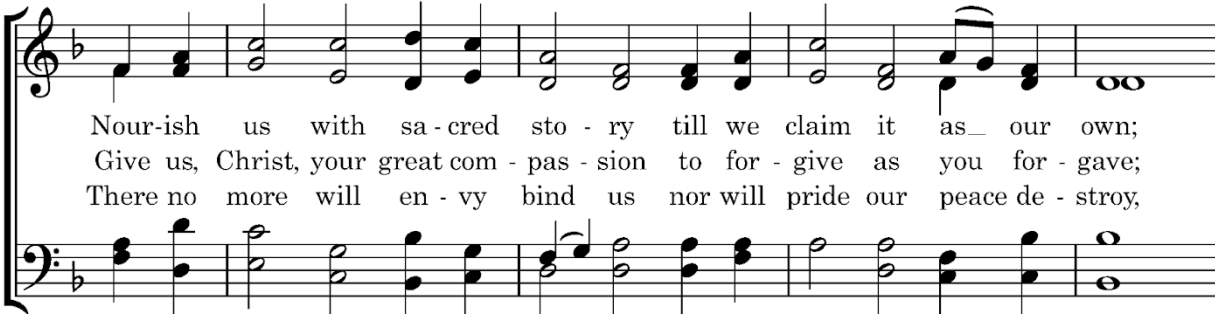
\* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING    *As We Gather at Your Table*



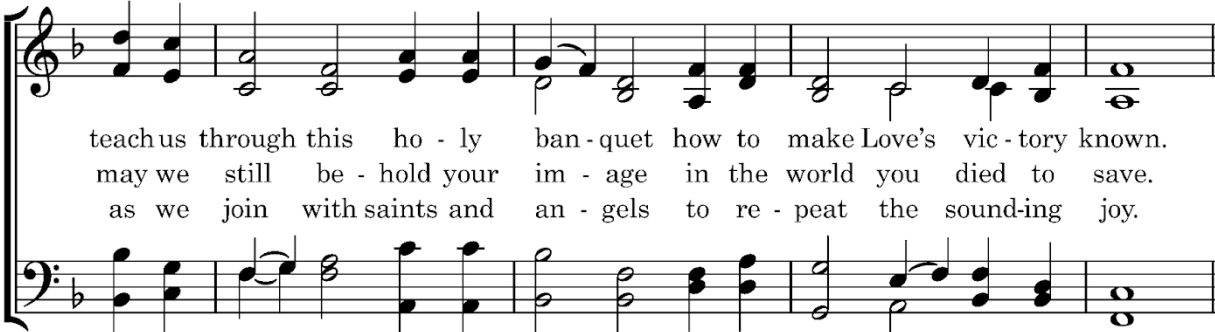
1. As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3. Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



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

Sally Fletcher

## 2 Timothy 1:1-12

I, Paul, am on special assignment for Christ, carrying out God's plan for the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, write this to you, Timothy, my beloved child. All the best from our God and Christ be yours!

Every time I say your name in prayer—which is practically all the time—I thank God for you, the God I worship with my whole life in the tradition of my ancestors. I miss you a lot, especially when I remember that last tearful good-bye. I look forward to a reunion, so that I may be filled with joy.

That precious memory triggers another: your sincere faith—a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois, handed down to your mother Eunice, and now to you. And the special gift of ministry you received when I laid hands on you and prayed—keep that ablaze! God doesn't want us to be cowardly with his gifts, but bold and loving and sensible.

So don't be embarrassed about the testimony about our Lord, or me, his prisoner. Join with me in suffering for the Gospel. We can only keep on going, after all, by the power of God, who first saved us and then called us to this holy work. We had nothing to do with it. It was all *his* idea, a gift prepared for us in Jesus long before we knew anything about it. But we know it now. Since the appearance of our Savior, nothing could be plainer: death defeated, life vindicated in a steady blaze of light, all through the work of Jesus.

## \* RESPONSE

### *O God, Whose Steadfast Love*

vv. 1 & 2

1. O God, whose steady love true motherhood has blessed;  
 2. Your promises, O God, so sure throughout the years,  
 3. In your great love, O God, full parenthood is known:  
 4. May your household of faith one family become,

who shields the in - fant small up - on its moth - er's breast;  
have lived in moth - ers' hearts, have bloomed from moth - er's tears.  
a fa - ther mourns his child, a moth - er's strength is shown.  
that love may be in - creased and none may be a - lone;

Em - brace us, too, O God, our God, and hold us in your  
So Sar - ah laughed, and Han - nah wept, and sing - ing Mar - y  
Let par - ents' faith - ful lives un - bind your love that through them  
That moth - er's love and fa - ther's care and chil - dren's joy we

lov - ing arms, and hold us in your lov - ing arms.  
se - crets kept, and sing - ing Mar - y se - crets kept.  
we might find Christ's deep - er love for hu - man - kind.  
all may share, and chil - dren's joy we all may share.

SERMON      “A Faith That First Lived in Your Grandmother”      Matt Fitzgerald

\* HYMN *O God, Whose Steadfast Love* vv. 3 & 4  
See previous hymn

MISSION MOMENT

Jamie Frazier  
Sr. Pastor, Lighthouse Church

OFFERTORY

*Avinu Malkeynu*  
(Sung in Hebrew)  
Nancy Pifer, soprano  
Chancel Choir

Max Janowski

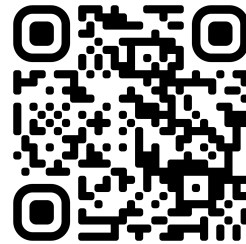
Our Father, our King, hear our prayer.  
Our Father, our King, we have sinned before Thee.  
Our Father, our King, have mercy upon us and upon our children.  
Our Father, our King, keep far from our country pestilence,  
war and famine.  
Our Father, our King, cause all hate and oppression to  
vanish from the earth.  
Our Father, our King, inscribe us for blessing in the  
book of life.  
Our Father, our King, grant unto us a year of happiness.

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*At [spucc.churchcenter.com/giving](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/giving),*

*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.

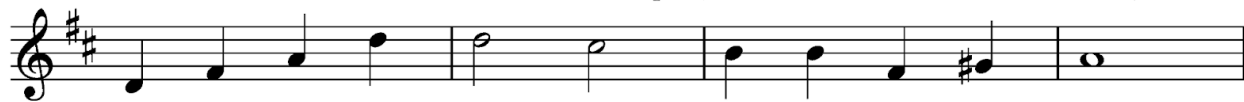


\* HYMN

*Forward Through the Ages*



1. For - ward through the a - ges, in un - bro - ken line,  
2. Wide grows God's do - min - ion, reign of love and peace;  
3. Not a - lone we con - quer, not a - lone we fall;



move the faith - ful spir - its at the call di - vine;  
for it we must la - bor, till all striv - ings cease.  
in each loss or tri - umph, lose or tri - umph all.



Gifts in dif - fering mea - sure, hearts of one ac - cord,  
Proph - ets have pro - claimed - it, teach - ers tes - ti - fied,  
Bound by God's far pur - pose in one liv - ing whole,



man - i - fold in ser - vice, — one the sure re - ward.  
po - ets sung its glo - ry, — mar - tyrs for it died.  
move we on to - geth - er — to the shin - ing goal.



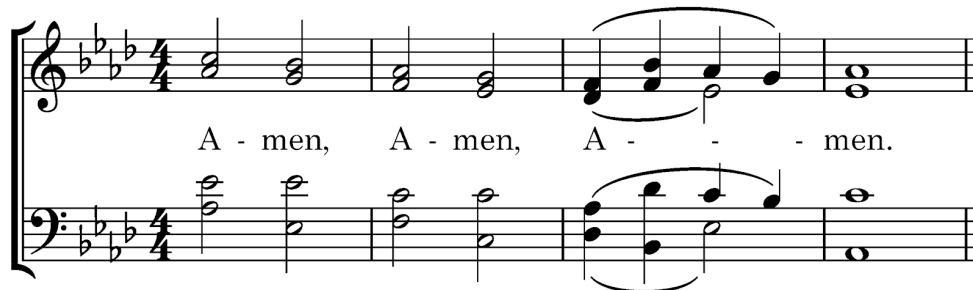
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Move the faith - ful spir - its at the call di - vine.

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

*Festive Trumpet Tune*  
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

David German

***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 in the Social Hall.***

### TODAY'S MUSIC

***Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*** is a text by George Herbert (1593-1633). He bears the title "Shakespeare of the Church." Herbert was a contemporary of "The Bard" (1564-1616), and like Shakespeare, Herbert's poetry lifted common religious practice to the spiritually sublime. THE CALL was composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) as part of a cycle for baritone, choir, and orchestra, *Five Mystical Songs*, composed between 1906 and 1911 and using the poetry of Herbert. Vaughan Williams then adapted THE CALL as a congregational hymn. The words are especially appropriate for a communion Sunday.

The author of the text of ***For All the Saints*** was William Walsham How (1823-1897). He penned the poetry we love so much in 1864. How was an Oxford graduate and served many parishes in England throughout his life. Just to prove that there can be a sense of humor even in hymn tune names, SINE NOMINE, means "no name" in Latin. The stirring music was written in 1906 by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). He is one of the greatest English composers of the post-Victorian era and composed music for nearly all performance genres.

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 Ph.D. 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.

***The Creator Has a Master Plan*** was composed by Pharoah Sanders (1940-2022). He was born Farrell Sanders and changed his name after his conversion to Islam. He was a saxophonist known for creating “spiritual jazz” as well as exploring the overtones on the sax. The legendary saxophonist John Coltrane, who became a close friend of Sanders, recorded this work as an almost musical mantra and featured it on his testament album, *A Love Supreme*.

James L. Haddix (b. 1946) wrote the text for ***O God, Whose Steadfast Love*** in 1986 and revised it in 1994. The tune, RHOSYMEDRE, was composed in 1840 by John David Edwards (1806-1885). He was an Anglican priest and the tune name is taken from one of the parishes he served in Wales.

***Avinu malkeynu*** is one of Max Janowski's (1912-1991) most performed works and is a prayer made on *Rosh Hashanah* for another year of blessing. Max Janowski was Cantor and Director of Music at KAM-Isaiah Israel Congregation in Chicago for 50 years. Kurt and Terry Hansen sang with him for his last 17 years. Mr. Janowski was truly one of the “great lights” of Jewish music of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. This anthem was composed on the kitchen table of the Rabbi of KAM in 1967, Jacob Weinstein.

***Forward Through the Ages*** is known as *Onward Christian Soldiers* (1865) by many older believers. This text was penned by Frederick L. Hosmer (1840-1929) in 1908 as a less militant encouragement to believers. Hosmer became a Unitarian minister who wrote more than 100 hymn texts. The tune, ST. GERTRUDE, was composed in 1871 by the famous Sir Arthur Sullivan (1841-1900), who composed a great deal of classical music in addition to his famous collaborative theater pieces with Sir W. S. Gilbert. He composed the stirring tune for the Hosmer text.

The ***Festive Trumpet Tune*** was composed by David German (b. 1954) for his own wedding ceremony. He was Organist/Choir Master at Calvary Church in Charlotte, NC, from 1983 until the mid-1990s. It is by far his most performed work.

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Clergy:** Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson

**Music Director:** Kurt R. Hansen

**Organist:** Kevin Dzierzawski

**St. Arbucks Quartet:** Brendan Henry, piano; Alex Austin, bass; Matt Plaskota, drums; Kris Hansen, trumpet & vocals

**Scripture Reader:** Sally Fletcher

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

**Head Usher:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** David Baker, John Balevic, Mary Brown, Doug Clark, Jen Luerssen, Jeff Matthews, Fred Pearson

**Communion Coordinator:** Jana O'Brien

**Communion Servers:** Carrie Bruggers, Jill Wachholz

**Head Greeter:** Greg Mooney

**Gatekeeper:** Dodd Brown

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

**Custodian:** Ramiro Gonzalez

*Communion bread baked by Marcia Knudson.*

## **BORN THIS WEEK IN OCTOBER**

*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.*

Oct 3     Jesse Russell, Barbara Javorcic, Eve Lytal, Theo Lytal

Oct 4     Cynthia Cata, Emily Cromwell, Kirsten Ekdahl Hull, Paul Raiman,  
            Robin Scott, Solveig Roverud, Tom Connolly, Garrett Keegan

Oct 6     Bruce Voice, Eric Simonton, Karen E. Johnson

Oct 7     Anya Kompare, Jenna Kent

Oct 8     Karin Magnuson

## WELCOME, ASSOCIATE PASTOR LIZ NICKERSON

We are excited to announce that **Pastor Liz Nickerson** has been hired as St. Pauls next Associate Pastor! Liz has deep roots in Chicago and comes to St. Pauls from Southminster Presbyterian Church in Arlington Heights, where she served as the Associate Pastor for Family Ministry.



Liz is organized, creative, thoughtful, and full of enthusiasm for St. Pauls. She is a gifted preacher, who won the award for pulpit excellence upon graduating from McCormick Theological Seminary. She knows how to plan and follow through, skills built in her time and training as an architect. She is collegially minded, and eager to join our team. She and her husband are raising their family in our neighborhood, and understand the challenge and promise of ministry in Lincoln Park. Her years of pastoral experience leave her with a thorough sense of what it takes to revitalize and lead our Sunday School.

Liz will join the St. Pauls staff full-time tomorrow, October 3rd. Her collaborative leadership style will make her a wonderful addition to our staff.

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### ABOUT THE PROCESS

Hiring decisions for Associate Pastors at St. Pauls are made by the Executive Committee of the Church Council and the Senior Pastor. This effort began in January with a job description written by the Youth and Children's Ministry Revitalization Task Force. This description and our Local Church Profile were posted on the UCC's national job board.

We received interest from more than twenty pastors. Applications were reviewed and applicants were screened in three phases by Pastor Matt and our Interview Team. The Interview Team members were Nancy Curotto, Sharon Collins, Ben Emmrich, Renae Bradshaw, Justin Hartanov, and Pastor Matt.

After receiving enthusiastic feedback about Pastor Liz following the first two steps in this process, the Interview Team viewed several of her sermons and met with Liz for group interviews. These concluded with the Team's unanimous agreement that she would be an excellent Associate Pastor for St. Pauls. The Executive Committee shared the Interview Team's excitement and agreed, unanimously, to extend a call, inviting Rev. Liz Nickerson to serve as an Associate Pastor as the third member of St. Pauls pastoral staff.

*Pick up a hard copy of the full announcement and letter from Pastor Liz in the Narthex, or see it online here: [mailchi.mp/spucc/welcome\\_pastor\\_liz](mailto:mailchi.mp/spucc/welcome_pastor_liz)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CARDS FOR A CAUSE FUNDRAISER

It's time for our annual fundraiser for Little Lights - Cards for a Cause! Choose between five greeting card boxes with 30-50 greeting cards, each for \$30, and Little Lights will receive 40% back in funding for our programs! The cards are beautifully embellished and come with coordinating envelopes. **Today is the last day to order:** [forms.gle/xTiXddEbyxdCgnHN6](https://forms.gle/xTiXddEbyxdCgnHN6). Check out the different card options and find Erin Fitzgerald on Sunday before or after worship to see some samples of boxes and cards in person! Thank you for your support!

**ELECTION WATCH 2022:** The late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg said "Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time." **Help create change** by participating in the 2022 election process by educating yourself about important issues, writing letters to politicians or to voters who might not otherwise vote, supporting "Get Out the Vote" (GOTV) campaigns, personally and perhaps even financially supporting worthwhile candidates of your choice, and – of course – voting!

### WINDY CITY WINDS - SAVE THESE DATES!

Windy City Winds, "Chicago's Community Band", announces their 8th season of free concerts in our church sanctuary. Please join us for:

- Friday, November 18, 7:30 pm - Our New Day, with St. Pauls member Chris Bettler, USN Great Lakes Band, as tuba soloist, and music by Vaughan Williams, Florence Price and Omar Thomas
- Friday, March 3, 7:30 pm - An Evening with Jim Stephenson, featuring acclaimed Chicago area composer Jim Stephenson conducting several of his own works, with Tom Madeja as trumpet soloist
- Friday, May 12, 7:30 pm - Meet Me at the Fair, featuring music by Berlioz, Persichetti, John Williams and more

### RECYCLE CRAYONS, MARKERS, HIGHLIGHTERS, GLUE STICKS & MORE!

#### Sponsored By Green Team & Little Lights

Overconsumption and a throwaway culture have led to our global waste crisis. While waste piles up in landfills damaging our environment, virgin materials are used for new products. Crayons are one example of a petroleum product that takes years to biodegrade. Help divert these items from landfills or incineration. Collect these school, office, and art supplies and place them in designated boxes in the Narthex.

- All crayons - broken, used, new, wrapped or not (separate box than rest)
- All brands markers/caps, highlighters/caps, pens/caps, mechanical pencils, glue stick tubes/caps, watercolor paint trays, flexible packaging from these items

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

**Columbus Day?** Columbus Day commemorates the arrival of Christopher Columbus in the Americas on October 12, 1492. Efforts have been made in recent decades to change the name of Columbus Day to **Indigenous Peoples' Day** to celebrate the past, present and future of civilizations that were in the U.S. long before Columbus's arrival. It is observed in addition to Columbus Day in 30 states and is a state holiday in three states. Alternatively, many Hispanic countries celebrate ***Dia de la Raza*** ("Day of the Race") on October 12 to recognize and lift up the cultural fusion of indigenous America and Spanish heritage.

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

#### **REUSE/REPURPOSE/REIMAGINE**

Teachers go through supplies quickly, especially when it comes to consumable items. Teachers may welcome supplies you have around the house, including:

- Cards - holidays, birthdays, get well and similar
- Old calendars
- Sharpies, markers, paints, tape, colored pencils, paste, crayons, etc.

Check with your vet, humane shelter or pharmacy. Many are happy to reuse clean prescription bottles, which are not accepted for recycling in most places. If you need to remove the labels, use Goo Gone to get rid of the stickiness.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

*See our full event calendar online at [spucc.churchcenter.com/calendar](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/calendar)*

*Evening meetings enter through the courtyard door*

### **TODAY - ST. PAULS HANDWORK MEET-UP - After Worship, Social Hall**

If you enjoy handwork, you're invited to continue our time with each other by sitting together in communion and community on the first Sunday of the month at a drop-in handwork group. We will gather in a corner of the Social Hall for one hour after the worship service. Bring along a sandwich if you wish. New to handwork? We have expert knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, and sewers to help you get started with a project.

### **OCT 3 - FALL MEETING OF THE CHICAGO METRO ASSOCIATION OF THE UCC**

6-8 p.m., Zoom

Want to find out more about what's going on in our local UCC? You're invited to attend the fall meeting of the Chicago Metropolitan Association. Topics will include solar power for churches, supporting mental health in congregations, and the work of A Just Harvest. Local leadership will also be elected. Register for the link here: [tinyurl.com/2kfbz4ry](http://tinyurl.com/2kfbz4ry).

**OCT 5 - WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - 12 p.m., Zoom**

Our last three sessions will be the last three chapters of the Gospel of Luke from the Last Supper to Easter. All are welcome! Get the Zoom link from Pastor Jeff at [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

**OCT 8 - LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION REVIVAL FUNDRAISER - 12 p.m. Meeting House Tavern.**

Lighthouse is hosting their first ever in-person fundraising event! Join them for the Revival Fundraiser, an afternoon of spiritual renewal in support of the Black Queer Equity Index (BQEI)! Gather with friends old and new at Meeting House Tavern for live gospel music, rap performances, tacos, and show-stopping lip-sync performances. You'll hear from Executive Director Jamie Frazier about the power of the BQEI to improve the experiences of Black Queer employees and board members in Chicago's social service sector, and in turn, improve care for their clients. \$25 tickets are available at <https://bit.ly/3BPnCh7>.

**OCT 15 - TOM HENRY MEMORIAL - 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary**

Join us for a memorial service honoring beloved St. Pauls Pastor Emeritus Tom Henry. A reception in the Social Hall will follow the service.

**OCT 23 - BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - 8:30 a.m., Courtyard**

Bring your furry, scaled, and feathered friends to a short blessing of the animals service in the church courtyard. We'll meet in the gym if the weather requires. Please have all animals on leashes or appropriately contained.

**OCT 28 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL WHISKY TASTING - 7 p.m., Parlor**

Join St. Pauls Social and host Todd Coe for a whisky tasting. Todd will walk us through the sights, smells, and tastes of several different whiskies and discuss what to look for when shopping for a bottle of your own. A donation of \$10 is requested to cover the costs of the samples. Please RSVP here **by October 21:** [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1465526](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1465526)

**NOV 6 - THE BATTLE OF LINCOLN PARK BOOK DISCUSSION - 11:15 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room.** In the years after WWII, a movement began to bring the middle class back from the Chicago suburbs to Lincoln Park, which was full of old, poorly maintained apartments. But as the old buildings came down, cheap studios were combined to create ever more spacious, luxurious homes. Property values rose and people were evicted and conflict developed: Who is this neighborhood for? And who gets to decide? Chicago author Daniel Kay Hertz will be with us to talk about his book. And we'll also discover what St. Pauls was up to during these years of conflict. Sign up to attend here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1445978](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1445978).



## OPPORTUNITIES

**ACTIVISM & ADVOCACY MINISTRY** – Do you have a passion for reaching out to others? The St. Pauls Activism & Advocacy Ministry 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).

**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. There are still many dates available this year! Sign up for 2022 dates at [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1078968](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1078968).

**THE BOOK NOOK** – Find your next good read or drop off books to share on the north side of the Social Hal. 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](mailto:lindanitz@yahoo.com).

**CHURCH CENTER** – [spucc.churchcenter.com](https://spucc.churchcenter.com) is our portal for the Saint Pauls community. See our calendar, register for events, update your information, join our photo directory, manage your online donations, see your giving history, and more!

**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).

**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](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/178271).

**GREEN TEAM** – As people of faith, members of St. Pauls are called to “Care for Creation.” To that end, the Green Team is seeking new members, particularly young adults and youth, as we become a Creation Justice church, recognized by the UCC. We would love to have you! If you are interested, please contact either of the new interim Green Team co-chairs, Ninon Freeman at [nlanda05@yahoo.com](mailto:nlanda05@yahoo.com) or Rick Peterson at [rnpeterson2017@gmail.com](mailto:rnpeterson2017@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 the 2022/23 school year. Check out [www.littlelightslp.org](http://www.littlelightslp.org). If you would like to schedule a tour or have additional questions, contact Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at [littlelights@spucc.org](mailto:littlelights@spucc.org).

**PICKLEBALL** – Have you tried the growing sport of Pickleball yet? We hold pick-up games in the St. Pauls gym every week. Sign up at the ChurchCenter link below and show up at one of the allotted times! We have spare paddles and balls. All skill levels are invited. If you have questions, call or text Steve Garrett at (312) 208-0636.

Game Times: Tuesdays: 5:30-8:30 p.m; Fridays: 2-3 p.m.

[spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/pickleball](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/pickleball)

**ST. 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](mailto:jenluerssen@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.

**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 REGISTRATION** – Please register your kids for the 2022-23 sunday school year at the link below. Sunday School is open to children 2-years-old to high school. Our Nursery is open for children under age 2. Email questions to Children's Program Coordinator Danielle Mayfield at [danielle.mayfield@spucc.org](mailto:danielle.mayfield@spucc.org). Register here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1306755](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1306755)

**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).

**YOUTH CHOIRS** – If your child has any interest in music, please join us! Kecia Waldschmidt is leading Paul's People for 4th to 8th graders. Breanna Coe and Karen Johnson are leading the Children's Choir for kids K to 3rd grade. Rehearsals are at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. We can't wait to hear our youth choirs singing again!

**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.

**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.*

- Brendan Phillips, hospitalized following a series of strokes.
- Family and friends of Pat Ruch's sister, Aline Ruch Frank, at her death.
- Al Cerkon on his continuing health journey.
- Kompare family, displaced from their home after a fire in their building.
- Pat Kirby, facing serious health issues that may lead to blindness.
- Mary Stainton, recovering from surgery.
- Deon Fayhee and family on the death of his grandfather, Raymond.
- Jennifer, sister-in-law of Sarah and Mark Mosley, as she continues her recovery from an aneurysm.
- The family and friends of Pastor Emeritus Tom Henry at his death.
- Annie Johnson at the death of her mother, Jean.
- Becky Blank, her husband, Hanns Kuttner, and their daughter Emily as Becky undergoes treatment for an aggressive form of cancer.
- Michael Toomin, as he recovers from a back injury and is undergoing physical therapy.
- Sergio, grandson of Ivy Sanz, who doctors are concerned might have leukemia.
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.

### **Prayer, Support, Mental Health Resources**

Even when you walk through the valley of shadows, God is with you. 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.