

Kickoff Sunday
September 11, 2022
Rejoice, Remember, Renew

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

*Be like grass, she told me,
lie flat, spring up.*

Fanny Howe

PRELUDE

Lord, Don't Move the Mountain
St. Arbucks Quartet

Mahalia Jackson
arr. Brendan Henry

INTROIT

Lift Every Voice and Sing
Chancel Choir
Mark Mosley, conducting

J. Rosamond Johnson

Lift every voice and sing,
'Til earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty,
Let our rejoicing rise,
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound, loud as the rolling sea. Amen.

CHIMES

WELCOME

Matt Fitzgerald

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice and be glad!

All: This is the day that the Lord has made!

One: Rejoice and be glad!

All: This is the day that the Lord has made!

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All: This is the day that the Lord has made!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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

* HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day,
2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - - le - lu - ia!
3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done,
4. Hail the Lord of earth and heav - en!

We with all the an - gels say:—
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
Praise to thee by both be giv - en,

Raise our joys and tri - umphs high,
Once He died, ours souls to save, Al - - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids Him rise,
Thee we greet tri - um - phant now,

Sing, ye heav'ns and earth re - ply:—
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise,
Hail, the Res - ur - rec - tion thou!

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God,
help us see that
faith is not a risk,
or a trick;
Church is a relief.
We feel better when
we lay our burdens down.
So we give you our cares,
that you may care for us;
our fears, that you may quiet them;
our disbelief, that you might transform it,
all this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

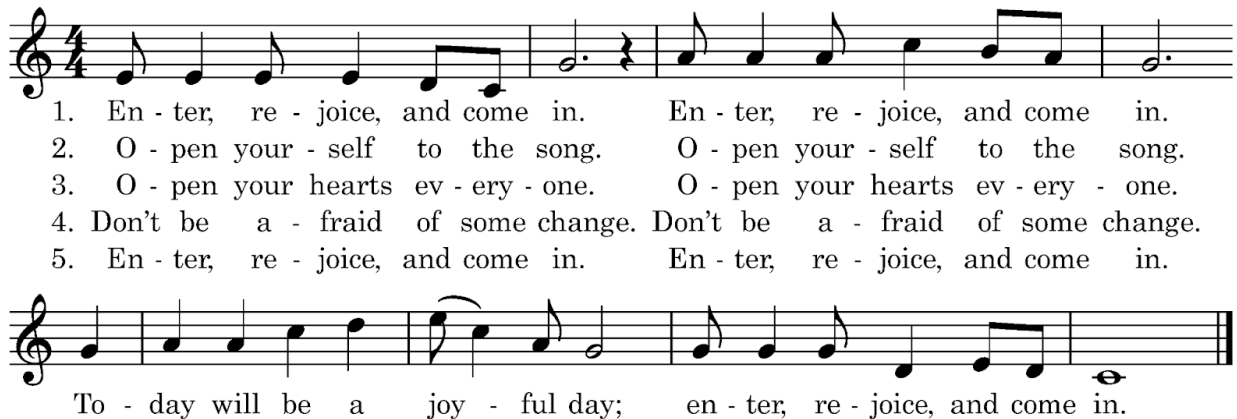
MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

At this time, Sunday School students are invited to go to their classrooms. We will send them off class by class to leave with their teachers. If you would like to accompany your child(ren), you are welcome to drop them off and return to worship.

* HYMN

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.

SCRIPTURE

Clarissa Galaviz

Luke 15:1–10

By this time a lot of men and women of questionable reputation were hanging around Jesus, listening intently. The Pharisees and religion scholars were not pleased, not at all pleased. They growled, “He takes in sinners and eats meals with them, treating them like old friends.” Their grumbling triggered this story.

“Suppose one of you had a hundred sheep and lost one. Wouldn’t you leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the lost one until you found it? When found, you can be sure you would put it across your shoulders, rejoicing, and when you got home call in your friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Celebrate with me! I’ve found my lost sheep!’ Count on it—there is more joy in heaven over one sinner whose heart is changed than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need for repentance.

“Or imagine a woman who has ten coins and loses one. Won’t she light a lamp and scour the house, looking in every nook and cranny until she finds it? And when she finds it you can be sure she’ll call her friends and neighbors: ‘Celebrate with me! I found my lost coin!’ Count on it—that’s the kind of party God’s angels throw every time one lost soul turns to God.”

* 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

Come O Fount of Every Blessing

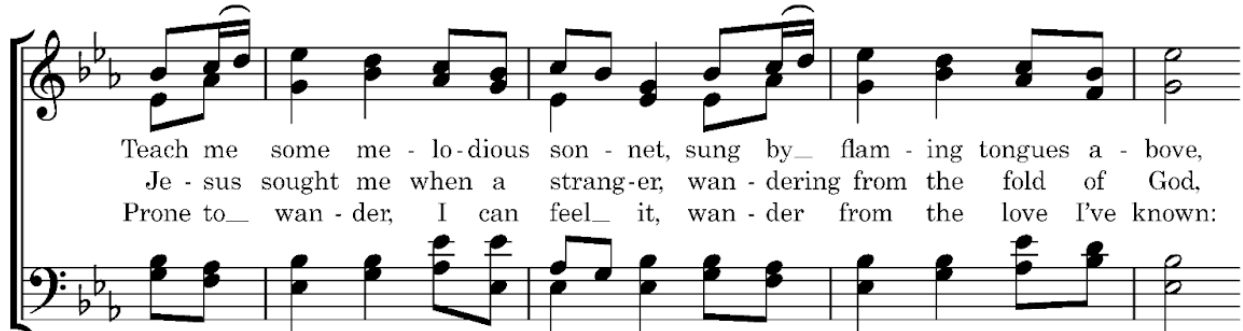
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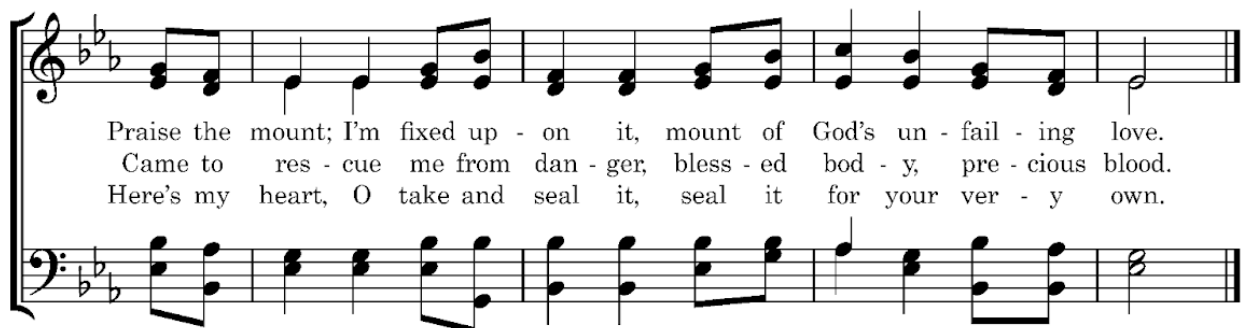
1. Come, O Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
2. Here I pause in my so - journ - ing, giv - ing thanks for hav - ing come,
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!



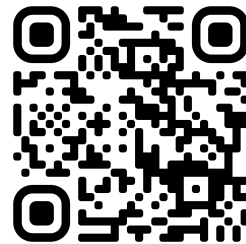
streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of end - less praise.
come to trust, at ev - ery turn - ing, God will guide me safe - ly home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to you.



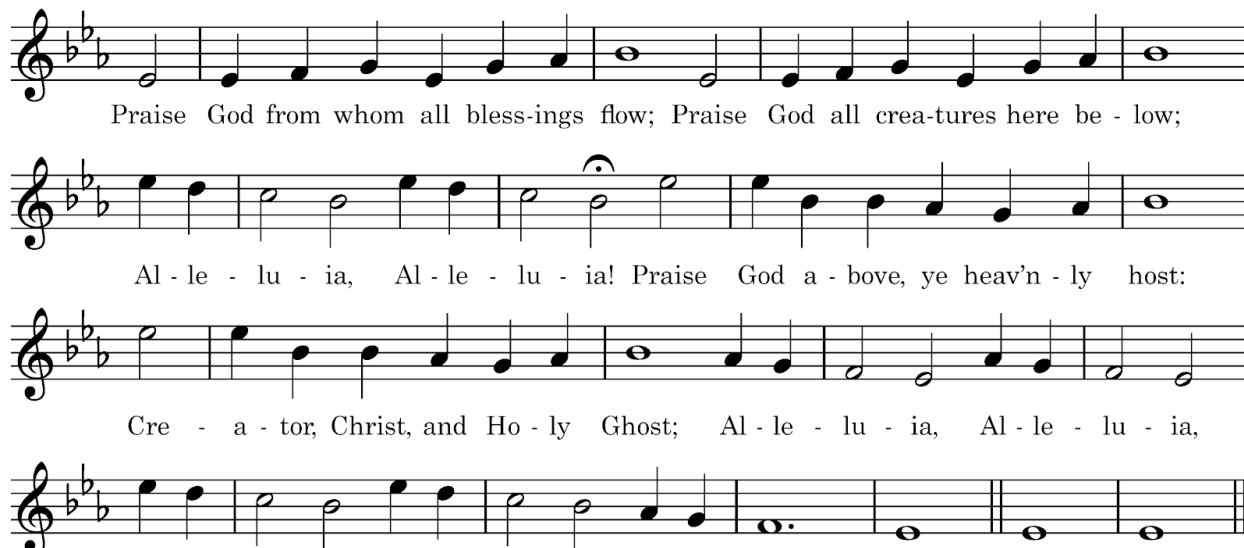
Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by_ flam - ing tongues a - bove,
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan - dering from the fold of God,
Prone to_ wan - der, I can feel_ it, wan - der from the love I've known:



Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail - ing love.
Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless - ed bod - y, pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.



* 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.

INTRODUCING PASTOR LIZ NICKERSON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1. A might - y for - tress is___ our God, A bul - wark nev - er
2. Did we in our_ own strength con - fide, Our striv - ing would be
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should threat - en to un -
4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, No thanks to them, a -



fail - - ing; Our help - er he___ a - mid_ the flood Of
 los - - ing, Were not the right man on___ our side, The
 - do_____ us, We will not fear, for God_ hath willed His
 - bid - - eth; The Spir - it and_ the gifts_ are ours Through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe Doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim, We
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, This



seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great, And
 Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sab - a - oth his name. From
 trem - ble not for him; His rage we can en - dure, For
 mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y they may kill; God's



armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - - qual.
 age to age the same, And he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure: One lit - tle word shall fell_____ him.
 truth a - bid - eth still, His king - dom is for - ev - - er.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

The musical score is written for a vocal part and an organ accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat major), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line consists of four measures: the first two contain the words 'A - men,' and the last two contain 'A - - - men.' The organ accompaniment provides a harmonic background with chords and moving lines in both hands.

POSTLUDE

Symphony No. 4—Finale
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

C. M. Widor

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

We welcome the return of the Chancel Choir to our Sunday worship service.

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.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, tune EASTER HYMN or LYRA DAVIDICA, uses a text by Charles Wesley (1707-1788) the great Methodist theologian and hymnodist. The tune's composer is not known and it is taken from a collection, *Lyra Davidica*; hence, one of the tune names. It is equally appropriate to sing this great Easter hymn on a day that has a real sense of resurrection for many at St. Pauls.

Martin Shaw, (1875-1958), campaigned for better church music and for English opera. He was co-editor with Ralph Vaughan Williams of the *Oxford Book of Carols* (1928). ***With a Voice of Singing*** was composed in 1923 for a festival of church choirs in Rochester, New York. Shaw also wrote the text.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God is arguably the greatest Martin Luther (1483 -1546) hymn and encapsulated the theology of the Lutheran Church. The original version is almost dance-like in rhythm. . The processional hymn presents a more majestic march.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Matt Fitzgerald

Music Director: Kurt R. Hansen, *returning September 25*

Organist: Kevin Dzierzawski

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

Scripture Reader: Clarissa Galaviz

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

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

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

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

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

BORN THIS WEEK IN SEPTEMBER

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.

Sept 11 Mary Brown

Sept 12 Eric Moulton, Lucas Banks, Matt Raterman

Sept 13 Sharon Collins, Henry Weil, Ryan Castle

Sept 14 Hannah Bryant, Stephen White

Sept 15 Kirk Chernansky, Linda Nitzsche, Sean Atkinson

Sept 16 Anne Forman, Melinda Stinnett, Sylvia Pine

Sept 17 Brett Jaussi, Jeff Johnson

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 on October 3. Her collaborative leadership style will make her a wonderful addition to our staff.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGISTER FOR (re)NEW SMALL GROUPS!

What part of your life needs a jumpstart? Bring those needs to church this fall and join a (re)NEW GROUP. These are small groups of church members who will meet weekly for eight weeks. Renew Groups will reintroduce you to a God who is making all things new, while introducing you to new friends and a renewed faith.

Sign up by September 24 to be placed in a group – you can note group affinity preferences in the sign-up. Groups will begin the week of October 2.

Questions? Please contact Pastor Matt, mfitzgerald@spucc.org.

Register here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1425620

VOLUNTEER FOR OKTOBERFEST, Saturday, October 1, 3-9 p.m.

St. Pauls Oktoberfest block party returns this fall. How do we pour 600 beers, serve 500 brats/hot dogs, and run kids' activities for six hours? With the help of many volunteers! Can we count on you to be one of them? As a volunteer, you will work a 2-hour shift and receive a free food/drink ticket, as well as enjoy the chance to meet new friends, support St. Pauls neighborhood outreach efforts, and have fun! Please sign up here, spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1429089, or contact Lorne Frank at lornefrank@lornefrank.com. PROST!

REGISTER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

If you plan to have your child or youth participate in Sunday School during the 2022-2023 school year, we ask that you please register them at the link below. This is a one-time registration for the school year. Please register each child who will be attending. Sunday School is open to children 2-years-old to high school. Our Nursery will be open for children under age 2. Email questions to Children's Program Coordinator Danielle Mayfield at danielle.mayfield@spucc.org.

Register here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1306755

ELECTION WATCH 2022: Midterm Elections Draw Near. Don't Sit This One Out!

Election Day, November 8, is fast approaching. This election is gearing up to be one of the most important in our lives with much at stake for our state and country. These are difficult, complex and challenging times. Some believe the future of democracy is at stake. In preparation for the upcoming midterm elections, it's important to double-check your registration; to register to vote, if you have not already done so; to locate your polling place [Note: this may change in Chicago given plans to reduce the number of polling sites]; and plan how you will vote, whether in person or by mail.

LINCOLN PARK ZOO ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Recycle old cell phones, small electronic devices, and battery chargers at Lincoln Park Zoo Searle Visitor Center, **now through September 24**. Lincoln Park Zoo is partnering with institutions across the globe for Gorillas on the Line. This cell phone recycling initiative directly supports gorilla conservation. Coltan (used to manufacture small electronics) is hand-mined in the Democratic Republic of Congo, a prime gorilla habitat. The deforestation of coltan mining displaces these critically endangered species. "Gorillas on the Line is a reminder there are ways to take small daily actions to help save species – no matter where you live!," said Curator of Primates Jill Moyse. lpzoo.org/gorillas-on-the-line-will-you-answer-the-call

JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

How to Grow a Movement: Invest to End Racism

Join others from across the UCC on September 15 at 6 p.m. CST as we kick off the historic **Join the Movement Capital Campaign** with co-chairs Otis Moss III, Naomi Washington-Leapheart, and Starsky Wilson sharing their visions of a church and a world moving toward fuller embodiments of racial justice. On the 59th anniversary of the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham, Alabama, we come together to remember and discover how our sharing resources can fuel and grow our racial justice work today and for generations to come.

Register here, tinyurl.com/vc5r7cf4. Learn more here, tinyurl.com/873jtzrv.

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

REDUCE ELECTRICITY USAGE

- Check that your home is insulated properly.
- Find any damage such as air leaks.
- Also check the insulation in the walls, attic and around plumbing.
- Fix or seal any damage to keep unwanted air out.
- If you have an old-model water heater, cover it with an insulating blanket and reduce standby heat loss by 25-45%.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

See our full event calendar online at spucc.churchcenter.com/calendar

Evening meetings enter through the courtyard door

SEPT 14 - WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - 12 p.m., Zoom

The Wednesday Bible Study will resume on September 14. 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.

SEPT 18 - BACK TO (SUNDAY) SCHOOL & BAKE SALE - 11 a.m., Gym

We're holding a Back to (Sunday) School & Bake Sale for Saint Pauls families after worship September 18. Find gently used quality kid's clothes, toys, and other items. Volunteers are needed! Text or call Jan Bail, (773) 472-5678, or email Barb Kaiser, bkaiser2213@gmail, to help. To bake for the Bake Sale, please contact Mary Brown, doddbrown@sbcglobal.net.

SEPT 22 - ST. PAULS YOUNG ADULTS FALL KICK-OFF - 7-9 p.m., Pastor Jeff & Joe's, 130 S. Canal Street, Apt. 818. Get to know and reconnect with other young adults at the home of Pastor Jeff and Joe. Supper and beverages will be provided. Just bring yourself. Their home is convenient to CTA 'L' and bus routes and there is metered street parking or garage parking available in the area. Let us know you're coming here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1418743.

SEPT 25 - ST. PAULS MEDICAL FAIR - 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Gym

We will cover: 1. AED Demonstration, 2. Blood Pressure, 3. 5 Wishes, 4. Vaccinations, given by Aisha, Rph from Walgreens, no appointment needed. Covid, Shingles, Pneumonia, and Flu shots. Kids under 18 need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Remember to bring your Covid vaccine card and your Medicare card or insurance card for the pneumonia and shingles shots. See the event link for more details! spucc.churchcenter.com/calendar/event/109116485

SEPT 25 - NEW MEMBER CLASS - 11 a.m., Social Hall

Join pastors, members, and others curious about Saint Pauls for our Fall 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 Social Hall after worship and childcare will be provided as needed (please let us know in the sign-up). Register here, spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1406657, or contact Pastor Matt for more information at mfitzgerald@spucc.org.

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

The memorial service honoring beloved St. Pauls Pastor Emeritus Tom Henry will be Saturday, October 15, at 10:30 a.m. A reception in the Social Hall will follow the service.

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, or Pastor Jeff, 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.

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.

CHURCH CENTER – 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.

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.

GREEN TEAM – Members of St. Pauls formed its Green Team several years ago because of their strong interest in environmental and ecological issues, and to sharpen the congregation’s awareness and actions on these issues.

Joe Womack and Jan Fraccaro, the founding co-chairs of this group, are stepping down. They have truly nurtured and guided the Green Team with patience, devotion and knowledge through many challenges. We are immensely grateful for their service.

The recent UN climate report reads like a litany of planetary suffering. 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 or Rick Peterson at 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. If you would like to schedule a tour or have additional questions, contact Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at littlelights@spucc.org.

PICKLEBALL

Have you tried the growing sport of Pickleball yet? It's like a small court version of tennis and is gaining in popularity all over the U.S. 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

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.

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).

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.

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.

- 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.

Senior Pastor Matt Fitzgerald, mfitzgerald@spucc.org
Associate Pastor Jeff Carlson, jcarlson@spucc.org
Pastor Emeritus Tom Henry, *October 6, 1943 - August 27, 2022*

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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.