

Baptism Sunday
New Member Sunday
Stewardship Sunday
October 16, 2022

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 alternative wisdom of Jesus sees the religious life as a deepening relationship with the Spirit of God, not as a life of requirements and rewards." Marcus J. Borg

PRELUDE

St. Arbucks Quartet

INTROIT

How Lovely Is Your Dwelling
Chancel Choir

CHIMES

WELCOME

Matt Fitzgerald

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: I was glad when they said to me, let's go the house of the Lord

All: We have come from the North and the South, from the East and the West, to gather as a community of faith, to give God thanks and praise

One: God calls us to be God's people, and to become one human family.

All: God's love endures forever. Let us worship God together!

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

* HYMN

This Is the Day



1. This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our
 2. This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, Je - sus
 3. This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came, when the



God has made; we will re - joice, we will re - joice and be
 rose a - gain; we will re - joice, we will re - joice and be
 Spir - it came; we will re - joice, we will re - joice and be



glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that our
 glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day Je - sus
 glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day when the



God has__ made, we will re - joice and be glad in__ it;
 rose a - gain, we will re - joice and be glad in__ it;
 Spir - it__ came, we will re - joice and be glad in__ it;



This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.
 This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain.
 This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, our faults are too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Set us
 free from a past that we cannot change;**

**Open to us a future in which we can be changed and grant us grace to grow
 more and more in your likeness and image. Listen now as we share our
 personal confessions in extended silence...**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

v. 1

1. Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap-tized with the Spir - it's sign;
2. Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God's you are, from God you came,
3. Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.

With this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
Back to God we hum - bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.
Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system contains three verses of the hymn. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OF

Peter Benjamin Bertsch, Garrett Covey Keegan, Sebastian Leslie Liabo

Pastor: Peter, Garrett, and Sebastian, receive now the Light of Christ. May you walk always as children of light. May your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to God. Peter, Garrett, and Sebastian are now received into the love and care of the church. See what love God has given us that we should be called children of God.

All: Almighty God, giver of life, you have called us by name and pledged to each of us your faithful love. We pray for your children, Peter, Garrett, and Sebastian. Inspire their lives. May they sing many songs, know many joys, heal many wounds, and embrace many people in your name. We pray for their parents, that they may be guided by your love so that they may know your presence. May we walk together with these families as witnesses to your gospel, as those for whom you have lived and died and live again. Amen.

Pastor: Peter, Garrett, and Sebastian, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

All: Amen

RESPONSE

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise
See previous hymn

vv. 2 & 3

*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.*

SCRIPTURE

Sharon Collins

John 4 selections

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, "Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John" he left Judea and started back to Galilee. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water. The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

RESPONSE

I Love to Tell the Story

v. 1

1. I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,
2. I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best

Of Je - sus and his glo - ry, Of Je - sus and his love.
Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true;
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.
'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry

To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and his love.

SERMON

"Water brings life and water brings death"

Liz Nickerson

* HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story
See previous insert

v. 2

GIVING MOMENT

OFFERTORY

O How Amiable
Chancel Choir

Ralph Vaughan Williams

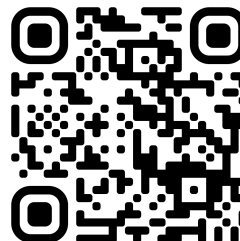
O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,
And the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
Even they altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:
They will be always praising thee.
The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:
Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.
O prosper thou our handy work,
O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.
from Psalms 84 and 90

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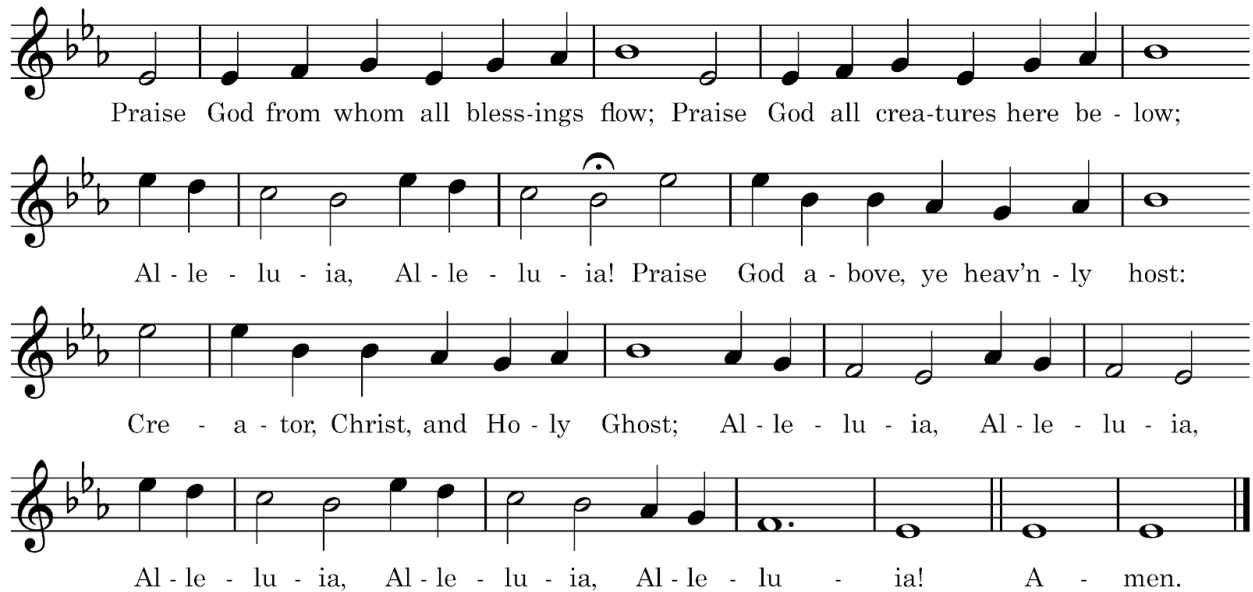
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At spucc.churchcenter.com/giving,

Or through Zelle to 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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

A Dialogue on our Statement of Faith

Pastor: Let us affirm together our faith as we receive these new members into our church.

Congregation: We believe in God who has created and is creating.

President: God has come to us in Jesus Christ to reconcile and make us new. God works in us and others by the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: We trust God. God calls us to be the church.

Pastor: Will you promise to support this congregation with your time, talent and resources, participating regularly in the worship of Saint Pauls United Church of Christ and contributing to our life and ministry in the city?

New Members: We do promise. With you, we will celebrate God's presence, love and serve others, care for creation, seek justice and resist evil.

Pastor: With your love, God will love. With your hands, God will touch the city. With your lives, God will bring justice and compassion to the world.

Congregation: We promise you our love, support and care.

All: Together we will 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!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

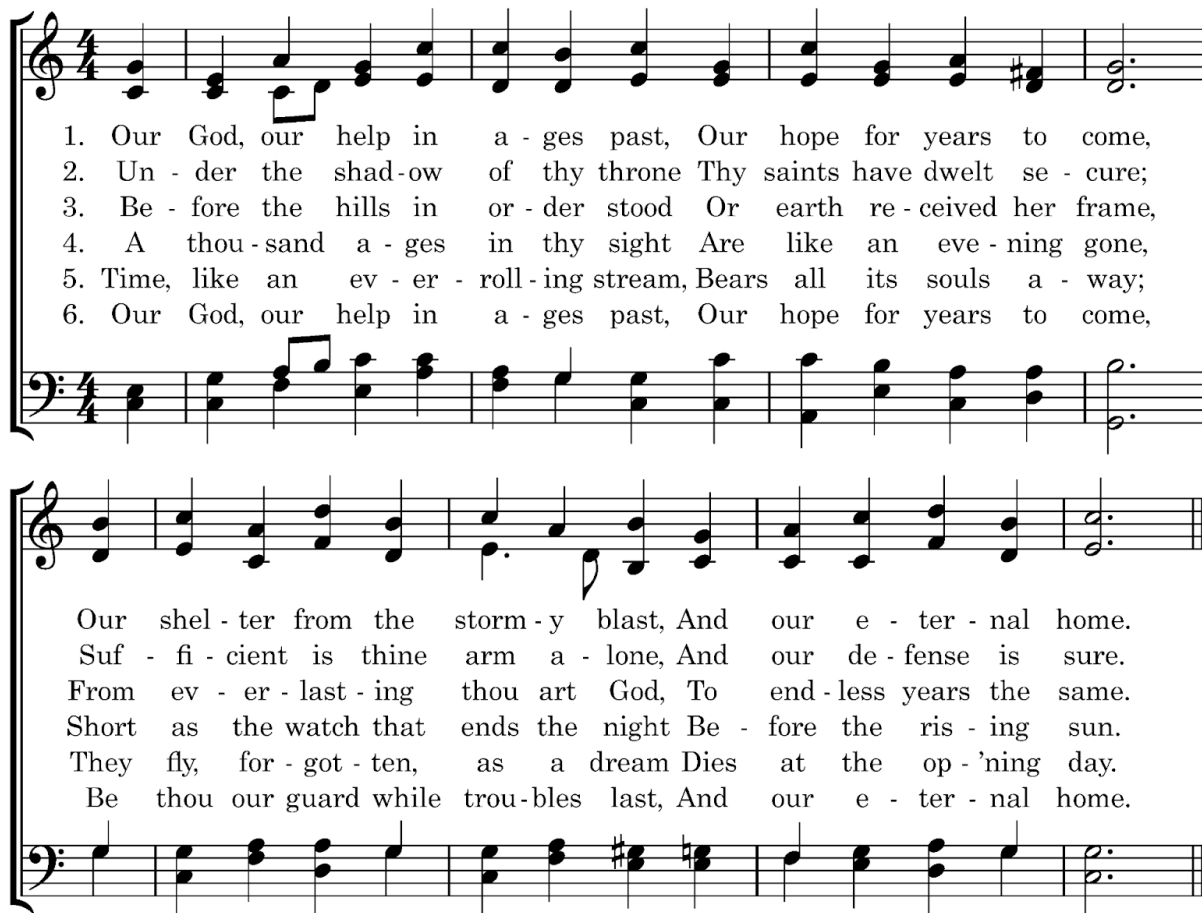
Jeff Carlson

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

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

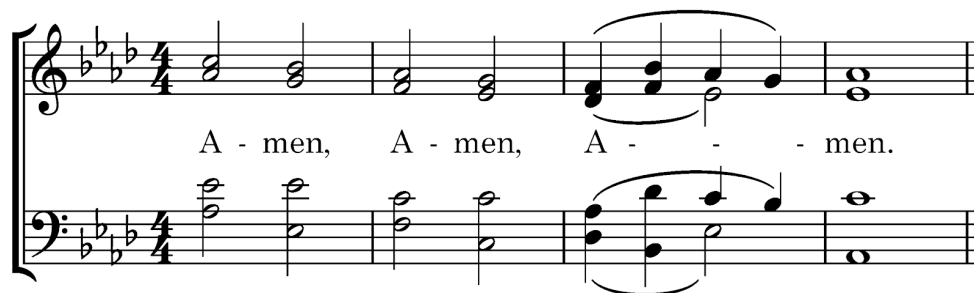


1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4. A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,
 5. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, Bears all its souls a - way;
 6. Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,

Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home.
 Suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
 From ev - er - last - ing thou art God, To end - less years the same.
 Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 They fly, for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the op - 'ning day.
 Be thou our guard while trou - bles last, And our e - ter - nal home.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



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

POSTLUDE

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

Bach/Vivaldi

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

Canadian born Jean Wiebe Janzen (b.1933), is a poet on the faculty of Fresno Pacific College. She created this text, ***How Lovely Is Your Dwelling***, in 1992 for a Menonite hymnal. ES IST EIN' ROS was first published in 1599 in the Cöln Gesangbuch. The text most often associated with this tune is *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*.

This Is the Day uses a folk melody and unattributed words from Fiji. It was first published in 1967 in a hymnal in Australia. It lends itself to be sung in a call and response style.

The text for ***Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*** was written in 1981 by a UCC pastor and teacher of theology, Ronald Cole-Turner (b. 1948). The tune, STUTTGART, was composed in 1715 by Christian Friederich Witt (1660-1716). Witt completed a huge hymnal, *Psalmodia Sacra*, the year before his death. Of the 774 hymns (!!!), nearly 100 were composed by him. He was Kapellmeister of the Gotha court in Stuttgart at the same time that Bach was in Leipzig, just 300 miles north. As an interesting side note, Nathan Laube, world renowned organist and friend of St. Pauls, was until recently on the organ faculty at the Hochschule für Musik in Stuttgart. He returned to Eastman School of Music this fall.

I Love to Tell the Story has multiple authors. The familiar refrain was written in 1866 by Kate Hankey (1834-1911) and the verses were penned and the music composed in 1869 by William G. Fisher (1835-1912). Although Hankey was born into privilege in London, she spent her life working with the poor and teaching Bible classes. Fisher was an American who had a lifelong interest in music. Although he was a businessman, he composed more than 200 "spiritual songs," and conducted mass choirs at Dwight L. Moody revivals. The tune name, HANKEY, takes its name from Ms. Hankey.

O How Amiable was composed in 1934 by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1871-1958). It is a wonderful example of an English form of church music called a “verse anthem.” The first well known composer of this form was Gustav Holst (1874-1934), a contemporary of Vaughan Williams. In general, the verse anthem is a simpler church anthem based on a familiar hymn tune with additional musical variations.

Issac Watts (1674-1748) penned the text for ***Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*** in 1719. It is a poetic setting of Psalm 90. We sing Watts' setting of Psalm 23 before and as part of the Offertory anthem. The tune, ST. ANNE, was likely composed in 1708 by William Croft (1677-1727) in London. He became the organist at Westminster Cathedral. As a side note, Bach's famous *Prelude and Fugue in E Flat Major BWV 552* (1735-36) is often referred to as “St. Anne,” because Bach seems to quote that tune in the final theme of the “triple fugue.” There is no way Bach would have heard or known that tune, but it certainly is an interesting apocryphal story.

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) had such respect for the music of Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741) that he hand copied some of his music into his personal library. They never met. This work, ***Concerto in a minor BWV 593***, which Vivaldi wrote in 1710 for strings, Bach transcribed and arranged for organ in 1713 or 1714. The *Allegro* has a wonderful bright dancing quality.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

On October 22, 2022, at the conference of the Central Region of the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) in Bourbonnais, IL, our incredible Music Director, Kurt R. Hansen, will be honored with a lifetime achievement award. Here is a link to the page on the NATS website announcing this honor,
centralregionnats.org/2022-lifetime-achievement-award.

Congratulations, Kurt!

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson, Liz Nickerson

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: Sharon Collins

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

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

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

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

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in memory of Betty Pellegrino.

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 16 Lydia Richardson, Hannah Barton, Lucille Miller

Oct 17 Tilly Wilhoite, Laura Range

Oct 18 Deirdre Young, Emilia Gannello, John Due

Oct 19 Bob Ball

Oct 20 Jeff Carlson

Oct 21 Arthur Spietz, Elizabeth Beck, Gloria Joseph, Linda Patton, Mike Lohnes, Elsie Bartels

Oct 22 Carolyn Grunst, Jack Brizzolara, Jennifer Heiney, Leah Mooney, Trip Campbell

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



We, **Lucy and Nathan Bertsch**, alongside son Peter (8 mos.), are excited to join the St. Pauls community! With roots in Houston, Texas (Lucy) and Falls Church, Virginia (Nathan), we are now proud to call Chicago's Lincoln Park home. Lucy works in consulting at Ferguson Partners, and Nathan focuses on private equity at Rotunda Capital Partners. For fun, you can find Nathan on the golf course and Lucy at a spin class at Studio Three (right around the corner from St. Pauls). We also love long walks around the neighborhood with our energetic golden retriever, Dolly.



We, **Laura and Drew Brinkoetter** and family, are excited to be joining Saint Pauls! We have two boys Arlo (19 mos.), and Jones (4 mos.). We live close by in Lincoln Park. Drew is an entrepreneur in the pet industry, and Laura works in software product development. We enjoy frequenting parks, traveling, skiing, cooking, going to concerts, and attending Cubs games.



My name is **Jack Crater**. I moved to Chicago in August of this year from North Carolina. I recently received an offer from Lincoln Park Community Services to be one of their case managers. I have been a social worker for 32 years. For fun, I take long walks to explore the city and I like to catch a good movie when one is playing.



My name is **Maegan Kaiser**. I am studying psychology at North Park University, and would like to be a child therapist. I currently live in bucktown with my dogs, dad, and grandma, Barb Kaiser. I am a babysitter, and in my free time I enjoy working out and shopping!



We are **Lindsey and Jeremy Liabo** and we live in Lincoln Square with our son Sebastian. Lindsey grew up in Lake Zurich and Jeremy was born and raised in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. We have lived in Chicago for the past 16 years. In our spare time, we love to spend time with our son and bulldog Winston. Before becoming parents, we were avid travelers and foodies. We look forward to exploring the world with our son in the near future.



We are **Will Shirey and Lauren Cherney**. Will grew up in Waterloo, Iowa and lived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and St. Paul, Minnesota before moving to Chicago in 2018 for law school. Lauren grew up in Appleton, Wisconsin and lived in Madison, Wisconsin and Minneapolis, Minnesota before moving to Chicago in 2020 for her job. We are married, both lawyers, and enjoy cooking together and reading.



We are **Bob Wild and Lisa Donofrio**. Bob is a lifelong Chicagoan, mainly living in Edgewater and Uptown. Lisa grew up in Lemont, IL. We've been married for over 30 years and have a son and daughter in college and a daughter in high school. We both graduated from Loyola with undergraduate business degrees. Bob graduated from Loyola Law School and was a corporate and securities partner of Mayer Brown, and Katten. He recently joined the Pension Boards – UCC as General Counsel and Chief Risk Officer. Lisa previously was a VP with Marsh in the workers' compensation insurance group. We grew up Catholic and have been parishioners of churches in Lincoln Park. We are drawn to the progressive and inclusive spiritual ideals and values of the UCC. St. Pauls was highly recommended to us by a UCC senior minister because of its longstanding commitment to theological excellence. We are grateful to be members of your congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UCAN CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE is coming. St. Pauls has asked for 100 wish lists of \$50 gift cards for our members to give to youth that UCAN serves. Watch for the table staffed by our Outreach and Benevolence committee beginning November 6 to claim a wish list.

POLO STAY & PLAY

Welcome to Stay & Play, a friendly group for parents and caregivers with babies and small children to meet together and enjoy playtime with your children. We aim to provide a safe environment for your babies and toddlers, as well as friendship and community for you. Stay & Play is open to all children (ages 0-4) and their parents and caregivers, as well as to expectant parents. Our group will meet in the nursery downstairs by the Social Hall on Fridays from 10-11:30 a.m. *Please note, this is not a drop-off event.* Adult supervision is required.

HURRICANE RELIEF - provided by Outreach & Benevolence

Looking for a way to help those impacted by Hurricanes Fiona and Ian? The UCC has issued an appeal to support immediate needs for families and communities affected by these hurricanes. The O&B committee is sending \$1,000 to this relief fund and encourages you to consider supporting the UCC's disaster relief emergency fund as well, support.ucc.org/donate---hurricanes-2022.

ELECTION WATCH 2022: Vote by Mail. Did you know Illinois residents can now permanently register to vote by mail? A new law went into effect on August 10, 2020. To vote in the November 8 midterms, online forms must be completed or written applications must be received by November 3. For more information, illinoispolicy.org/how-to-use-Illinois-new-permanent-vote-by-mail-system

WINDY CITY WINDS - SAVE THESE DATES!

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

- Friday, November 18, 7:30 p.m. - "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 p.m. - "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 p.m. - "Meet Me at the Fair," featuring music by Berlioz, Persichetti, John Williams, and more

JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

How can we better understand the concepts and issues involved in addressing racism? What role can we play, individually and as a church, in facing historic harms and in transforming society to free us all? Consult the following lists and links for resources to join in the work of dismantling racism and white supremacy in our society, systems, institutions, and ourselves as we strive for a more just world.
spucc.org/racial_justice_resources

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

REUSE IN YOUR YARD

We are in the midst of a gardening renaissance. The coronavirus pandemic prompted big questions about the future of our food system. People are buying seeds, pulling up lawns, building raised beds, and flocking to gardening. When choosing seeds/plants, think native and whether you can save them for next year. As old flower heads, vegetable, legume, and grain plants wither and die, are they paving the way for new life by developing seeds inside? To save seeds is to preserve food culture. Heirloom crops wouldn't exist if it weren't for the gardeners who meticulously grew and saved seeds.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

*See our full event calendar online at spucc.churchcenter.com/calendar.
Evening meetings enter through the courtyard door.*

OCT 16 - BOB KUBA MEMORIAL - 2 p.m., Sanctuary

A memorial service remembering Bob Kuba and giving thanks for his life. A reception in the Social Hall will follow the service.

OCT 16 - REV. OTIS MOSS & OTHERS SPEAK ON REPARATIONS - 4-6 p.m.

Today our neighbors at Lincoln Park Presbyterian are hosting a panel discussion, "The Violence of Wealth Theft: Why Reparations Lead to Flourishing," as part of their annual Vigil Against Violence. This promises to be a dynamic and thought provoking discussion! Learn more and find the live stream link or register for in-person attendance at lppchurch.org/new-page-1.

OCT 19 - WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - 12 p.m., Zoom

The Book of Ruth. We'll explore this short book about a relationship between two women in three sessions. All are welcome! Get the Zoom link from Pastor Jeff at jcarlson@spucc.org.

OCT 20 - COMMUNITY RENEWAL SOCIETY ANNUAL ASSEMBLY - 6:30 p.m., Zoom.
This year's keynote will be presented by Rev. Dr. Brad R. Braxton, new President and Professor of Public Theology at Chicago Theological Seminary. Join CRS and others committed to working for social justice and racial healing in a celebration of victories from the past year and to prepare for the work ahead. You can register for this on-line event here: <https://tinyurl.com/yc7ct89x>.

OCT 22 - FAMILY HALLOWEEN PARTY - 10-11:30 a.m., Gym
We will gather in the gym, enjoy crafts, games for kids, and a photo booth with props. Baked goods will be sold. Come get to know Pastor Liz, show off your costume and join in the fun!
Please register here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1471888.
Register by Monday, October 17 so we can plan for the correct amount of crafts and baked goods. Volunteers welcome: bake sale items, set up or clean up help - contact Erin Fitzgerald erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org

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

OCT 29 - LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION FALL FEST - 2 p.m., Gym.
Join Lighthouse Foundation of Chicagoland for its second annual Fall Fest! There will be pumpkin decorating, games, a costume contest, and lots of yummy treats! You don't want to miss this fun event! This event is Queer family-friendly and open to all! Bring your friends and family and celebrate the spooky season together! RSVP here: bit.ly/LFFallFest

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.

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 – 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? 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

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. Subscribe to the distribution list at eepurl.com/gQ4Eg1, or look out for future events announced in the bulletin calendar.

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

SPARC (St. Pauls Anti-Racism Cluster) meets monthly to discern how we as a congregation can answer the call to live our faith in an age of injustice. We invite you to join us in identifying the educational opportunities, resources, and actions to take on our journey toward racial justice. To participate or share your ideas, contact Cindy Ball at cindyinn11@gmail.com.

STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. PAULS – If you’re in need of support through a tough time and would like to be matched with someone who would support you with companionship and prayer, or you’re feeling called to offer support, speak to Pastor Jeff Carlson (jcarlson@spucc.org), Marti Pechnyo (mpechnyo@gmail.com), or Barb Kaiser (bkaiser2213@gmail.com).

SUNDAY SCHOOL 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. Register here: 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.

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 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.
- Doug Clark, at the death of his mom, Marilyn.
- Family and friends of Pat Ruch's sister, Aline Ruch Frank, at her death.
- Al Cerkan on his continuing health journey.
- Kompare family, displaced from their home after a fire in their building.
- 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.
- 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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Pastor Emeritus Tom Henry, *October 6, 1943 - August 27, 2022*

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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.