

October 23, 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

*If it please God, let less happen. Unlean against our hearts. Withdraw your  
grandeur from these parts.* Kay Ryan, from *Blandeur*

PRELUDE

*Oh, Happy Day!*  
St. Arbucks Quartet

Edwin Hawkins

Oh happy day  
When Jesus washed  
He washed my sins away!

Oh happy day ...

INTROIT

*When the Morning Stars Together*  
Chancel Choir  
Karina Kontorovitch, piano

CHIMES

WELCOME

Jeff Carlson

\* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O Lord our God! Be in our midst today!

**All: Extinguish our vanity, defiance and despair.**

One: Replace them with your greatness, goodness and mercy!

**All: Make us yours today and every day! Amen.**

\* HYMN

*God Is Working His Purpose Out*

1. God is work - ing his pur - pose out As year suc -  
2. From ut - most east to ut - most west, Wher - e'er man's  
3. March we forth in the strength of God With the ban - ner of  
4. All we can do is noth - ing worth Un - less God

- ceeds to year; God is work - ing his pur - pose out, And the  
foot hath trod, By the mouth of man - y mes - sen - gers Goes  
Christ un - furled, That the light of the glo - rious gos - pel of truth May  
bless - es the deed; Vain - ly we hope for the har - vest - tide Till

time is draw - ing near; Near - er and near - er draws the time, The  
forth the voice of God; Give ear to me, ye con - ti - nents, Ye  
shine through - out the world; Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin To  
God gives life to the seed; Yet near - er and near - er draws the time, The

time that shall sure - ly be, When the earth shall be filled with the  
isles, give ear to me, That the earth may by filled with the  
set their cap - tives free, That the earth may be filled with the  
time that shall sure - ly be, When the earth shall be filled with the

1-3. 4.

glo - ry of God As the wa - ters cov - er the sea.  
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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Dear God,**  
**Your appearance startles us.**  
**We love the Grand Canyon,**  
**but only a fool leans over the rim.**  
**We wish your presence in our lives was *reasonable*.**  
**We prefer you as Spirit,**  
**but you come to us as a God**  
**who is free from all our**  
**expectations, assumptions,**  
**and demands.**  
**Make us grateful for your**  
**awesome difference.**  
**Amen.**

## MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*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.*

## RESPONSE

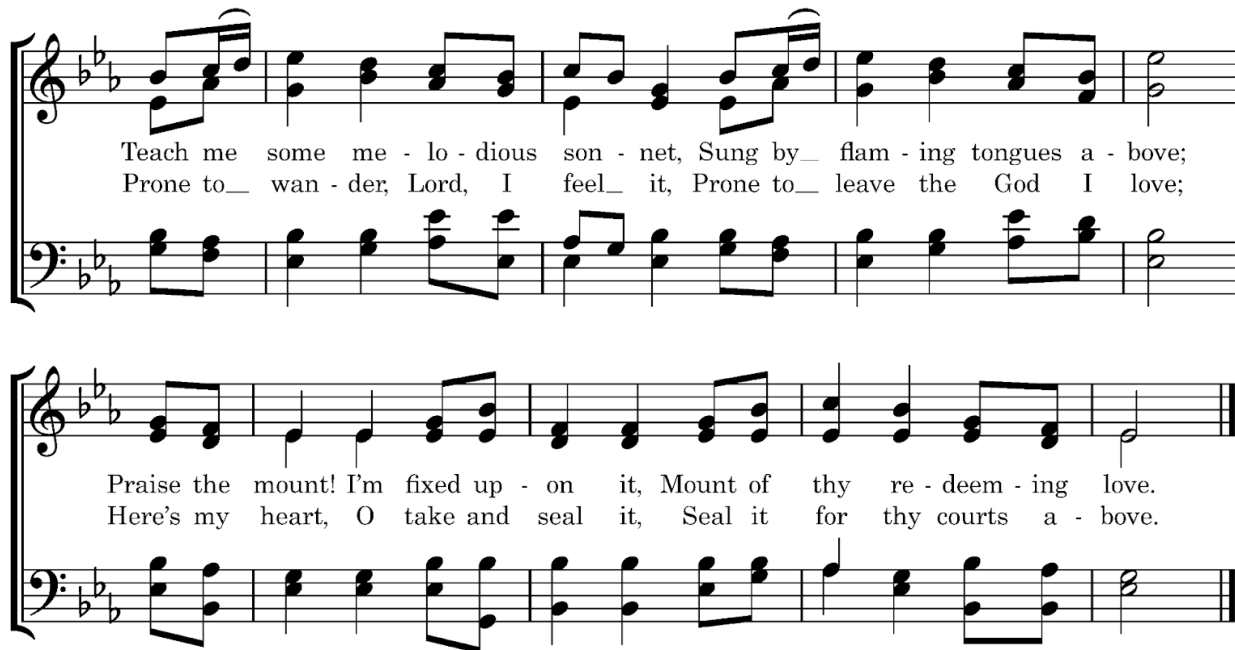
### *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

v. 1

1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2. O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!

Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise.  
Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter Bind my wan - dering heart to thee:

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in 3/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first system contains two verses of the hymn, and the second system continues the melody with additional lyrics.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by\_ flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
 Prone to\_ wan - der, Lord, I feel\_ it, Prone to\_ leave the God I love;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, Mount of thy re - deem - ing love.  
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for thy courts a - bove.

# SCRIPTURE

Clarissa Galaviz

*Joel 2:22-32*

Fear not, soil! Be glad and celebrate!

God has done great things.

Fear not, wild animals!

The fields and meadows are green.

The trees are bearing fruit again:

the fig trees and the vine  
 give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad  
 and rejoice in your God.

He has given the early rain  
 for your vindication.

The vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied.

You shall praise the name of the Lord  
 who has set you back on your heels in wonder.

Never again will my people be made ashamed.

And that's just the beginning:  
I will pour out my Spirit  
on every kind of people:  
Your sons will prophesy,  
also your daughters.  
Your old men will dream,  
your young men will see visions.  
Men and women both.  
I'll set wonders in the sky above  
and signs on the earth below:  
Blood and fire and billowing smoke,  
the sun turning black and the moon blood-red.

When the great and terrible  
Day of the Lord comes  
everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord  
shall be saved.

**\* 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)*

\* HYMN



*Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy*




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




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



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



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



SERMON "Scream if You Want to Go Faster" Matt Fitzgerald

\* RESPONSE *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* v. 2  
See previous hymn

GIVING MOMENT Andrea Koepke

OFFERTORY *Psalm 150* Lewis Lewandowski  
Chancel Choir  
Karina Kontorovitch, piano

O praise ye the Lord,  
In His sanctuary;  
Praise ye the Lord  
In the firmament of His power.  
Praise ye Him for His mighty acts,  
Praise Him for His mighty acts.  
Praise ye Him, according to His majesty.

Praise ye Him with the sound of the trumpet  
Praise ye Him with the psaltery and harp.  
Praise Him with the timbrel.  
Praise ye Him with the dance,  
Praise Him with the organ and stringed instruments.  
Praise ye Him upon the loud cymbals.  
Praise ye Him upon the high sounding cymbals.  
Let everything that hath breath,  
Praise the Lord,  
O praise ye the Lord,  
In His sanctuary;  
O praise ye the Lord  
In the firmament of His power.  
Praise ye Him for His mighty acts.  
Praise ye Him according to His Majesty.  
Hallelujah!

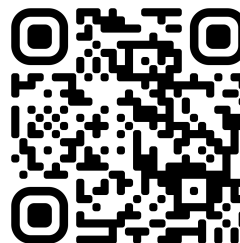


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**\* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here be - low;

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Liz Nickerson

**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

*When Israel Was in Egypt's Land*



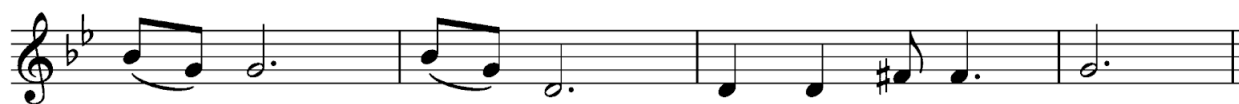
1. When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, Let my peo-ple go,
2. "Thus spoke our God," bold Mo - ses said, "Let my peo-ple go;
3. No more in bond - age shall they toil, Let my peo-ple go,
4. Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, Let my peo-ple go,



Op - pressed so hard they could not stand, Let my peo-ple go.  
If not I'll smite your first - born dead, Let my peo-ple go."  
Nor spill their blood on E - gypt's soil, Let my peo-ple go.  
And let us all in Christ be free, Let my peo-ple go.



Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land, \_\_\_\_\_



Tell old Pha - raoh let my peo-ple go.

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



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

POSTLUDE

*I Saw the Light*  
St. Arbucks Quartet

Hank Williams

***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

**Kevin Dzierzawski has gone to help his father in Washington D.C. during rehab after surgery. He will return next Sunday.**

**We welcome Karina Kontorovitch this morning, who will accompany the Chancel Choir on our Offertory Anthem. She is also helping the choir this fall with its preparation for our Christmas cantata.**

**We welcome back Kris Hansen from his travels in Europe.**

***O Happy Day!*** was composed by Edwin Hawkins (1943-2018). He was an artist of wide ranging talents: gospel musician, singer, pianist, composer, arranger, and choir master. He was born in Oakland, CA and was already playing keyboards at age 7 for his family's gospel group. *O Happy Day!* is his most performed and remembered work.

***When the Morning Stars Together*** is a text written by Albert Bayly (1901-1984), a British ship builder who later became a minister in the United Reformed Church. He also provided libretos for cantatas by William Lloyd Webber (1914-1982), the composer father of Andrew Lloyd Webber, the famous music theater composer. The tune, OFFERING, was composed by Jean Slates Hawk (1925-2004) in 1991. She was a graduate of the Eastman School of Music. In addition to becoming a life-long church musician, she was also a music therapist.

***God Is Working His Purpose Out*** is a favorite hymn of our recently deceased Pastor Emeritus Tom Henry. The text was written by Arthur Campbell Ainger (1841-1919) in 1894. The text demanded a muscular tune, which Martin Shaw (1916-1999) provided in 1915.

***Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing***, to the tune NETTLETON, is from the rich American tradition of the Sacred Harp hymnals, specifically *Wyeth's Repository Of Sacred Music*. The text was written by Robert Robinson (1735-1790), who began his professional life as an apprentice to a hairdresser before committing himself to a religious life.

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

***Psalm 150*** is set by Louis Lewandowski (1821-1894). Originally, the text was in Hebrew. He was born in Poland. After his mother's death and because of the family's extreme poverty, he moved to Berlin. He was aided by Alexander Mendelssohn, cousin of Felix. He was the first Jew admitted to the Berlin Academy of the Arts. After recovering from serious health problems, he decided to devote his life to composing music for the synagogue. He was in the forefront of the growth of Reform Judaism. In 1882 he wrote the first complete setting of the Jewish Sabbath liturgy for cantor, four part choir, and organ.

***When Israel Was in Egypt Land*** is an African American spiritual of anonymous origin both tune, GO DOWN MOSES, and text. Like many spirituals, this text has at least dual meanings. The text certainly refers to the Jews in the Hebrew Bible Book of Exodus longing for freedom from their slavery in Egypt, but the text also refers to the aspiration African American slaves had for their own freedom from bondage in our own country. Spirituals often used biblical references in order to express their oppression, plans for escape, and longing for freedom, e.g., *Were You There*, *Balm in Gilead*, *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*, etc.

***I Saw the Light*** was composed and recorded in 1952 by Hank Williams (1923-1953). He was a beloved country music singer and composer. In his all-too-short life, he recorded 35 singles and 11 of those reached No. 1 on the Country & Western charts.

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Clergy:** Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson, Liz Nickerson

**Music Director:** Kurt R. Hansen

**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, Mary Brown, Doug Clark, Jen Luerksen, 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

## **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 23 Troy Meinders, Wendy Love, Henry Winking, Jack Kahan
- Oct 25 Mary Frances Winking, Nancy Davidson, Pat Ruch, Anne Pechnyo,  
William Beck, Michael Sanz
- Oct 26 Colette Schimp, Kaitlyn Nowack, Joshua Wallace
- Oct 27 Claudia Walvoord, Eva Mack
- Oct 28 Julie Womack
- Oct 29 Pam Woll, Pattie Miller, Eileen Schrimpf, Sophie Doerr

## **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](https://support.ucc.org/donate---hurricanes-2022).

**ELECTION WATCH 2022: Judicial Elections.** In Cook County, 61 judges are running to be retained in the upcoming election. It is difficult to be well informed about these retentions, but there are some resources. On October 11, the nonpartisan *2022 Cook County Election Guide* was released, providing information from bar associations, surveys filled out by the candidates, and other sources to allow voters to make informed decisions about these races. You can obtain this guide at [injusticewatch.org](http://injusticewatch.org). Judges must receive 60% “yes” votes to retain their seats.

In addition, two justices of the seven-member Illinois Supreme Court will be elected in the upcoming election. Illinois is one of only eight states in which voters directly elect their Supreme Court justices. Millions of dollars have been spent on this year’s contest which will determine which political party will hold the majority on the Court. Of course, once elected, all Illinois Supreme Court justices are sworn to be fair and impartial regardless of party affiliation. Please educate yourself on the various candidates and make prayerful, informed decisions.

### **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](http://spucc.org/racial_justice_resources). You can also borrow some of these from our Justice library, the black bookshelf in coffee hour.

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

#### **REUSE IN YOUR YARD**

The key to successfully saving seeds from annual flowers/plants is to let the blooms completely mature and dry, while still on the mother plant. The longer old flower heads wither and dry, the better. To harvest:

- Cut off the flower head
- Spread collected seeds and flower heads in an airy container for a few days to thoroughly dry
- Transfer the seeds into small packages – paper bags work well
- Label bags with the type of plant. Seeds look very similar when dry!
- Store away from direct light
- Seeds saved from annual flowers are best used the following year

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

### **OCT 26 - 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](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

### **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 23:** [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1465526](http://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! Come celebrate the spooky season together! RSVP here: [bit.ly/LFFallFest](http://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](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1445978).

### **NOV 14 - WHAT'S HAPPENING IN HAITI? - 7 p.m., Zoom**

Three Angels Haiti ([threeangelshaiti.org](http://threeangelshaiti.org)) is one of the charitable agencies St. Pauls supports. Haiti is the most impoverished country in the Western Hemisphere, the government is more fragile than ever, and gang violence is out of control. Three Angels is impacted by these issues in many ways. Please pray for them and join us November 14 for this Zoom mission event with Three Angels representatives. We will learn about what's going on and explore how we can help the children and community Three Angels serves. For the Zoom link, please sign up at [tinyurl.com/2s3cbfn5](http://tinyurl.com/2s3cbfn5). You can submit questions for Three Angels in advance by sending them to Pastor Jeff, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

## 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** – 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 [cindyinn11@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org)), Marti Pechnyo ([mpechnyo@gmail.com](mailto:mpechnyo@gmail.com)), or Barb Kaiser ([bkaiser2213@gmail.com](mailto: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](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-8th graders. Breanna Coe and Karen Johnson are leading the Children's Choir for kids K-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.*

- Friends and family of Hazel Vespa at her death.
- Tom and Lisa at the death of Tom's father, Charles Raterman.
- Three Angels Haiti – for the children, staff, community and all of Haiti, for big changes in the Haitian government, for the gangs to be overcome, and for the Haitian people to look to God daily.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.