

Reformation Sunday
October 30, 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

"Be a sinner and sin boldly, but believe and rejoice in Christ even more boldly."

Martin Luther

PRELUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
St. Arbucks Quartet

Ludwig van Beethoven
arr. Craig Curry

INTROIT

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Original version
Chancel Choir

Martin Luther

CHIMES

WELCOME

Liz Nickerson

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: How do you know God loves you?

All: Scripture insists and Christ is real!

One: What have we done to earn God's love?

All: Nothing! Not a single thing.

One: What do we do now?

All: We thank God! We sing with joy!

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

* HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Chancel Choir sings 3rd stanza in German

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
4. Mor-tals, join the might - y cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be-gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!
Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er love binds man to man.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our bro - ther, All who live in love are thine;
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in thee.
Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liz Nickerson

**Lord, there is so much greed in our hearts.
So much suspicion in our minds.
So much self interest in our love.
So much sin to cherish and protect.
You have promised to break in
and steal our treasures.
Do it! Take them!
Remake us!
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

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad To make the wound - ed whole,

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged And think my work's in vain,

2. If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, If you can - not pray like Paul,

But then the Ho - ly Spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus, And say, "He died for all!"

SCRIPTURE

Allen Heinemann

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was walking through it. There was a man there, named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector and quite rich. He wanted desperately to see Jesus, but the crowd was in his way—he was a short man and couldn't see over the crowd. So he ran on ahead and climbed up in a sycamore tree so he could see Jesus when he came by.

When Jesus got to the tree, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, hurry down. For I must stay at your house today." Zacchaeus scrambled out of the tree, hardly believing this good news, delighted to take Jesus home with him. Everyone who saw the incident was indignant. They grumbled, "What business does he have getting cozy with this sinner?"

Zacchaeus just stood there, a little stunned. He stammered apologetically, "Master, I will give away half my income to the poor—and if I'm caught cheating, I will pay four times the damages."

Jesus said, "Today salvation has come to this home! Here he is: Zacchaeus, son of Abraham! For the Son of Man came to find and restore the lost."

* 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

Lord, When You Called St. Pauls by Grace



1. Lord, when you called Saint Pauls by grace, Chi -
2. Dear Je - sus Christ, our cor - ner - stone, each
3. In Eight - een Hun - dred For - ty Three, you
4. Christ let us sing, make voic - es roar, for



-ca - go was a dif - ferent place. Yet what you spoke re -
week we say: "We're not a - lone!" Through growth and fires, in
called new liv - ing stones to be a church that makes a
man - y gen - er - a - tions more! In joy - ful days and



-mains the same: "I'll be with you! Go in my name!"
change and joy, Your pres - ence moves us to re - joice.
joy - ful sound, a cit - y church where Christ re - sounds.
dark - est nights, let Saint Pauls shine, with your great light.



For man - y gen - er - a - tions you have loved Saint Pauls, your



word is true! You love your church, your word is true!

SERMON

"Fair Is a Child's Word"

Matt Fitzgerald

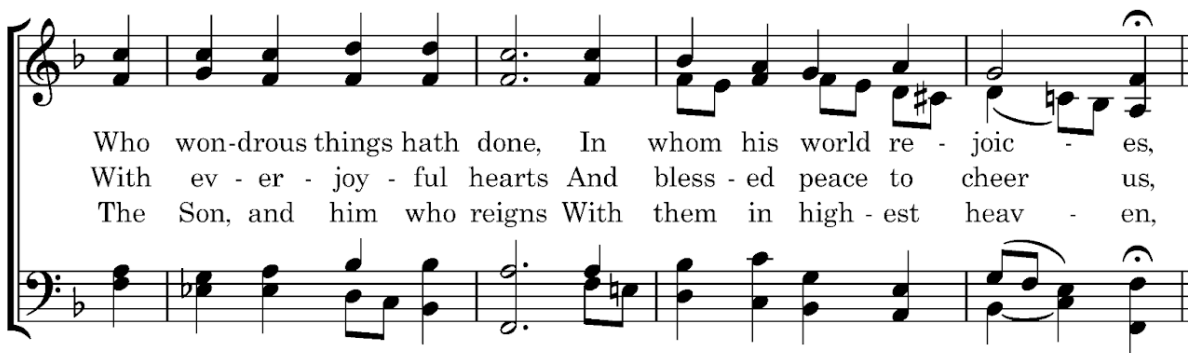
RESPONSE

Now Thank We All Our God

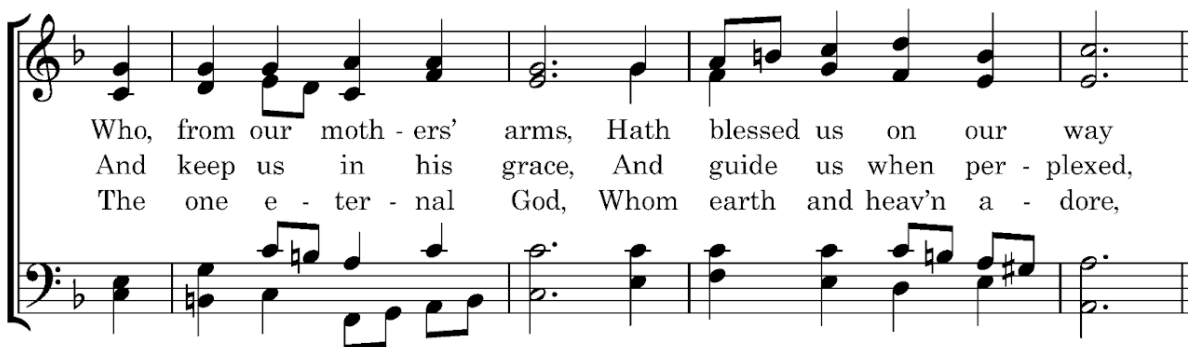
vv. 1 & 3



1. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,
2. O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
3. All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,



Who wondrous things hath done, In whom his world rejoices,
With ever-joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us,
The Son, and him who reigns With them in highest heaven,



Who, from our mothers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way
And keep us in his grace, And guide us when perplexed,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore,



With countless gifts of love, And still is ours to-day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ever-more.

GIVING MOMENT

Steve Garrett

OFFERTORY

He Watching Over Israel
from Elijah
Chancel Choir

Felix Mendelssohn

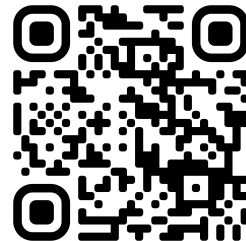
He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps
Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish;
He will quicken thee.
He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps.
from Psalm 121

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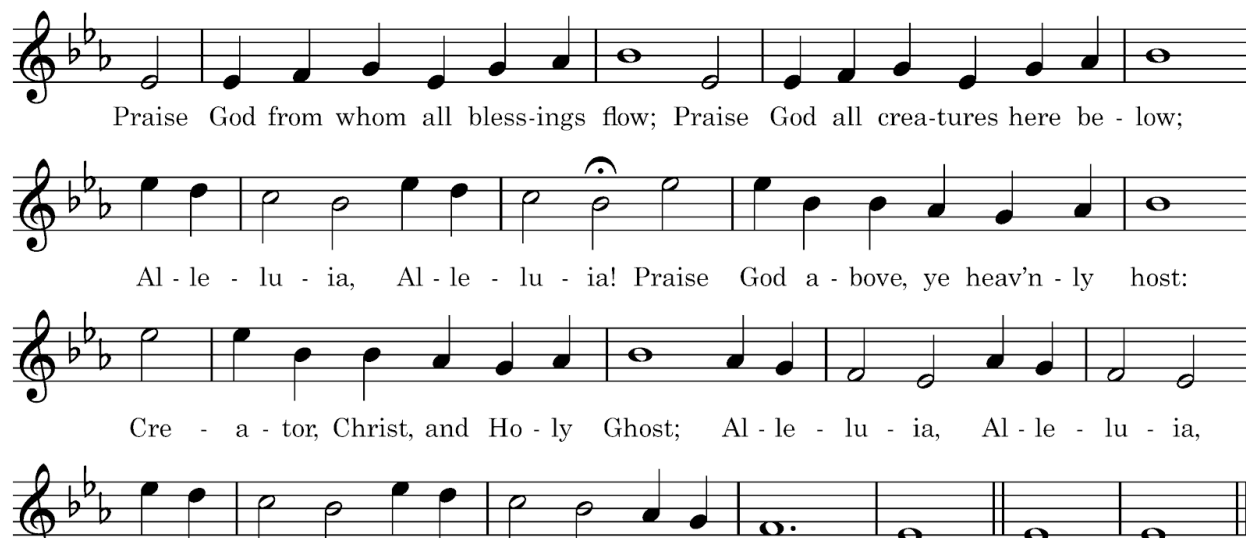
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At spucc.churchcenter.com/giving,

Or through Zelle to giving@spucc.org.



* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all 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.

The musical notation is written on four staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are aligned under the notes: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here be - low;" on the first staff, "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:" on the second staff, "Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia," on the third staff, and "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men." on the fourth staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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

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



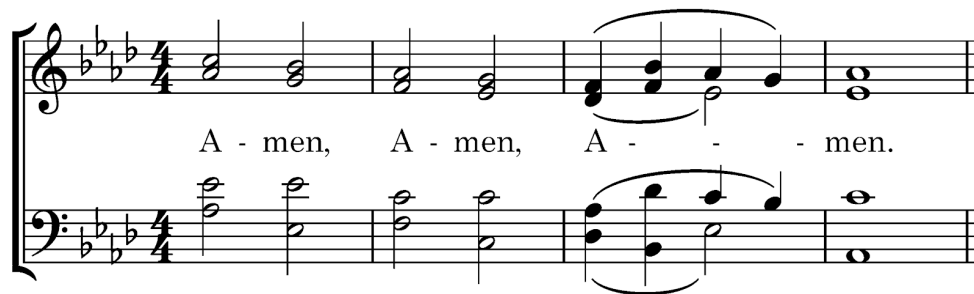
seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great, And
 Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sab - a - oth his name. From
 trem - ble not for him; His rage we can en - dure, For
 mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y they may kill; God's



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.

POSTLUDE

Tocatta and Fugue in d minor, BWV 565
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

J. S. Bach

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

Our familiar hymn ***Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*** is based on “Ode to Joy,” the theme from the last movement of *Beethoven's Symphony No. 9* (1824). Craig Curry, who arranged this great hymn tune, is a graduate of Wheaton College Conservatory of Music and the University of Miami. He is an active composer whose arrangements and compositions have been widely performed.

There is no better way as a church with a strong German heritage to celebrate the Reformation than by bookending our service with ***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***, the great Martin Luther (1483-1546) hymn. It is arguably Luther's greatest hymn and encapsulates the theology of the Lutheran Church. The Introit is the original almost dance-like rhythmic version that Luther composed and congregations of that time sang. The recessional hymn presents a more majestic march. The final stanza is a harmonization of the final chorale by Bach (1685–1750) from his cantata, which bears the tune name, EIN FESTE BURG .

Our familiar hymn ***Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*** is based on “Ode to Joy,” the theme from the last movement of *Beethoven's Symphony No. 9* (1824). The introduction, choral interlude and finale to today's processional hymn are brief excerpts from that work. The music for *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* (ODE TO JOY) was composed by Beethoven (1770-1827) and is the chorale melody from the final movement of his Ninth Symphony. The original German text (1785) was by the famous poet and dramatist Friedrich Schiller (1759-1805) and the English text was composed in 1907 by Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Van Dyke was an American author and clergy. He was appointed ambassador to the Netherlands by President Woodrow Wilson prior to the outbreak of World War I.

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

God, When You Called St. Pauls is a text created for our celebration of 175 years as a church. BROTHER JAMES AIR was composed by James Leith Macbeth Bain (c. 1840-1925), and first published in 1915. He was born in Scotland. He was a mystic, healer and poet. Although born into a devout Christian home, he rejected his traditional upbringing.

Now Thank We All Our God is a translation by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) of the original German by Martin Rinkart (1586-1649) written in 1636. Winkworth, although born in England, spent many years in Dresden, which is why she was so adept at translating German chorales. She was also a tireless fighter for women's rights. Rinkart became a scholar at St. Thomas School in Leipzig where Bach would later be Kapellmeister. The tune, NUN DANKET, takes its name from the first words of the German text. It is most often attributed to Johann Crüger (1558-1662), who in reality was the publisher of the psalter where this hymn tune appeared for the first time.

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847), like Mozart, had a very short and artistically productive life. He was born in Germany, but a great source of his popularity was outside his home country. He was especially beloved in England. Amongst his greatest accomplishments was the revival of the works of J.S. Bach, and the first "modern" performance of Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* since his death. *Elijah* is performed in England almost as often as *Messiah*, which is, of course, by another "adopted" German, Handel. This chorus, ***He Watching Over Israel***, is sung in the oratorio as assurance to Elijah during his sojourn in the wilderness.

On Reformation Sunday, it is good to remember that our ***Festival Doxology*** is also part of our German and Reform heritage. Its German hymn tune, LASST UNS ERFREUEN, dates from 1623 and was first found in a hymnal published in Cologne, Germany.

The postlude, ***Toccata and Fugue in D Minor BWV 565***, is arguably the most well known of Bach's works for the organ. Sadly, it is often thought of as "spooky," because of its use in the first Dracula film and also with Halloween and Disney's *Fantasia*. Toccata is an Italian term meaning "touched." A toccata is supposed to highlight the technique of the organist with improvisatory sounding flourishes and also to demonstrate the number of varying colors within a pipe organ. Fugue is a highly sophisticated imitative form like a round with voices entering at different times, creating a layered soundscape that can be compared to the many small pieces of stained glass in our windows creating a larger picture or design.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Liz Nickerson, Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson

Music Director: Kurt R. Hansen

Organist: Kevin Dzierzawski

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

Scripture Reader: Allen Heinemann

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: David Baker, 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

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in celebration of Elizabeth Raiman's birthday, from Laura & Chris DuPont, Paul & Melanie Raiman, and Justin, Kyle, Ryan and Tyler.

BORN THIS WEEK IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

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 30 Alayna Mack

Oct 31 Liz Raiman, Lisa Doerr, Caroline Connolly, Jackson Noonan, Greg Kobak

Nov 1 Allen Heinemann, Melissa Erickson, Nick Walvoord, Willow Clancy

Nov 2 Georgia Smith, Greg Mooney, Meggan Teague, Phyllis Grimm, Charles Wilk, Jean Wilk, Prentiss Koldyke

Nov 3 Carole Crowley, Dolores Pifer, Ron Clarke

Nov 4 Corinne Lee, Nina Alverdy, Todd Lightfoot, Emily Hein

Nov 5 Doug Roewer, Dante Carter

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

OCT 31 - HAZEL VESPA MEMORIAL - 1 p.m., Sanctuary

A memorial service remembering Hazel Vespa and giving thanks for her life. A visitation from 12-1 p.m. will precede the service. The service will be live streamed at spucc.org/streaming.

NOV 2 - 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.

NOV 3- GIVING EVENING - 7-9 p.m., Parsonage

As part of our Giving Campaign, Kelli and Matt are excited to invite you to an evening of conversation and refreshments at the parsonage. We'll have drinks, snacks, and the chance to meet Pastor Liz while getting to know Jeff, Matt and other church friends even better. We'll also share updates about the Giving Campaign and some future plans for Saint Pauls. Space is limited, so please register here today!

spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1470056

NOV 6 - SHARE THE TABLE OF JESUS - Narthex

We're collecting food for the Common Pantry every communion Sunday - which is next week. Unexpired food and personal items most needed are listed below.

Modest-sized products are best for distribution (e.g., a few 24 oz. containers of cooking oil are preferable to a 64 oz. container). Leave items in the Narthex bin.

Needed Items: cereal (whole grain, less sugar varieties), nuts, brown rice, jelly/jam (low sugar), peanut butter (natural, no hydrogenated oils), cooking oil, pasta sauce (low sodium), soup (low sodium), easy prep meals (e.g., Hamburger Helper, low sodium or whole grain varieties if possible), ground coffee, toothpaste, deodorant, disposable razors, shampoo, conditioner, mouthwash.

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.

NOV 6 - ST. PAULS HANDWORK MEET-UP - After Worship, Social Hall

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

NOV 13 - ST. PAUL FINANCE MEETING - 11:20 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room

Thirty-seven thousand nine hundred (37,900). No, this isn't the number of babies baptized in the 180-year history of St. Pauls. **It's the church electric bill for 2022!** Join the church's Finance Committee on Sunday, November 13, to learn how this number and many, many more help us make a joyful sound in the city. Bring your questions about the dollars and cents of the church's operations to this open discussion as you prayerfully consider your 2023 Giving Pledge.

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

Three Angels Haiti (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. You can submit questions for Three Angels in advance by sending them to Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org.

NOV 18 - WINDY CITY WINDS FALL CONCERT - 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Windy City Winds, "Chicago's Community Band", will give its Fall Concert "Our New Day" in our sanctuary on Friday evening, November 18, at 7:30 pm. Admission is free! St. Pauls member Chris Bettler will be the featured soloist, performing the *Tuba Concerto* by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Other music to be performed includes *Colas Breugnon Overture*, *Symphonic Dances* from *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Adoration* by Florence Price, and *Of Our New Day Begun* by Omar Thomas, based on the hymn *Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing*. Windy City Winds is conducted by St. Pauls members Mark and Sarah Mosley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023 PLEDGE & GIVING INFORMATION

Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge for 2023! Your generous support of St. Pauls is greatly needed and much appreciated. If you have yet to pledge your time, talents or treasures for 2023, you can fill out a paper pledge form and put it in the offering tray or return it to the office. Or, you can pledge online at spucc.org/pledge or by scanning this QR code.



Making a pledge shares with us your intention to donate your time, talents and financial support. This information helps us plan and budget for the upcoming year.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If your pledged financial support for 2023 is changing from this year and you would like to evenly distribute donations towards your pledge throughout the year, you need to adjust your recurring donation amount through whichever giving method you use. Pledge forms do not authorize St. Pauls to create or update recurring donations made through our giving portal. Email bookkeeper@spucc.org with questions or for help.

RETIREMENT GROUP FORMING

A new group is forming for people who have retired recently, or are contemplating retirement. Retirement is a process that brings new challenges and questions. If you'd like to share these with others, please call Marcia Knudson (773) 480-4189 and together we will make plans for meeting.

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.

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.

2023 GIVING CAMPAIGN - IRA QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

If you have an IRA and are required, or will be required, to take a minimum annual distribution (RMD) from your account, you may be interested to know that there are tax advantages to taking your distribution as a direct contribution to a charitable organization such as Saint Pauls United Church of Christ.

If the distribution is made directly from your IRA to St. Pauls UCC, then you enjoy two tax benefits: 1) the distribution does not count as taxable income and 2) the distribution does count towards satisfying your RMD if over age 72. The gift, called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), must go directly from your IRA to the organization, and your total gifts cannot exceed \$100,000 per year. You can make QCDs after you reach age 70 ½, which is earlier than the current RMD age of 72. You cannot make QCDs from your 401K; it has to be rolled into an IRA first.

With the 2017 changes in the tax law, some have lost the ability to itemize their deductions, including charitable contributions, and are now taking the higher standard deduction. Making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a great way to still get a tax benefit for charitable giving. If you have questions about QCDs, consult your tax or financial advisor. Members of the Finance Committee are able to provide more information as well. Reach out to Committee chair Sally Fletcher at Treasurer@SPUCC.org

ELECTION WATCH 2022: Cook County Forest Preserve Referendum and Illinois Constitutional Amendment 1 on Workers' Rights. If adopted, the Cook County "Clean Air, Clean Water and Wildlife Habitat Protection Referendum" would increase property taxes .025% to protect, expand and maintain the Cook County Forest Preserves. Currently, less than 1% of property tax revenue goes to the Forest Preserves. If the Referendum passes, "the tax increase per year for an average homeowner would be less than \$20 per year, or about a dollar and a half per month." To date, this proposal has met little opposition. For more, see fpdcc.com.

The proposed amendment to the Illinois Constitution, titled Illinois Amendment 1, is more popularly known as the "Workers' Rights Amendment." It would add Section 25 to the Bill of Rights Article of the Illinois Constitution to give employees the ability to bargain collectively through representatives they select to negotiate wages, hours, working conditions, and workplace safety. The amendment would also prohibit any law that "interferes with, negates, or diminishes the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively." Supporters of the amendment believe it would give workers greater power (through their unions), safer workplaces and greater pay. Opponents believe the amendment would give labor unions too much power and lead to higher taxes. To be adopted, an amendment to the Illinois Constitution requires either a three-fifths majority vote of those voting on the question or a

simple majority of those voting, period. There is substantial public discussion on pros and cons of Illinois Amendment 1 which voters should prayerfully consider prior to voting.

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

REUSE IN YOUR YARD - According to the EPA, leaves and other yard debris account for more than 13% of the nation's solid waste. Without enough oxygen to decompose, this organic matter releases the greenhouse gas methane. Solid-waste landfills are the largest U.S. source of man-made methane. Sending leaves to landfills harms the environment, robs gardens of nutrients, and destroys wildlife habitat. Leave the leaves! They can help your turf, you can place around trees, use as winter mulch, or cover garden beds. A thick layer of leaves forms natural mulch and fertilizer for the soil as it breaks down.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

Support a Permanent Office of Gun Violence Prevention in Chicago. Faith-based organization LiveFree Chicago, livefreeillinois.org/office-of-gun-violence-prevention, is campaigning to get this ordinance passed in the city council before next February's elections. The office will take a public health approach that prioritizes human dignity and community empowerment, ensuring that funds are in place to take meaningful action. Follow these links to read the ordinance, tinyurl.com/5n89y842, and fact sheet, tinyurl.com/5d2t5nft, then sign this petition, engage.newmode.net/nm-facebook/41885 to urge your alderman's support.

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

POLO STAY & PLAY – This is a friendly group for parents and caregivers with babies and small children (ages 0-4) and expectant parents, to meet together and enjoy playtime with your children. 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.

ST. PAULS SOCIAL – Get better acquainted with other adults at St. Pauls. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Jen Luerksen at jenluerksen@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 cindyball11@gmail.com.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL 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-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 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 Cerkon 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.
- 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.