

October 9, 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 "How to Be a Poet"

Wendell Berry

Breathe with unconditional breath
the unconditioned air.
Shun electric wire.
Communicate slowly. Live
a three-dimensioned life;
stay away from screens.
Stay away from anything
that obscures the place it is in.
There are no unsacred places;
there are only sacred places
and desecrated places.

PRELUDE

Impromptu in G-flat Major, Op. 90, No. 3
Kevin Dzierzawski, piano

Franz Schubert

INTROIT

O Day of Radiant Gladness
Chancel Choir

CHIMES

WELCOME

Liz Nickerson

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the beginning was the Word.

All: God, give us ears to hear!

One: In the beginning, God said, "Let there be light!"

All: God, shine your light upon us!

One: In the beginning God said, "Let there be life!"

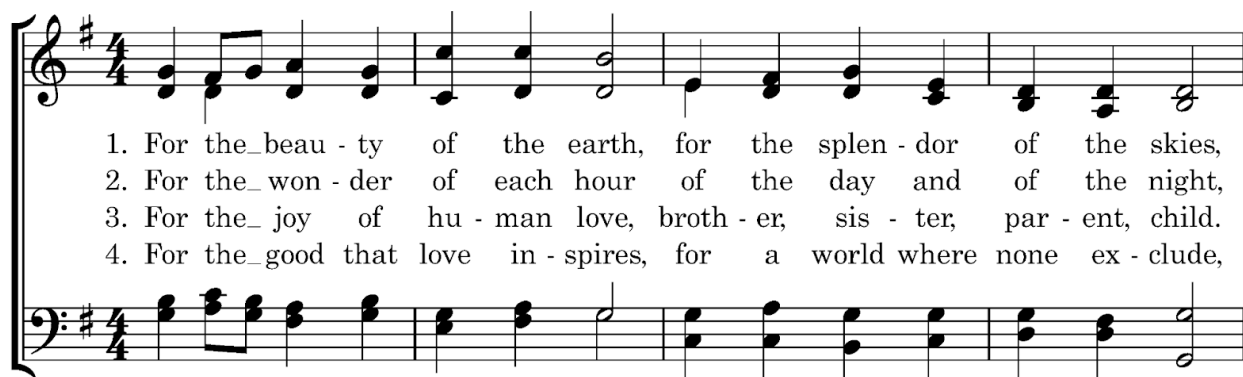
All: God, breathe new life into our bones!

One: And God saw that it was good.

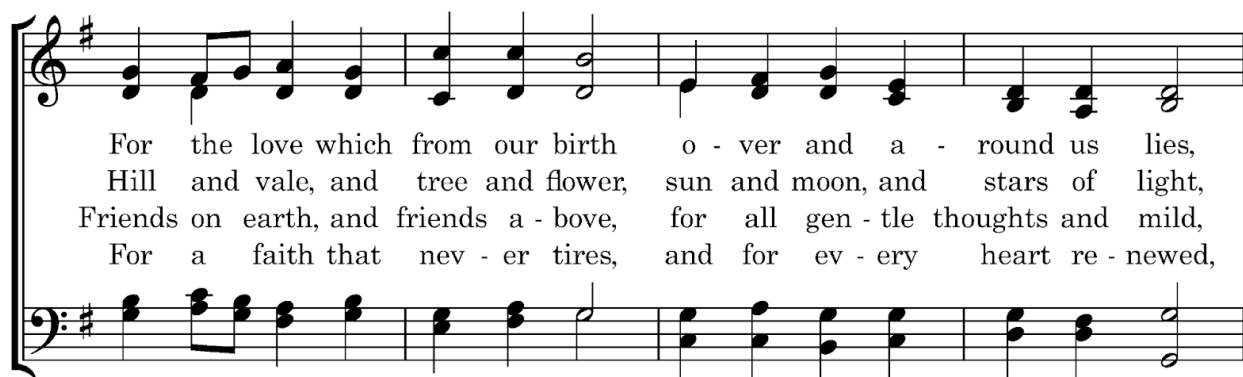
All: It is good to sing praise to the Giver of life!

* HYMN


For the Beauty of the Earth



1. For the_beau - ty of the earth, for the splen - dor of the skies,
2. For the_won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3. For the_joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child.
4. For the_good that love in - spires, for a world where none ex - clude,



For the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
Friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
For a faith that nev - er tires, and for ev - ery heart re - newed,



God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you speak.

But we plug our ears.

We prefer flattery more than truth.

You create.

But we close our eyes.

We prefer pixels more than peonies.

Lord, open our eyes and ears,

To hear your voice and marvel at your world.

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

God Reigns O'er All the Earth

vv. 1 & 2

1. God reigns o'er all the earth! Green hills and val - leys low, the
2. God reigns o'er hu - man life! Through youth and ag - ing years, in
3. God reigns o'er time and space! In his - tory's by - gone days, Christ's
4. God reigns! Em - man - u - el! God with us ev - ery day, in

farms and towns in golds and browns God's grace and beau - ty show.
death, in birth, in grief, in mirth, in all our hopes and fears.
faith - ful folk in rev - erence spoke to bring God earn - est praise.
all our past and to the last, our com - fort and our stay.

God reigns o'er all the earth! Stone banks and spread - ing plains,
God reigns o'er hu - man life! Our in - spi - ra - tion still.
God reigns o'er time and space! O'er gal - ax - y and sun,
God reigns! Em - man - u - el! Let praise to Christ be sung!

in rain - bow hues— reds, yel - lows, blues— of streams and coun - try lanes.
Through all our schemes, in all our dreams, we see God's reign - ing will.
through time - less years the cos - mos hears the heaven - ly mus - ic run.
God's pres - ence here makes all things dear. Let joy - ful bells be rung!

SCRIPTURE

Mark Sancya

Jeremiah 29, excerpts

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; Encourage your children to marry and have children, so that you'll thrive in that country and not waste away. Seek the welfare of the city, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord.

* STATEMENT OF FAITH

**We believe in God who has created and is creating,
who has come to us in Jesus Christ to reconcile and make us new,
who works in us and others by the Holy Spirit.**

**We trust God. God calls us to be the Church,
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to care for creation,
to seek justice and to resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life and death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

(adapted from the United Church of Canada)

* RESPONSE

God Reigns O'er All the Earth
See previous hymn

vv. 3 & 4

SERMON

“Build, Plant, Eat, Love, Pray, Shalom”

Jeff Carlson

* HYMN

When Love is Found



1. When love is found and hope comes home, sing and be
2. When love has flowered in trust and care, build both each
3. When love is tried as loved - ones change, hold still to
4. When love is torn, and trust be - trayed, pray strength to
5. Praise God for love, praise God for life, in age or



glad that two are one. When love ex - plodes and fills the
day, that love may dare to reach be - yond home's warmth and
hope, though all seems strange, till ease re - turns and love grows
love till tor - ments fade, till lov - ers keep no score of
youth, in calm or strife. Lift up your hearts! Let love be



sky, praise God, and share our Mak - er's joy.
light, to serve and strive for truth and right.
wise through lis - tening ears and o - pened eyes.
wrong, but hear through pain love's Eas - ter song.
fed through death and life in bro - ken bread.

OFFERTORY

Psalm 150
Chancel Choir

César Franck

Hallelujah.

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 ye Him, according to His majesty.

Praise ye Him with the sound of the trumpet,
Praise ye Him with the psaltery and harp.
Praise ye 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 every thing that hath breath,
Praise the Lord in the firmament of His power.

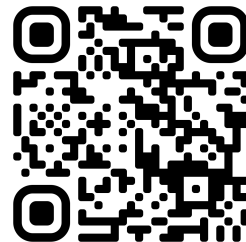
Praise ye Him for his mighty acts.
Praise ye Him, according to His majesty.
Hallelujah!

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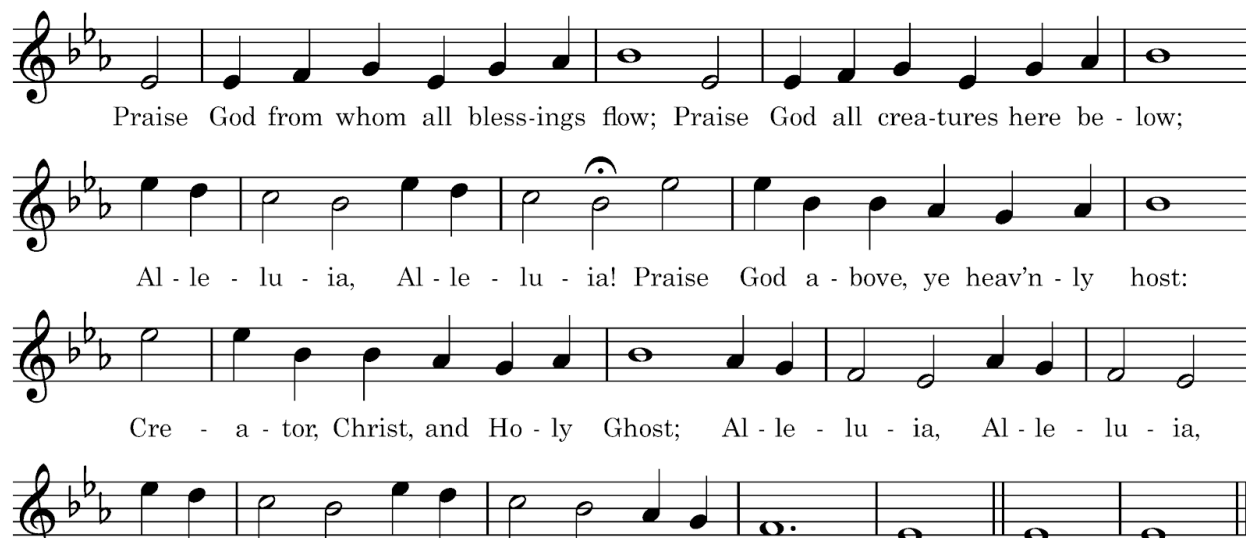
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At spucc.churchcenter.com/giving,

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Matt Fitzgerald

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

How Firm a Foundation



1. How_ firm a foun - da - tion for you has been laid,
2. "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
5. "The_ soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,



by_ God in the Word, in the sac - ri - fice paid!
for_ I am your God, I will still give you aid;
the_ riv - ers of woe shall not o - ver you flow;
my_ grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;
I_ will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



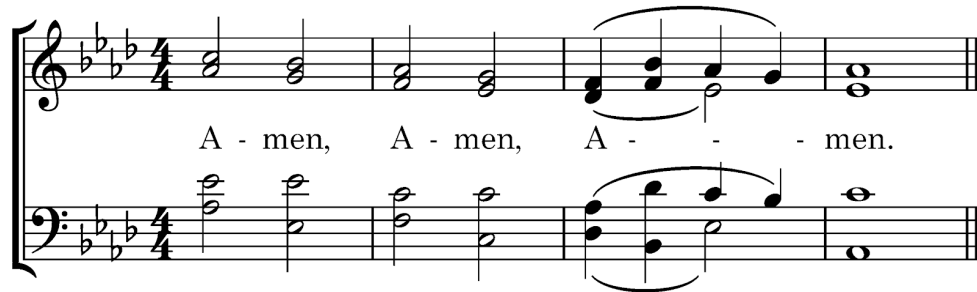
What more can God say than to you has been said,
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand
For I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,
the flame shall not hurt you; for I have de - signed
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake.



to_ you, who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
up - held by my gra - cious, om - ni - po - tent hand."
de - liv - er - ing you from your deep - est dis - tress."
your_ soul to make pure just as gold is re - fined."
I'll_ nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

The In Crowd
St. Arbucks Quartet

Ramsey Lewis

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

The text, ***O Day of Radiant Gladness***, was composed by Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885) in 1862. He was the nephew of the famous poet William Wordsworth. He had a long career as a priest in the Anglican Church. The tune, ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN, is a 17th century German folk melody first published in a manuscript found in Memmingen.

The text for ***For the Beauty of the Earth*** was written by Folliott S. Pierpoint (1835-1917). In the spring of 1863, Pierpont sat on a hill above his home of Bath, England, and this text flowed from his gratitude for the wonders of nature. The tune DIX was composed by German composer Konrad Kocher (1786-1872). He was trained as a teacher and eventually founded the School for Sacred Song in Stuttgart.

God Reigns O'er All the Earth is sung to the tune: TERRA BEATA. The source of the music is an English folk melody which first appeared as a hymn in 1906. The text was written in 1981 and is by Jane Parker Huber (1926-2008), one of the most prolific contemporary authors of hymn texts. Born to missionary parents in China, she was a lifelong Presbyterian who focused her hymn texts and ministry on peace-making, justice and inclusiveness.

When Love Is Found is a text written in 1978 by Brian A. Wren (b. 1936). Wren was born in England and now resides in the United States. He is a preacher and lecturer who has written many hymn texts including *Bring Many Names*, which is another St. Pauls favorite. The tune, O WALY WALY, is a traditional English melody from the 18th century. It is a basis for many folksong settings from composers like Benjamin Britten.

César Franck (1822-1890), the composer of this setting of ***Psalm 150***, was born in Belgium, son of a German mother; studied at Paris Conservatory and settled in Paris in 1844. He was also organist (eventually at the Basilique Ste-Clotilde, Paris) and noted teacher. He composed chamber music, piano and organ works, many songs, religious cantatas, and four operas.

How Firm a Foundation, although of anonymous origin, is a true American hymn first published in Funk's *Genuine Church Music* in 1832. That hymnal is part of what is often referred to as the Sacred Harp, or shape-note hymnal, tradition in our country which began in the early 19th Century. These treasures gained a rebirth during the bicentennial celebrations in 1976. Did you know that before the revival of this tune, FOUNDATION, this text was most often sung to the tune *Adeste Fideles (O Come All Ye Faithful)*? The text is also unattributed, but first discovered by John Rippon (1751–1836), who was an English Baptist clergy. He noted the author as "K."

The In Crowd by Ramsey Lewis (1935-2022) was composed in 1965 and released on a live recording from the Bohemian Caverns nightclub in Washington D.C. on the Argo label. That same year, 1965, Lewis won the Grammy Award for Best Jazz Album which included this piece. Ramsey Lewis passed away in Chicago last month. He was a giant in our city and in the world of jazz.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

On October 22, 2022, in Bourbonnais, IL at the conference of the Central Region of the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS), 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: Mark Sancya

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

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

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

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

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR celebrate the joyous wedding on Saturday of Colin O'Brien and Brittany Gorecki.

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 9 Emily Cittadine, Michael Hotz, Nancy Bingaman, Walter Crowley, Roger Miller, Ruby Teague
- Oct 10 Alec Valadez, Meg Tazelaar
- Oct 11 Christine Weil, Mike Stensaas, Rachel Barton Pine, Flynn Lechtenberg, Catalina Smedley
- Oct 12 Shelley Keller, Steve Herrin, Everett Hamm
- Oct 13 Alan Iverson, Julia Brizzolara, Julian Rodriguez
- Oct 14 Kendra Bultemeier, Jimmy Schmitz, Maxwell Nagy, Trevor Hafner
- Oct 15 Alicia Braun, Maggie Stepf, Aidan Rodriguez, Andrew Malley, Bennett Roark, Elizabeth Raterman, Sarah Moulton, Thea Mack, Wynne Emmrich

WELCOME, ASSOCIATE PASTOR LIZ NICKERSON

We are excited to announce that **Pastor Liz Nickerson** has joined us as St. Pauls next Associate Pastor! Liz has deep roots in Chicago and comes to St. Pauls from Southminster Presbyterian Church in Arlington Heights, where she served as 3333 Associate Pastor for Family Ministry.



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

Liz joined the St. Pauls staff full-time on October 3rd. Her collaborative leadership style makes her a wonderful addition to our staff.

Pick up a hard copy of the full announcement and letter from Pastor Liz in the Narthex, or see it online here: mailchi.mp/spucc/welcome_pastor_liz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARDS FOR A CAUSE FUNDRAISER EXTENDED

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

ELECTION WATCH 2022: Voting Poll Workers Needed.

Across the country, there's a crying need for members of the public to serve as voting poll workers. Power the Polls, powerthepolls.org, is a national drive to encourage individuals to participate as voting poll workers. There's training and even a modest stipend. There was a shortage of poll workers in 2020 and even more are needed in 2022 to ensure that every election runs smoothly and everyone's vote is counted.

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

Indigenous People's Day – This Indigenous Peoples' Day, please ponder the fact that the situation in this country is akin to a post-Holocaust Germany in which the anti-semitic Nuremberg Race Laws were still on the books and enforced. For more information and insight, see Steve Newcomb's *Pagans in the Promised Land: Decoding the Doctrine of Christian Discovery*; Peter d'Errico's *Federal Anti-Indian Law: The Legal Entrapment of Indigenous Peoples*; and Steve Schwartzberg's "Arguments over Genocide and 'federal Indian law,'" researchgate.net/publication/354060889.

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

REUSE/REPURPOSE/REIMAGINE

REUSE your cotton jeans and other denim. Blue Jeans Go Green™ program collects and repurposes denim apparel (made from at least 90% cotton) so it can be transformed into something new, such as insulation. Because cotton is a natural, sustainable fiber, your old denim can be kept out of a landfill and given new life. Since 2019, the program has diverted 87.5 tons of waste from landfills. More than 72,000 denim items were processed in 2021 alone. Shipping is free.

Visit bluejeansgogreen.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

Evening meetings enter through the courtyard door

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

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

OCT 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.

Next Sunday, 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 is up next. We'll explore this short book in three sessions. Bible Study will not meet on Oct. 12. 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 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 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 NEEDED – Volunteers are needed for the 10 a.m. in-person worship service each week to read the scripture passage of the day. Learn more and sign up here:

spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1079008

SPARC (St. Pauls Anti-Racism Cluster) meets monthly to discern how we as a congregation can answer the call to live our faith in an age of injustice. We invite you to join us in identifying the educational opportunities, resources, and actions to take on our journey toward racial justice. To participate or share your ideas, contact Cindy Ball at cindyball11@gmail.com.

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

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 Cerkon 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.
- Becky Blank, her husband, Hanns Kuttner, and their daughter Emily as Becky undergoes treatment for an aggressive form of cancer.
- Michael Toomin, as he recovers from a back injury and is undergoing physical therapy.
- Sergio, grandson of Ivy Sanz, who doctors are concerned might have leukemia.
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.

Prayer, Support, Mental Health Resources

Even when you walk through the valley of shadows, God is with you. Help is available for every kind of issue. Contact one of the pastors today for support, referrals, and information that can help you and your loved ones.

ABOUT ST. PAULS
Making a Joyful Sound in the City!

Saint Pauls UCC has a vibrant history in the city of Chicago. Founded in 1843, we are one of the city's oldest churches. In 1989, we became one of America's first congregations to declare ourselves "Open and Affirming" of LGBTQ people.

From founding Chicago's largest provider of social services to at-risk children to starting a home for the elderly, from housing protestors at the 1968 Democratic Convention to hosting Lincoln Park's first MLK day march against violence on Chicago's streets, we are proud to make a joyful sound in the city.

Most important, over the past 178 years we are glad to have introduced thousands of children and adults to the amazing, inclusive, life changing, uplifting love of God. We do so in worship that is traditional, but far from conventional.

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WELCOME TO SAINT PAULS UCC!

Welcome to those whose hearts are on fire with faith,
and to those who bring their doubt inside our doors.

Welcome to our first time guests and
our longtime members.

Welcome to single people, tiny children,
grandparents and families of all configurations.

Welcome to those who rejoice and to those who grieve.

Welcome to each and to everyone.

We are an Open and Affirming church.

We welcome all.

We are blessed by your presence and
we are glad you are here.