

Communion Sunday
January 1, 2023

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

"This is where we come with our hopes, invisible before us,
untouched and still possible."

WS Merwin

PRELUDE

In dulci jubilo
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

Marcel Dupré

CHIMES

INTROIT

Come, Lord Jesus
Pure Sound Youth Choir
Sid Davis, Director of Music and Fine Arts
St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Houston, TX

WELCOME

Matt Fitzgerald

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

One: For everything there is a season:

All: And a time for every matter under heaven:

One: A time to break down, and a time to build up.

All: A time to weep and a time to laugh.

One: A time to keep and a time to throw away.

All: A time to be silent and a time to speak.

One: God has made everything right in its time.

All: Let us sing with joy together!

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

* HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,___
3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,___

come ye, O come___ ye to Beth - le - hem;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven___ a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee___ be all glo - ry given;

Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

O come, let us a - dore him,___ Christ,___ the Lord!

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of six systems of staves. The first system contains three verses of the hymn. The subsequent systems contain the main body of the hymn, including the 'Bethlehem' section and the 'Adoration' section. The score uses various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, key signatures, time signatures, and lyrics. The final system ends with a double bar line.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liz Nickerson

**Though you have given us a new year,
Lord we cannot begin anew.
There is unfinished business in our lives;
strained relationships that need healing,
sinful routines we could easily repeat.
We need courage to surrender
ourselves to your mercy.
Thank you for giving us
not just courage, not just mercy,
but your very self at Christmas.
We give you our sinfulness in return.
And then, immediately, our joy. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* HYMN

All Beautiful the March of Days

1. All beau - ti - ful the march of__ days, as sea - sons come and go;
2. O'er bril-liant fields of spar - kling snow the ra - diant morns un - fold;
3. O you from whose un - fath - omed law the year in__ beau - ty flows,

the hand that shaped the rose has formed the crys - tal__ of the snow,
The sol - emn splen - dors of__ the__ night burn bright-ly__ through the cold.
your - self the splen - did vi - sion__ seen in crys - tal__ and in rose,

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with line numbers 1, 2, and 3 indicating different verses. The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the first system.



Has sent the sil - ver frost of heaven, the flow - ing wa - ters sealed,
 Life mounts in ev - ery puls - ing_ vein, love deep - ens 'round the hearth,
 The pass - ing days with grace de - clare, and pass - ing nights pro - claim,

And laid a si - lent love - li - ness on hill and wood and field.
 And clear - er sounds the an - gel hymn, "Good will to_ all on earth."
 In ev - er - chang - ing words of_ light, the won - der of your name.

SCRIPTURE

Mark Sancya

Luke 2:41-50

Every year Jesus' parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up as they always did for the Feast. When it was over and they left for home, the child Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents didn't know it. Thinking he was somewhere in the company of pilgrims, they journeyed for a whole day and then began looking for him among relatives and neighbors. When they didn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem looking for him.

The next day they found him in the Temple seated among the teachers, listening to them and asking questions. The teachers were all quite taken with him, impressed with the sharpness of his answers. But his parents were not impressed; they were upset and hurt.

His mother said, "Young man, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been half out of our minds looking for you."

He said, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that I had to be here, dealing with the things of my Father?" But they had no idea what he was talking about.

*** 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)

*** ANTHEM**

Gaudete
Pure Sound Youth Choir

Traditional

Rejoice, Rejoice!
Christ is born
Of the virgin Mary,
Rejoice! Rejoice, Rejoice!
Christ is born
Of the virgin Mary,
Rejoice!

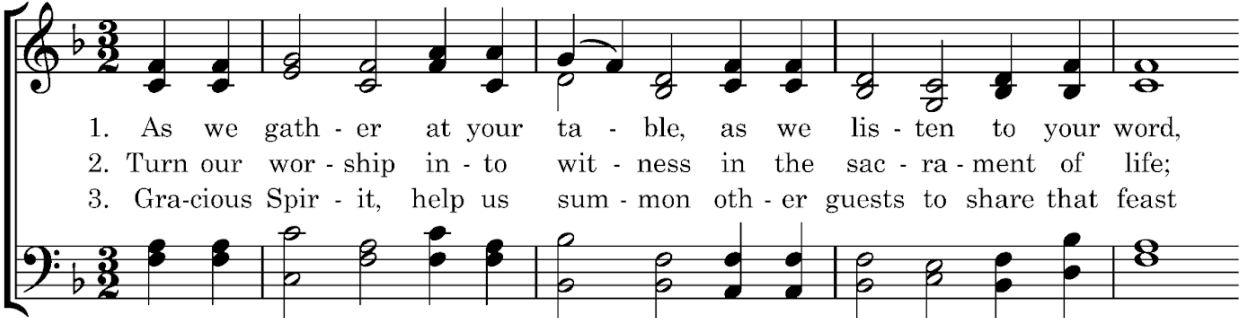
SERMON

"Young God"

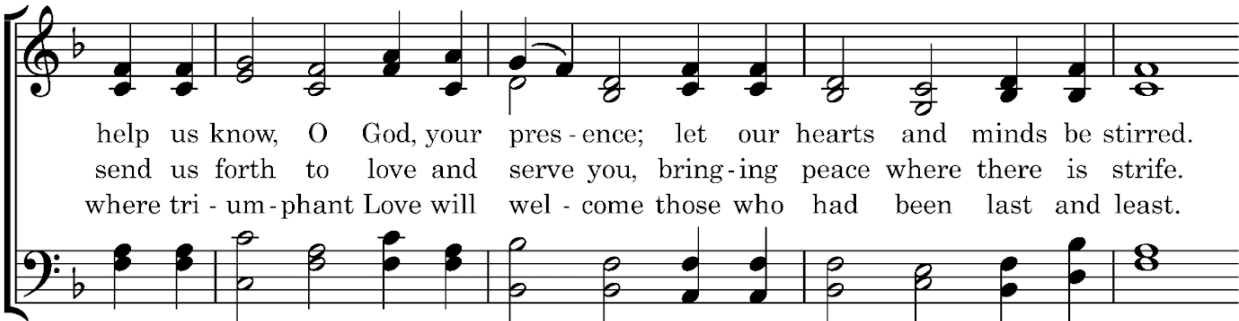
Matt Fitzgerald

* COMMUNION HYMN


As We Gather at Your Table



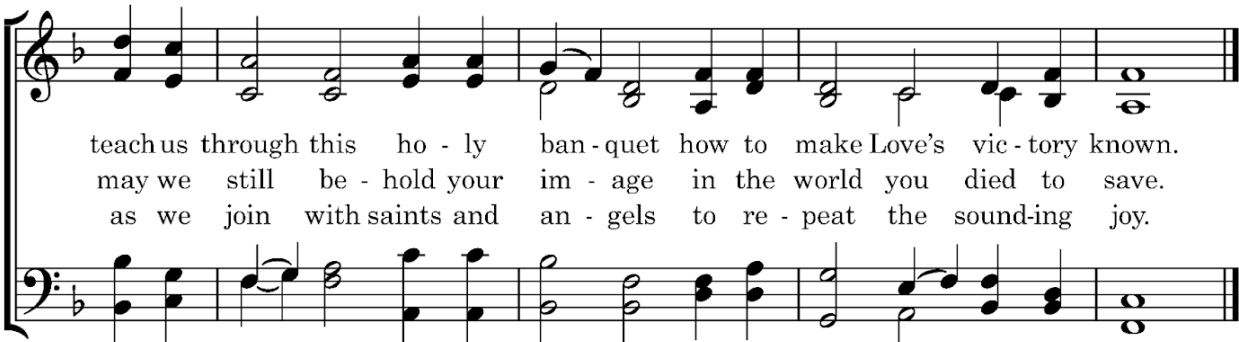
1. As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3. Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as_ our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

OFFERTORY

Brightest and Best
Pure Sound Youth Choir

Paul Sjolund

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dew drops are shining,
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall,
Angel adore him in Slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch, and Savior of all.

Shall we not offer our costly devotion,
Fragrance of Edom and offerings divine.
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

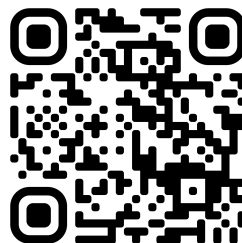
Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would we favor secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration;
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

You can give to St. Pauls electronically by:

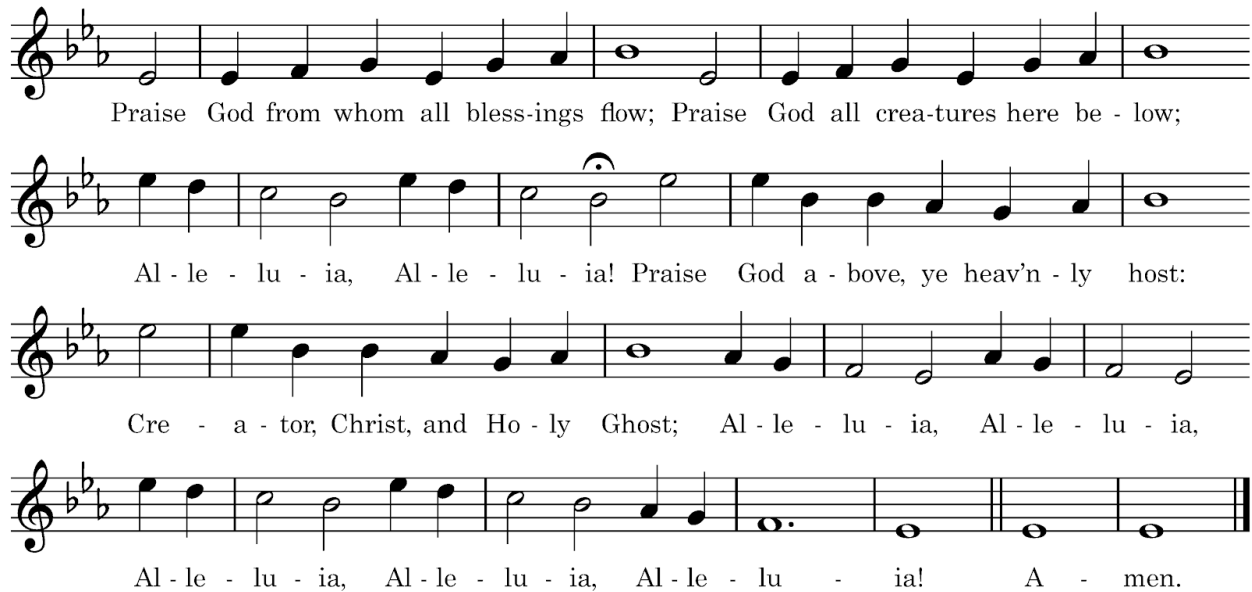
Scanning this code with your cell phone camera,

At spucc.churchcenter.com/giving,

Or through Zelle or PayPal 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.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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.**

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*Please come forward for communion.
Take the bread and eat it. Then take the cup and drink.
Deposit the cups in the baskets on the way back to your seat.
The outer ring of cups contains grape juice. The inner rings contain wine.
A gluten-free bread option is wrapped and available on a separate tray.
Return to your seat by the side aisles.
All are welcome to take part in communion.*

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Jesus, we thank you for Christmas and for the feast that makes Christmas real. You bring peace to strife, joy in our sadness, courage at dawn. We are amazed by these gifts. 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 be 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



glo - ry of God As the wa - ters cov - er the sea.
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* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Peace, Peace
Pure Sound Youth Choir

Rick and Sylvia Powell
arr. Fred Bock

Peace on earth, and good will to all.
This is a time for joy.
This is a time for love.

The congregation is invited to join in singing on the third repeat of

Silent night, Holy night,
All is calm, All is bright.
Round yon virgin, mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild.
Sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace.

POSTLUDE

Behold, God Is My Salvation
Pure Sound Youth Choir

Jody Lindh

***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,
downstairs, directly beneath the Sanctuary.***

TODAY'S MUSIC

We are so pleased to welcome the **Pure Sound Youth Choir** from St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Houston, Texas. Pure Sound Youth Choir is a mainstay of the Music and Fine Arts program at St. Luke's, and serves as the worship choir regularly at the 8:30 a.m. Sunday service. Comprised of hard-working and dedicated 6th through 12th graders, these singers follow in the footsteps of young people who have sung since the choir was founded in 1996. The choir tours every other year just after Christmas and destinations have been foreign and domestic, from Alaska to Cuba, Scotland to San Francisco.

On alternate years, the choir traditionally presents Vivaldi's *Gloria* on Christmas Eve, along with scores of alumni singers who return for the event. In addition, they present a major musical every spring, and those shows have included everything from *Oklahoma* and *Guys and Dolls* to *The Little Mermaid* and the 2022 offering, *Once Upon a Mattress*. Under the direction of founder Sid Davis, these young singers change the world each and every week with their unparalleled service.

We also want to acknowledge that our connection to St. Luke's has been facilitated by Chancel Choir member and past St. Pauls Congregation President Jim Brandt. His daughters, Barbara Brandt and Dr. Carrie Carlson, as well as his grandchildren, are deeply involved in the music and fine arts ministry of St. Luke's. Jim raves about the music he hears there when he visits and it is a pleasure to be able to have the Pure Sound Youth Choir share their talents with us.

Pure Sound Youth Choir

Sid Davis, Founder and Director

Trinity Aguila	Alex Hansen	Audrey Seaworth
Caitlyn Barcus	Zachary Hansen	Aiden Stonebarger
Karolina Chaloupka	Sienna Kissack	Marion Tallon
Henry Coffman	Caroline Lewis	Pollyanna Tallon
Aurora Colunga French	Liam Moorhead	Tessa Throckmorton-Kahn
Yanis Diaz	Emma Osterman	Wyatt Throckmorton-Kahn
Lillie Eichenlaub	Rachel Osterman	Grace Voelkel
Viane Eicken-Zelko	Fenix Poole	Bella Weiss
Jay Gann	Lorelei Poole	Emmy Weiss
Sebastian Godfrey	Jordan Rhames	

In dulci jubilo is a tune that we associate with *Good Christians Friends, Rejoice*. The Latin text means “in sweet rejoicing,” and is an undated folk dance from the Middle Ages. It has been set by many composers including Buxtehude, Bach, Liszt, and Holst. Marcel Dupré (1886-1971) was among the most famous French organist-composers of the 20th century. He was also a champion of the great French organ builder Cavaillé-Coll. He composed his setting in 1931.

Come, Lord Jesus! is an arrangement of a familiar Celtic tune set with the text *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*. The tune itself was made famous to the masses as a 1970s commercial, if it rings true to your ear!

O Come, All Ye Faithful, known by the Latin tune title ADESTE FIDELES, is definitely a carol that we sing on Christmas Eve, BUT how appropriate the words are after a separation from each other for more than a year, *O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant...* The words and music are attributed to John Francis Wade (1711-1786), who wrote the text originally in Latin. He left England in 1745 because of the persecution of Catholics. The English text was added by Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880), an Anglican priest, in the mid-19th century.

Gaudete - A traditional, early music setting of the words.

The text for ***All Beautiful the March of Days*** was written in 1907 by Frances Whitmarsh Wile (1878-1939). She was an American who composed this mid-winter text with encouragement from her pastor while she was a parishioner at a church in Rochester, NY. She composed only a few hymn texts and this is the most famous. FOREST GREEN is an English folk tune that Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) arranged in 1906 for a hymnal. In England, this tune is associated with the carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem*.

Brightest and Best - This work bridges Christmastide to Epiphany in an elegant way and leads us into the new year with a true sense of optimism.

The text for ***As We Gather at Your Table*** was written in 1989 by Carl P. Daw Jr. (b. 1944). Daw is the son of a Baptist minister and has a Ph.D. in English literature. He has penned a number of hymn texts. The tune, BEACH SPRING, is attributed to Benjamin F. White (1800-1879) and is first found in the great American shape-note hymnal, *The Sacred Harp*, which dates from 1844.

Peace, Peace employs a type of melody often referred to as a “companion melody,” and this one in particular allows for the congregation to sing along with one verse of *Silent Night*.

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.

Behold, God Is My Salvation was composed by Jody Lindh, who served as the organist/choirmaster of University Park United Methodist Church, Dallas, TX, from 1969 to 2013, and takes its text from Isaiah 12.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Matt Fitzgerald, Liz Nickerson

Music Director: Kurt R. Hansen

Organist: Kevin Dzierzawski

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Scripture Reader: Mark Sancya

Communion Coordinator: Jana O'Brien

Ushers: Mary Brown, Fred Pearson

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

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

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

Communion bread baked by Marcia Knudson.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in memory of Shirley Rieck, from Ninon Freeman.

BORN THIS WEEK IN JANUARY

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.

Jan 1 Nathan Chamberlain, Addie Kohler, Dante Williams

Jan 2 Matilda Fanai Danesh

Jan 3 Aaron Lawson, Brian Earl, Susan Michod, Theresa Busker

Jan 5 Christy Frisch, Sally Glowiak, Charles Hall, Carter Kuhlman

Jan 6 Liz Harper

Jan 7 Karaçan Sayrun-Thomas, Courtney Sensenbrenner, Jeff Wagner

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

JAN 8 - OFFICE OF GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION “TEACH-IN” -

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Oscar Mayer Room

Staff from Live Free Chicago will be with us to talk about an opportunity for the City of Chicago to create a long-term plan to address and reduce gun violence through a proposed Office of Gun Violence. Join us as we learn how to advocate for a policy that brings investment and healing to communities. Some of the topics we will cover include: what violence looks like across the country and in Chicago; current cost of violence in the city of Chicago; gun violence as a public health issue; the Office of Gun Violence Prevention as a solution. Please sign up here: tinyurl.com/mrfshf8s

JAN 8 - 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 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.

JAN 22 - NEW MEMBER CLASS - 11 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room

Join pastors, members, and others curious about Saint Pauls for our Winter 2023 New Member Class. Together we'll talk about faith and our community, and we'd love you to be part of the conversation! We'll meet in the Oscar Mayer Room after worship, and childcare will be provided as needed (please let us know in the signup). Register here, spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1557307, or contact Pastor Matt for more information at mfitzgerald@spucc.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN OUR ORCHESTRA

For the first time since 2020, the St. Pauls Intergenerational Orchestra will again perform in worship on Sunday, March 12, with an all-Brahms program. Orchestra members include pre-teens, teenagers and adults of all ages and abilities! Rehearsals are immediately after church for about an hour in the Oscar Mayer Room on 2/19, 2/26 and 3/5. If you are interested, please contact our conductor Mark Mosley at (773) 732-0625 or mwmosley@gmail.com. If you play an orchestral string, woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument, please join us as together we “Make a Joyful Sound in the City!”

BIBLE OFF BROADWAY IS BACK IN 2023!

Rehearsals begin on January 8 for next year's production of *Noah and the Ark*, and we need to fill the ark! We're hoping for all of our children and youth to participate and there is something for every interest - singing, dancing, acting, as well as behind the scenes. If you're a parent, please fill out the survey so we can plan for a full cast and a joyful return of B.O.B. in 2023. The production will be in worship on February 5. Please fill out the survey here: <https://tinyurl.com/bdfmz3jt> Questions? Contact Pastor Jeff at jcarlson@spucc.org.

2023 YOUTH MISSION TRIP - BE THE NEIGHBOR IN TUCSON!

Youth who this year are in 8-12 grades are invited to a Tucson Immigration and Welcome Week, June 10-17. We'll spend the week in education, collaboration, cultural exchange, and hands-on service. We'll learn about immigration in our borderlands. We'll learn to put our faith into service through desert walks, humanitarian aid, preparing and serving meals, building projects, learning about the immigration process, activism and advocacy. Our hope is that this trip will help us apply what we learn in new ways with immigrants when we return home. Cost is \$500, plus we'll do fundraising for the extra expenses and airfare. You can find out more and sign up here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1508128

2023 ALTAR FLOWER & SCRIPTURE READER SIGN-UPS

Sign-ups for this year's altar flowers and scripture readers are now available!

Sign up for flowers here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1517246

Sign up for reading here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1508612

CREATION CORNER - provided by the Green Team

REFLECT ON CREATION JUSTICE

Start the New Year with a new mindset. How you think of yourself matters. Many of us see ourselves as "consumers," those who use things up and toss them out. You can make a significant change in yourself and for the good of the Earth by changing the way you think. Explore being a minimalist as a practical and faithful way of being. Seeing ourselves as citizens who care for the welfare of the community makes a difference in our actions. Which aligns with your faith? Which do you want to be?

JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

Fixing abandoned homes can reduce gun violence. A study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* found a link between gun violence and abandoned homes, tinyurl.com/2mrk7hpc. Researchers found that fully restored areas showed about a 13% decrease in gun assaults there. The authors reported that there was no evidence of a "relocation" of armed violence to other, unrehabilitated areas. Read more here, tinyurl.com/2wcmppnv.

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. You can also pledge online at spucc.org/pledge or by scanning this QR code.



Note: 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. Your pledge does not enable St. Pauls to change a recurring donation you have set up through any of our giving methods.

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 2023 dates at spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1517246.

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 – Follow this link for additional information: 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 Luerssen at stpaulssocial@spucc.org. Subscribe to the distribution list below, or look out for future events in the bulletin calendar: spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/st-pauls-social

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/1508612

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.

- A 17-year-old patient who is critically ill.
- Justin Hartanov and family at the death of his mother, Betsy.
- Benji Weizman, student of Kurt Hansen, at the death of his father, Gabriel.
- For the safety of Steve Schwartzberg's friend, Anthony.
- David, a 28-year-old recovering from an emergency operation.
- Gary Ashley, for improved strength.
- Susie Rodriguez at the death of her mother, Ruth.
- Family and friends of Larry Simpson's sister-in-law, Esther Simpson, at her death.
- Annie, Jeff, and Charlie Johnson after the death of Annie's father.
- Doug Coe, recovering from an illness.
- 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.
- Al Cerkon on his continuing health journey.
- Kompare family, displaced from their home after a fire in their building.
- Michael Toomin, as he recovers from a back injury and is undergoing physical therapy.
- 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 179 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.