

January 15, 2023

No matter who you are,
No matter where you are
On life's journey,
You are welcome here.

Please silence cell phones.

There is no Sunday School this week. The Nursery is open for children ages 0 to 4.

Kids can join us in the Social Hall downstairs for B.O.B. practice!

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

"History will have to record that the greatest tragedy of this period was not the strident clamor of the bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people."

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

PRELUDE

If We Ever Needed the Lord Before
Sr. Arbucks Quartet

Thomas A. Dorsey
arr. Take 6

INTROIT

O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word
Chancel Choir

CHIMES

WELCOME

Jeff Carlson

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: You surely are a strange God, Lord!

**All: It takes a marvelous sense of humor
to entrust your kingdom to people like us.**

One: But this is what you have done.

You made the church Christ's body on earth.

All: Let that fact make us joyful.

**Thank you for giving us your trust,
your love, and one another!**

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

* HYMN

Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim; Let

all a - dore_____ and praise_____ that sa - cred name.

1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod, the
2. Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied bears
3. O Christ, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, your
4. Set up your throne, that earth's de - spair may cease, be -

Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ the Child of God.
on the___ brow the seal of Christ who died.
death has___ brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
- neath the___ shad - ow of its heal - ing peace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God,
forgive us for what we could have been but failed to be.
We confess that we need your help,
Thank you for the inspiration of Jesus.
Grant that we will love you with all our hearts, souls, and minds, and love
our neighbors as we love ourselves,
even our enemy neighbors.
And we ask you, God, in these days of emotional tension,
when the problems of the world
are gigantic in extent and chaotic in detail,
be with us in our going out and our coming in,
in our rising up and in our lying down,
in our moments of joy and in our moments of sorrow,
until the day when there shall be no sunset and no dawn.
Amen.**

(A prayer by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

Spirit of the Living God

v. 1

1. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;
2. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on us;

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on us.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.____
Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us.____

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on us.

SCRIPTURE

Mark Sancya

John 1:29-34, selections

When a group of priests and officials asked John who he was, he was completely honest. He didn't evade the question. He told the plain truth: "I am not the Messiah."

They pressed him, "Who, then? Elijah?"

"I am not."

"The Prophet?"

"No."

Exasperated, they said, "Who, then? Tell us something—anything!—about yourself."

"I'm thunder in the desert: 'Make the road straight for God!' I'm doing what the prophet Isaiah preached. One you don't recognize has taken his stand in your midst. He comes after me, but he is not behind me. I'm not even worthy to hold his coat for him."

The very next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and yelled out, "Here he is, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. This is the man I've been talking about. I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I have seen and I have testified that *this* is the Son of God."

* 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

Spirit of the Living God
See previous hymn

v. 2

SERMON

“One and Many and Many Who Are One”

Matt Fitzgerald

* HYMN

Thank Our God for Christian Siblings



1. Thank our God for_ Chris-tian sib - lings, one by_ grace, in__ har - mo - ny,
2. Praise to__ God for_ con - gre - ga - tions, keep-ing_ faith with Christ as guide;
3. Ho - ly__ is your name for - ev - er! Heal di - vi - sions that re-main;



Join - ing heart to__ heart with oth - ers, mak - ing strong com - mu - ni - ty.
Man - y tongues of__ man - y na - tions, song and ser - vice u - ni - fied.
Bless the_ church's new en - deav - ors; make our_ wit - ness one a - gain.



With the_ cross of Christ our_ stan-dard, let us_ sing as with one voice,
Sweet the psalm and sweet the_ car - ol, when our song is raised as__ one.
One in__ Christ and in Christ's gos - pel, make us__ one we now im - plore.



Glo - ry,__ glo - ry,__ yours the prom-ise: we who are the church re - joice.
Glo - ry,__ glo - ry,__ yours the pow - er, as in heaven your will be done.
Glo - ry,__ glo - ry,__ yours the glo - ry, then and now and ev - er - more.

OFFERTORY

There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob
Chancel Choir

Felix Mendelssohn

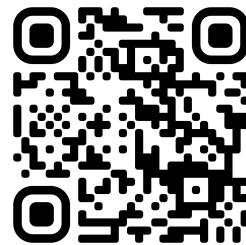
There shall a star come out of Jacob,
and a sceptre shall rise out of Israel;
With might destroying princes and nations!
As bright the star of morning gleams,
So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams
Of light and consolation.
Thy word, o Lord,
Radiance darting, truth imparting,
Gives salvation;
Thine be praise and adoration!
Text based on Numbers 24:17

You can give to St. Pauls electronically by:

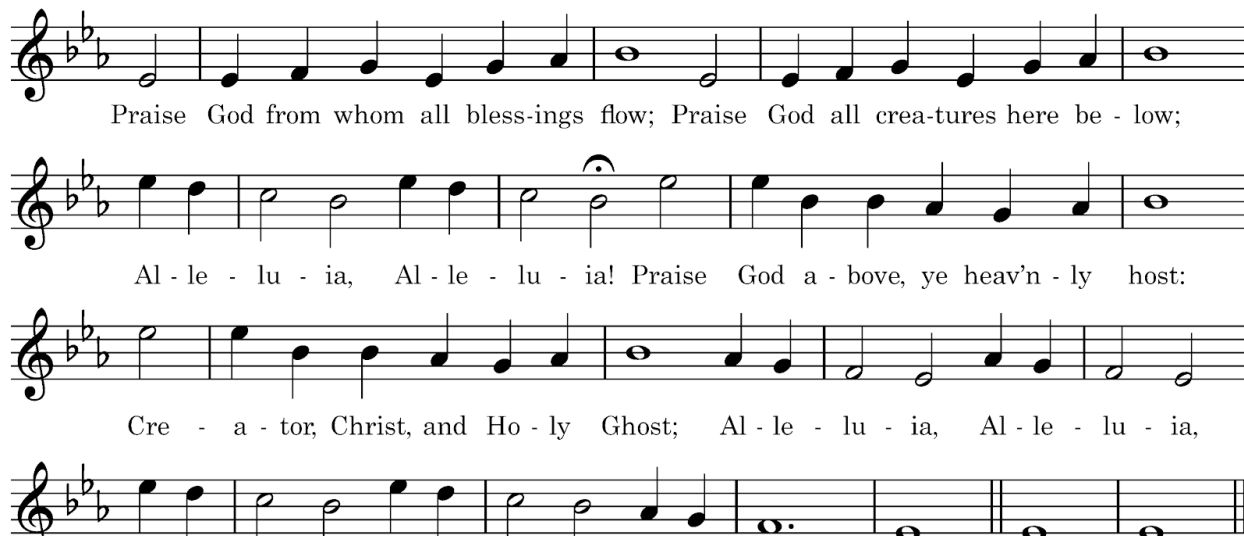
Scanning this code with your cell phone camera,

At spucc.churchcenter.com/giving,

Or through Zelle or PayPal to giving@spucc.org.



* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



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 written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The lyrics are: "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."

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

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Liz Nickerson

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

* HYMN

O God of Earth and Altar

1. O God of earth and al - tar, bow down and hear our cry;
2. From all that ter - ror teach - es, from lies of pen and voice,
3. A - wak - en us to ac - tion and forge us in - to one,

Our earth - ly rul - ers fal - ter, our peo - ple drift and die;
From all the eas - y speech - es that make our hearts re - joice,
de - fy - ing sect and fac - tion; O God, your will be done!

The walls of gold en - tomb us, the swords of scorn di - vide;
From val - ue's pro - fan - a - tion, from hon - or sac - ri - ficed,
Op - press - ive sys - tems snare us; our ap - a - thies in - crease.

Take not your thun - der from us, but take a - way our pride.
From sleep and from dam - na - tion, de - liv - er us, O Christ!
Great God, in mer - cy spare us for jus - tice and for peace!

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o, Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - - o." The vocal line features a melodic line with various note values including eighth, quarter, and half notes, often beamed together. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines in the bass.

POSTLUDE

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

Johann Pachelbel

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 Gym.

TODAY'S MUSIC

If We Ever Needed the Lord Before, We Sure Do Need Him Now was composed in 1943 by Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993). He is truly the originator of gospel music, a fusion of church music with jazz. He is a Chicago original and beloved worldwide. Take 6 is an American acapella sextet that was formed in 1980 at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama. They focus music on updated versions of spirituals and Gospel music.

O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word is a text composed in 1991 by Ruth Duck (b. 1947), one of the most influential hymn composers of our time having penned more than 150 hymn texts. She is also an ordained pastor in the United Church of Christ and retired professor of worship at Garrett-Evangelical Seminary in Evanston, IL. The tune, DICKINSON COLLEGE, was composed in 1962 by Lee Hastings Bristol (1923-1979). He was an American born into the family of the Bristol-Myers Company. He got his organ performance degree at Trinity College in London.

The original text for ***Thank Our God for Christian Siblings*** was written in 1948 by Roger K. Powell (1914-2003) for a rallying song for The National Council of Churches meeting in 1952. The text was updated for our New Century Hymnal. PLEADING SAVIOR was first published in 1830 and is attributed to Joshua Levitt (1794-1873). Levitt was a Yale graduate and became a Congregational minister. He aided a slave to escape the South and raised funds for the defense of the Armistad captives.

There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob was composed in 1847 by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) as part of an unfinished oratorio, *Christus*. Like Mozart, he 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. The closing portion of this anthem employs the chorals *Wie schöne leuchtet die Morgenstern* (How bright appears the morning star.)

The author of ***O God of Earth and Altar*** (1906) was Gilbert Keith Chesterson (1874-1936). He was a British journalist and lay theologian who also dabbled in hymn writing. LLANGLOFFAN is an unattributed Welsh melody.

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern is known to us in English as an Epiphany hymn, *O Morning Star, How Clear and Bright*, that can be found in our Black Hymnal No. 158. The chorale melody was composed in 1598 by Philip Nicolai (1556-1608), a Lutheran pastor, poet, and composer. This chorale melody was so beloved that it was set by many composers including Bach (1685-1750). Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706) is not well known outside music circles, but his compositions, especially for organ and choir, provided a deep foundation for German composers in the following generation, such as Bach and his contemporaries.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Jeff Carlson, Matt Fitzgerald, Liz Nickerson

Music Director: Kurt R. Hansen

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

Organist: Kevin Dzierzawski

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Scripture Reader: Mark Sancya

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Doug Clark, Jen Luerssen, Jeff Matthews

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

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

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

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 15 Larry Simpson, Adrian Broderick, Jonah Schloerb, Julia Frisch, Mark Sancya, Lindsey Liabo
Jan 16 Alan Cramb, Kristin Lane Mack, Nicholas Peterson
Jan 17 Mark Weglarz, Allie Roehm
Jan 18 Annie Holland, Brian Nach, Cara Hotz, Jake Peterson, Boris Tong
Jan 20 Tom Kompere, Judson Harper
Jan 21 Ann Carstensen, Joanne Tong, Pamela Smith, Abby Simonton, Summer Abraham

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

TODAY - ST PAULS SOCIAL PLANNING MEETING - 11 a.m., Comet Room (west end of the Social Hall)

Are you interested in getting together with other St. Pauls adults in 2023? Have an idea? St. Pauls Social is having a brief planning meeting after worship and you're welcome to join us as we brainstorm together. Jen Luerssen chairs this fun group of people!

JAN 16 - MEET UCAN IN NORTH LAWNSDALE - 10 a.m., UCAN, 3605 W. Fillmore St, Chicago, IL 60624. UCAN's motto is "Youth who have experienced trauma can become our future leaders." Saint Pauls founded this amazing agency during the Civil War. Today, UCAN is the city's largest social service agency for youth. We have been invited to tour the campus, meet UCAN leadership, learn about their mission and have some fun. **Carpools available.** We'll leave from the Saint Pauls parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Register here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1588267

JAN 16 - CRS MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY FAITH IN ACTION ASSEMBLY -

1 p.m., St. Mark UMC, 8441 S. Saint Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, IL 60619.

Community Renewal Society responds to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s call to put our faith in action by hosting an annual assembly on the holiday commemorating his life and work. This year, CRS will be holding a Chicago Community Conversation to voice your concerns. Join members of our St. Pauls Anti-Racism Cluster and other member churches of CRS to hear from district council and aldermanic candidates and learn about Chicago's 2023 elections. To join the St. Pauls group, with carpool possibility, RSVP here: tinyurl.com/yeyvarmc.

JAN 17- RETIREMENT GROUP - 10 a.m., Parlor

Please join us to discuss various ways to spend our retirement meaningfully. Please call Marcia Knudson at (773) 480-4189 or email (marciaknudson@gmail.com) with any questions.

JAN 18 - SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY PHILIPPIANS - 12 p.m., Zoom

The Apostle Paul wrote this letter while chained in a foul Roman prison, yet it is surprisingly full of joy. Written to a church that was founded and led mostly by women, Philippians gives us a glimpse of how the early Christians were forming a counter-cultural community grounded in the compassion and justice of Jesus in the heart of the Roman Empire. Meets weekly. RSVP to Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org.

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

YOUTH & FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Make sure you stay in the know with youth events! A weekly email is sent to parents to share activities, including Sunday School lessons and other useful news. If you do not receive this email and would like to be added to the email list, please contact Erin Fitzgerald at erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org. If you would like to share information regarding youth-related events in an upcoming newsletter, please submit the paragraph or flier to Erin by Wednesday at noon.

BIBLE OFF BROADWAY IS BACK!

Rehearsals have begun for this 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. Join us in the Social Hall for rehearsals at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. The production will be in worship on February 5. Questions? Contact Pastor Jeff at jcarlson@spucc.org.

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!"

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

JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

Join the Community Renewal Society in continuing the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Jemar Tisby reminds us that fostering justice involves empowering local residents to be part of the transformation in their own communities, and this begins by making their concerns our concerns. This year, CRS will host a Chicago Community Conversation on January 16, 1-3:30 p.m., to provide space for sharing community concerns, hearing from district council and aldermanic candidates, and learning about the 2023 municipal election. Learn more and register to intend live or virtually here: tinyurl.com/mrxnump9.

CREATION CORNER - provided by the Green Team

REFLECT ON CREATION JUSTICE

We cannot restore our imperiled planet without transforming our food system. What you choose to eat makes a powerful impact on your personal environmental footprint. Meats, eggs, and dairy inflict high environmental costs. Please prayerfully consider changes. If you are not already, can you be a vegetarian or vegan? If not, you can start by being a reducetarian. Reducing the amount of animal products in your diet by just 10% makes a difference. If even 25% of Americans did so, the impact would be enormous. Challenge family and friends to swap meat-based dishes to plant-based.

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 Luerksen 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.

- Family and friends of Darlene Braun at her death.
- Friends of the Van Zeyls, Sarah, Timmy, and their daughter Grace as their older daughter Hannah recovers from open heart surgery.
- Winnie Dunn's mother Patti for healing of a wound.
- 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 and Petrine Ashley for improved strength.
- Al Cerkkan 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.