

Third Sunday in Lent  
Intergenerational Orchestra  
Annual Meeting  
March 12, 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.  
The Nursery and Toddler Room are open for children ages 0-5, from 10 to 11 a.m.*

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"Echoes bound to a joyful sound."

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

PRELUDE

*Poco Allegretto*  
from *Symphony No. 3 in F Major, Op. 90*  
Intergenerational Orchestra  
Mark Mosley, conductor

Johannes Brahms

CHIMES

INTROIT

*God, Speak to Me That I May Speak*  
Chancel Choir

Robert Schumann

WELCOME

Liz Nickerson

\* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We ask ourselves, "Who am I to be brilliant, talented, fabulous?"

**All: Actually, who are you not to be?**

One: You are a child of God, redeemed by Christ!

**All: Our playing small doesn't serve the world.**

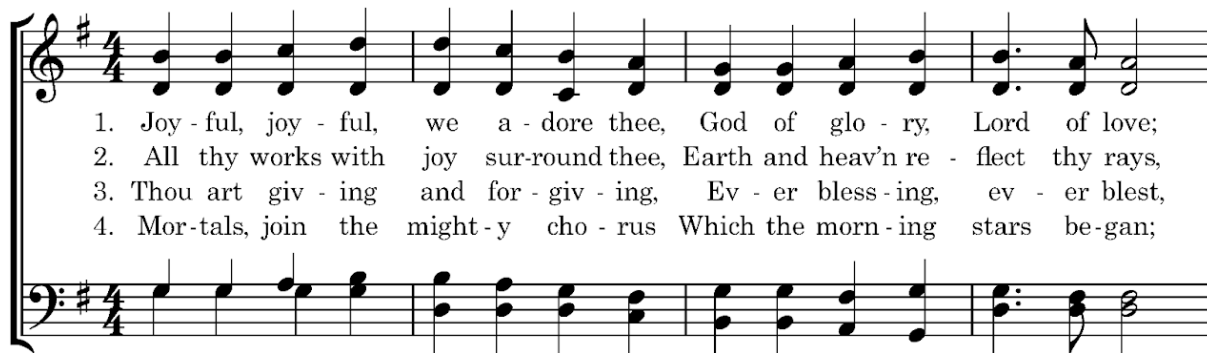
One: We are born to manifest the glory God has given us.

**All: Saint Pauls exists to be Christ's body!**

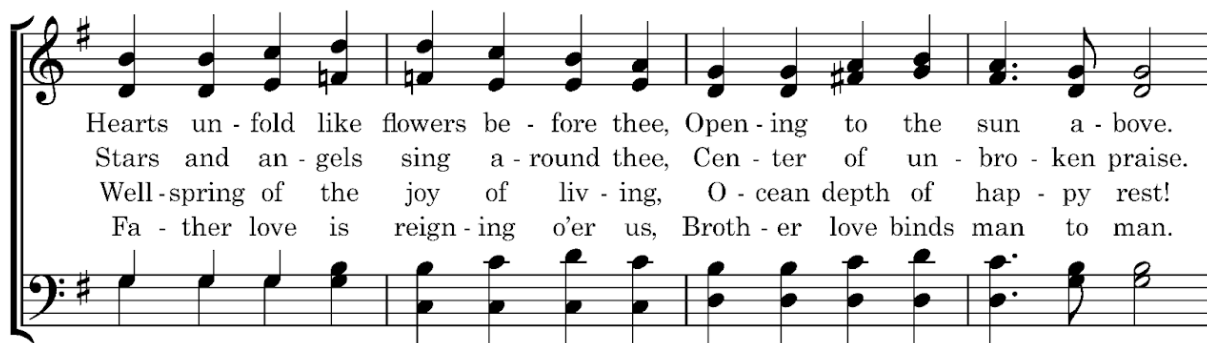
\* *Please stand if you are able to do so.*

\* HYMN

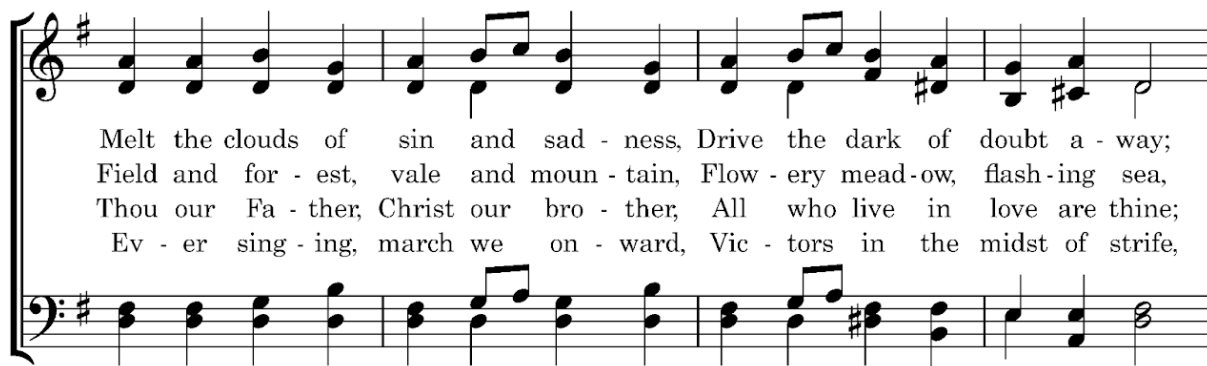
*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*



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



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



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



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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeff Carlson

**Oh God, we give you all that we are carrying.  
Our cares, that you may care for them.  
Our fears, that you may quiet them.  
Our thoughts, that you may cleanse them.  
Our sins that you may forgive them.  
We give you our lives, that you may guide them.  
Forgive us into resurrection, Lord.  
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

*Lass dich nur nichts nicht Dauren*

Brahms

Let nothing every grieve thee (Sung in German)  
Chancel Choir

Lass dich nur nichts nicht dauren mit Trauren,  
Sei stille, wie Gott es fügt, so sei vergnügt mein Wille.  
Was willst du heute sorgen auf Morgen, der Eine steht  
    Allem für, der gibt auch dir das Deine.  
Sei nur in allem Handel ohn' Wandel, steh' feste,  
Was Gott beschleusst, das ist und heisst das Beste. Amen

*Let nothing ever grieve thee, distress thee, nor fret thee;  
Heed God's good will, my soul, be still, compose thee.  
Why brood all day in sorrow? Tomorrow will bring thee  
    God's help benign and grace sublime in mercy.  
Be true in all endeavor and ever ply bravely;  
What God decrees, brings joy and peace, He'll stay thee. Amen*

SCRIPTURE

Mark Sancya

*Psalm 95*

O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock  
of our salvation! !  
Let us march into his presence singing praises,  
Let us make a joyful noise to him  
with grateful hymns!  
And why? Because the Lord is a great God,  
High King over all the gods.  
In one hand he holds the depths of the earth.  
In the other hand he holds the high mountains.  
The sea is his. He made it.  
His hands sculpted the dry land.  
So come, let us worship: bow before him,  
on your knees before God, who made us!  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture, sheep he feeds.  
Drop everything and listen, listen as he speaks:  
“Don’t turn a deaf ear as at Meribah,  
As on the day of the Wilderness Test,  
when your ancestors turned and put *me* to the test.  
For forty years they watched me at work among them,  
as over and over they tried my patience.  
And I was provoked—oh, was I provoked!  
“These are a people whose hearts go astray,  
and they do not regard my ways.’  
Exasperated, I exploded,  
“They’ll never get where they’re headed,  
never be able to sit down and rest.”

\* A 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

*I Come with Joy*

v. 1



1. I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4. And thus we meet, and bet - ter know the Pres - ence, ev - er
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, in friend - ship we will



free,\_\_\_\_\_ The life of Je - sus to re - call, in  
fed,\_\_\_\_\_ The new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
ends.\_\_\_\_\_ The love that made\_ us, makes us one, and  
near,\_\_\_\_\_ And join our hearts and sing with joy that  
stay,\_\_\_\_\_ And go with joy\_\_\_\_\_ to love the world and



love laid down for me,\_\_\_\_\_ in love laid down for me.\_\_\_\_\_  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread,\_\_\_\_\_ in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.\_\_\_\_\_  
strang - ers now\_ are friends, and strang - ers now\_ are friends.  
Christ is ris - en here,\_\_\_\_\_ that Christ is ris - en here.\_\_\_\_\_  
live the way\_ we pray,\_\_\_\_\_ and live the way\_ we pray.\_\_\_\_\_

SERMON

"Making a Joyful Sound in the City"

Matt Fitzgerald

\* HYMN

*I Come with Joy*  
See previous hymn

vv. 2-4

OFFERTORY

*Selig sind, die da Leid tragen*  
(Blessed are they who bear tribulations)  
from *Ein deutsches Requiem, Op. 45*  
(A German Requiem)  
Intergenerational Orchestra

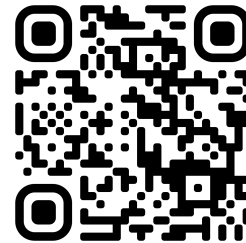
Brahms

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*Or through Zelle or PayPal to [giving@spucc.org](mailto:giving@spucc.org).*



\* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY

Musical notation for the Festival Doxology, featuring four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 THANKSGIVING

\* HYMN

*A Mighty Fortress*



1. A might - y for - tress is\_\_\_ our God, A bul - wark nev - er
2. Did we in our\_ own strength con - fide, Our striv - ing would be
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should threat - en to un -
4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, No thanks to them, a -



fail - ing; Our help - er he\_\_\_ a - mid\_ the flood Of  
 los - ing, Were not the right man on\_\_\_ our side, The  
 - do\_\_\_\_\_ us, We will not fear, for God hath willed His  
 - bid - eth; The Spir - it and\_ the gifts\_ are ours Through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe Doth  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim, We  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, This



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



armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - - qual.  
 age to age the same, And he must win the bat - tle.  
 lo, his doom is sure: One lit - tle word shall fell\_\_\_\_\_ him.  
 truth a - bid - eth still, His king - dom is for - ev - - er.

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Amen*  
 Chancel Choir

Brahms



POSTLUDE

*Finale*  
from *Symphony No. 1 in C Major, Op. 68*  
Intergenerational Orchestra

Brahms

***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 to stay in the Sanctuary for the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Congregation of St. Pauls. We will vote on the 2023 budget, new members of the Church Council, and learn about the activities of 2022 and plans going into 2023. Members have voice and vote; Friends have voice.***

***Scan this code with your cell phone camera to view the meeting packet, or pick up a paper copy at an entrance to the sanctuary.***



## **TODAY'S MUSIC**

**Intergenerational Orchestra Music Notes** - Our church's German founders were justifiably proud of the great German composers, particularly "The Three Bs" -- Bach, Beethoven and Brahms. Johannes Brahms (1833-1897) was one of the leading composers of the Romantic era. Born in Hamburg, he spent most of his life in Vienna. Brahms was both a respectful traditionalist and a subtle innovator; his music embeds romantic motifs within traditional structures.

For his choral work *A German Requiem, Op. 45*, instead of setting the traditional Latin requiem mass, Brahms personally selected Biblical texts in the German language. Rather than prayers for the dead, it offers comfort for the living, beginning with the Beatitudes: "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." The arranger, Barbara Buehlman, taught music in Round Lake, Illinois, conducted the Palatine Concert Band, and was executive director of The Midwest Clinic.

Brahms's *First Symphony, Op. 68*, appeared in 1876, though Brahms said it took him 21 years to complete. Brahms was consciously working in the shadow of Beethoven. The horns introduce the grand “Alphorn” theme, while the main theme is reminiscent of the “Ode to Joy” theme in *Beethoven's Ninth Symphony*.

***God Speak to Me That I May Speak*** is a text composed in 1872 by Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879). She was born in England and her father was an Anglican priest. Although she did not consider herself a poet, she wrote many hymn texts. She also studied both Greek and Hebrew at the collegiate level. The tune CANONBURY was composed in 1839 and is attributed to the famous German Romantic composer Robert Schumann (1810-1856). It is an adaptation of his melody from *Nachtstücke (night piece) No. 4 in G major*. Johannes Brahms was a champion of the young Schumann's talent and had a close relationship with Robert and Clara Schumann; Robert until his death, and a lifelong connection with Clara after Robert's death.

The music for ***Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*** (Ode to Joy) was composed by Beethoven (1770-1827) and is the chorale melody from the final movement of his *Ninth Symphony* (1824). The original German text (1785) was by the famous poet and dramatist Friedrich Schiller (1759-1805), and the English text was composed in 1907 by Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Van Dyke was an American author and clergy. He was appointed ambassador to the Netherlands by President Woodrow Wilson prior to the outbreak of World War I.

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897) was a disciple of Bach, in that he was steeped in the beauty of the structure of harmony and counterpoint in composition. ***Lass dich nur nichts nicht Dauren***, composed in 1856 before his German Requiem or any of his symphonies, is a simple double canon at the 9<sup>th</sup>. A canon is a technical term for a “round” like *Row, row, row your boat*. The sopranos and tenors have one melody started at different times an octave plus one note apart, and the altos and basses have a second melody also started at different times an octave plus one note apart. The effect is heightened by a sublime accompaniment for organ that ties this piece together without the compositional devices that Brahms used becoming obvious. The German text is by Paul Fleming (1609-1640). He was a physician and poet. He was engaged as the court physician by the Duke of Holstein and accompanied him on his travels to Russia and the Persian empire.

The text of ***I Come with Joy*** was written by Brian Wren (b. 1936), who is a pastor in the Congregational Church in England. He wrote the hymn as a summary of a series of sermons on the meaning of communion. The tune is an old American hymn, DOVE OF PEACE, from the *Southern Harmony* hymnal, part of the Sacred Harp tradition. It was arranged by Austin Lovelace (1919 -2010), who was Organist and Choirmaster for a number of years at First United Methodist Church in Evanston.

There is no better way, as a church with a strong German heritage, to celebrate the Reformation than by bookending our service with ***A Mighty Fortress***, the great Martin Luther hymn. It is arguably the greatest Martin Luther (1483-1546) hymn and encapsulates the theology of the Lutheran Church. The tune name, EIN FESTE BURG, is taken from the first words of the hymn in the original German.

### **ABOUT THE INTERGENERATIONAL ORCHESTRA**

Since 2002, our Intergenerational Orchestra has been “Making a Joyful Sound in the City.” This is our 25th performance in worship, but our first performance since 2020. The orchestra is composed of musicians of all ages and abilities, most of whom are members of the congregation. Since 2002, 190 people have performed in the group, including 72 young people, and 33 families have had two or more members participate.

Our dear friend Wes Salisbury passed away in January 2022. Wes performed with the Intergenerational Orchestra on bass clarinet or clarinet in all 24 previous performances. We dedicate this morning’s music to the memory of Wes Salisbury and others we have lost, including Pastor Emeritus Thomas Henry.

## INTERGENERATIONAL ORCHESTRA

Mark Mosley, conductor

### Violin

Sylvia Pine  
Ashley Pensinger-Sok  
Kristin Mack  
Mark Roschen  
Julian Jarzebowski  
Katlyn McVey  
Mia Pensinger-Sok  
Leo Pensinger-Sok\*

### Viola

David Berghoff  
Rebecca Sandoval  
Fanny Hothan\*

### Cello

Ross Penniman  
Jack Kahan  
Owen Waldschmidt  
Daniel Grana\*

### String Bass

Pete Mazzeri

### Flute

Penny Trowbridge  
Shannon Banjavcic  
Kecia Waldschmidt

### Oboe

Susan Hoesly+

### Clarinet

Kurt Hansen  
Zach Plata+  
Alex Kroger+  
John Fornek+

### Bass Clarinet

Brian Chang+

### Bassoon

Franny LeFevre+

### Trumpet

Jim Brandt  
Hannah Fitzgerald  
David Baker  
Marie Ankenman  
Max Waldschmidt

### Horn

Natalie Grana  
Tom Clancy  
Rick Peterson  
Nancy Pifer  
Breanna Coe

### Trombone

Mark Swanson  
Nathan Chamberlain

### Tuba

Chris Bettler

### Timpani

Ralph Wiser

### Percussion

Sarah Good Mosley  
Cecilia Chamberlain\*

\* First time participant

+ Guest participant

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

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

**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:** Doug Clark, Cheryl Kennedy

**Gatekeeper:** Dodd Brown

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

**Custodian:** Ramiro Gonzalez

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are in celebration and remembrance of Arthur Lueder's birthday today.

## **BORN THIS WEEK IN MARCH**

*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.*

Mar 12 Penny Trowbridge

Mar 13 Ron Banks

Mar 14 Juanita Barlow

Mar 15 Breanna Coe, Gail Renfrow, Lee Ballard, Mila Mussatt

Mar 16 Kesner Bienvenu, Muzette Morgan

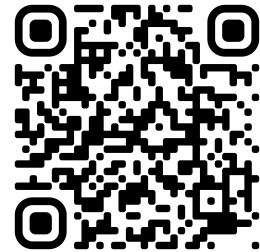
Mar 17 Julia Spainhour, Louise Brach-Spivey, Isla Bartels

Mar 18 Ross Penniman, Brooks Nagy

## LENT & EASTER AT ST. PAULS

- TUES,  
MAR 14, 21 THE GOD OF TELEVISION: *LEANING TOWARD THE LIGHT* - 6:30 p.m.  
Soup, TV, conversation, please RSVP
- TUES, MAR 28 LENTEN TAIZÉ - 7 p.m.  
Service of meditation and prayer
- SUN, APRIL 2 PALM SUNDAY - 10 a.m.  
Palm branches, songs
- THU, APRIL 6 MAUNDY THURSDAY - 7 p.m.  
Dinner Church, please RSVP
- FRI, APRIL 7 GOOD FRIDAY - 7:30 p.m.  
Communion, Tenebrae with choir
- SUN, APRIL 9 EASTER SUNDAY - 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Communion, choir, brass

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

**TODAY - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** - 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary  
Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of St. Pauls after worship today. We will vote on the 2023 budget, new members of the Church Council, and learn about the activities of 2022 and plans going into 2023. It is an important event in the life of St. Pauls. Members have voice and vote; Friends have voice. You can attend the meeting and vote in person or via Zoom Webinar. Check the calendar page for Zoom info and more details:  
[spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1559452](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1559452).

**TODAY - PEOPLES HEARING ON BRING CHICAGO HOME** - 3 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church of Logan Square, 3325 W. Wrightwood Ave.  
Join the work to end homelessness in Chicago. Come engage with people experiencing homelessness, hear from elected officials and community leaders offering a key funding solution, and learn our next steps as we demand the opportunity for the people of Chicago to decide how to approach this critical issue. There will be food, music and possibly mayoral candidates.

**MAR 14, 21, 28 - THE GOD OF TELEVISION: *LEANING TOWARD THE LIGHT*** - 6:30 p.m., Oscar Mayer Room. Beginning March 7, join your pastors on Tuesday evenings for a bowl of soup, a 15-minute sitcom episode starring God, and a lively conversation. Our Lent TV "study" will conclude with a Taizé service on March 28. Register here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1644309](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1644309).

**MAR 15 - WEDNESDAY 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](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

**MAR 19 - REMEMBER** - Duruflé *Requiem* in worship, 10 a.m.  
Our Chancel Choir will be joined by a chamber orchestra and Kevin Dzierzawski on organ to share this deeply moving way to remember those we grieve, those we have lost most recently, and those that we lost during the pandemic and were unable to mourn. Please join us for this time of remembrance and reflection.

**MAR 21 - RETIREMENT GROUP** - 10 a.m., Parlor\*  
The Retirement Group meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Think retirement is all grandkids and travel? It's not all Hallmark. Please join us to discuss our transition paths, ways we found ourselves here, what's meaningful, what's next with or without planned health, funds or companionship. For more info contact Marcia Knudson at (773) 480-4189 or [marciaknudson@gmail.com](mailto:marciaknudson@gmail.com).

*\* The Parlor is currently not wheelchair accessible. If this inhibits your participation, please contact Marcia.*

**MAR 26, APR 16 - EXPAND OUR OPENNESS INFO MEETINGS** - 11 a.m., Sanctuary  
The Church Council is pleased to announce the formation of the Building Accessibility Task Force with the purpose of solidifying the extraordinary progress of the Expanding our Openness and Accessibility work over the last several years. COVID disrupted this project and with the time that has passed, it has become necessary to review the overall timeline and building needs. Two informational sessions will be held with this task force on Sundays, March 26 and April 16. Please plan to join if you have questions about the next steps as we prayerfully discern Phase II of this critical project to ensure that SPUCC remains a welcoming church to all who worship and lean into God's call for each of us in our beloved space.

### **MAR 31 - BE A KID AGAIN GAME NIGHT - 7 p.m., Parlor\***

Ever wonder what it would be like to play hide and seek at St. Pauls? Join St. Pauls Social and hosts Jen Luerssen and Wendy Love for a "Be a Kid Again Game Night." Games include Hide and Seek, Sardines and others. Playing the games will be fun, but is not mandatory for those looking to have a more low-key evening of fellowship. Bring a snack and drink to share. Please RSVP, [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1666817](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1666817)

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ST. PAULS SOFTBALL**

Join St. Pauls Young Adults and friends for our 10th season of Sunday 16" softball in Oz Park - just a short walk from St. Pauls! Games are Sunday afternoons from April 16 to June 25, starting between 1 and 3 p.m. For more information, contact Todd Coe at [toddsingstenor@gmail.com](mailto:toddsingstenor@gmail.com). **Signup deadline is March 19.**

### **EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS**

Celebrate or remember a loved one by ordering a flowering plant for the Easter Festival Altar. Flowers may be picked up after the 11 a.m. Easter Sunday service. Remaining flowers will be donated to our senior members and neighbors. Registrations must be completed **by April 3** for inclusion in the Easter Bulletin. Register here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1648145](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1648145), or fill out and return the paper form at the end of the bulletin.

### **LUTHER IN A YEAR**

Join Pastor Matt to go back in time more than 500 years for "Luther in a Year." We will read Martin Luther's most important works, and the work of his best modern critics. At the year's end, you will understand the beliefs Saint Pauls stands upon, you will be changed by thrilling ideas and great conversation, Christ's importance will be underlined, you will know one of history's most outrageous characters, and your faith will be strengthened. You might also be surprised by what a filthy vocabulary Martin Luther had. We will meet on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. via Zoom, **beginning April 12**. Reading list will be shared upon registration. Register here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1656138](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1656138).



## **ENROLL TODAY FOR ST. PAULS COMPASSION CAMP FOR KIDS!**

**Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs.** Kids will explore what all living things need to live – shelter, food, water, air, and community. Using Psalm 104 as our guide, kids will learn compassion for each other and the earth. We will have group activities, play games, sing songs, and spend quality time outside.

Days: Monday-Thursday in two 2-week sessions:

**Session 1:** July 10-13 & July 17-20 **Session 2:** July 24-27 & July 31-August 3

Preschoolers age 2-4: 9 a.m. -12 p.m.

Elementary school age 5-12: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**\*Register by March 15 to lock in Early Bird Pricing\***

[spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1617569](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1617569)

## **JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC**

**The United Church of Christ has made a historic choice for our future.** The national UCC Board's Search Committee has recommended Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson to the UCC Board as nominee for General Minister and President. If elected, she would be the first woman, and the first woman of African descent, to lead the denomination. Read more about her qualifications [here](#).

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

### **RECOMMIT TO SOME EASY THINGS TO DO TO HELP OUR ENVIRONMENT**

Bring your own water bottle or mug to outside activities.

Turn off lights and games when you are not using them.

Walk or bike instead of asking mom or dad for a ride.

Teens of voting age, VOTE for people who care about the environment.

Take a hike and notice the environment you are trying to protect.

Help your parents plant native plants that attract pollinators.

Turn off the water when you are brushing your teeth.

Recycle.

Re-use things for craft projects or play.

Use a reusable container for your school lunches.

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

**ACTIVISM & ADVOCACY MINISTRY** – Do you have a passion for reaching out to others? The St. Pauls Activism & Advocacy Ministry would love you to join us in keeping our church engaged in community outreach. For more information, contact Jennifer Kew, [JenniferLKew@gmail.com](mailto:JenniferLKew@gmail.com), or Pastor Jeff, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – Providing flowers for the altar is an excellent way to celebrate a special event in your life: an anniversary, a birthday, a holiday, or just because you like flowers. There are still many dates available this year!

Sign up for 2023 dates at [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1517246](https://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](mailto:lindanitz@yahoo.com).

**CHURCH CENTER** – [spucc.churchcenter.com](https://spucc.churchcenter.com) is our portal for the Saint Pauls community. See our calendar, register for events, update your information, join our photo directory, manage your online donations, see your giving history, and more!

**CONNECTORS** reach out providing networking and support for members and friends of St. Pauls. Membership is open to all who have the time and the inclination to help. Contact Marcia Volk at [marcia@volkonline.com](mailto:marcia@volkonline.com).

**EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM & CARDS** – Follow this link for additional information: [spucc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/178271](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/178271).

**GREEN TEAM** – As people of faith, members of St. Pauls are called to “Care for Creation.” To that end, the Green Team is seeking new members, particularly young adults and youth, as we become a Creation Justice church, recognized by the UCC. We would love to have you! If you are interested, please contact either of the new interim Green Team co-chairs, Ninon Freeman at [nlanda05@yahoo.com](mailto:nlanda05@yahoo.com) or Rick Peterson at [rnpeterson2017@gmail.com](mailto:rnpeterson2017@gmail.com).

**LITTLE LIGHTS** is a St. Pauls early childhood program with classes for 2, 3, and 4-year-olds. We are now accepting applications for the 2023/24 school year. Check out [www.littlelightslp.org](http://www.littlelightslp.org). If you would like to schedule a tour or have additional questions, contact Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at [littlelights@spucc.org](mailto:littlelights@spucc.org).

**PICKLEBALL** – Have you tried the growing sport of Pickleball yet? We hold pick-up games in the St. Pauls gym every week. Sign up at the ChurchCenter link below and show up at one of the allotted times! We have spare paddles and balls. All skill levels are invited. If you have questions, call or text Steve Garrett at (312) 208-0636. Game Times: Tuesdays: 5:30-8:30 p.m; Fridays: 2-3 p.m.  
[spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/pickleball](https://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 a.m.-12:00 p.m. *Please note, this is not a drop-off event.* Adult supervision is required.

**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](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1508612).

**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](mailto: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](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/st-pauls-social)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org)), Marti Pechnyo ([mpechnyo@gmail.com](mailto:mpechnyo@gmail.com)), or Barb Kaiser ([bkaiser2213@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:danielle.mayfield@spucc.org). Register here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1306755](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1306755)

**THURSDAY BASKETBALL** – Join us for a weekly pickup game! All skill levels are welcome. Email Pastor Matt to get on the updates list, [mfitzgerald@spucc.org](mailto:mfitzgerald@spucc.org).

**YOUNG ADULTS** – A group for fun and fellowship for folks in their twenties and thirties. All are welcome! Volunteers needed! Any ideas for future events? Email them at [youngadults@spucc.org](mailto:youngadults@spucc.org).

## **YOUTH & 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. Please contact Erin Fitzgerald at [erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org](mailto:erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org) to be added to the list.

**YOUTH CHOIRS** – If your child has any interest in music, please join us! Kecia Waldschmidt is leading Paul's People for 4th-8th graders. Breanna Coe and Karen Johnson are leading the Children's Choir for kids K-3rd grade. Rehearsals are at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. We can't wait to hear our youth choirs singing again!

## **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please send any announcements you would like in the following week's bulletin or Friday email to [chiggins@spucc.org](mailto:chiggins@spucc.org) no later than 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

**Please limit announcements to 100 words.** Thank you!

## SAINT PAULS PRAYS

*Please clip this page and pray for those who are named below. To have your prayer request included, simply ask a pastor in person, on the phone or by email.*

*Our practice is to run each prayer request for four weeks and then remove it.*

*If you would like to continue a prayer request after four weeks, let a pastor know.*

- Pat Kirby's friend, Mike, for a surgery and recovery complicated by a chronic health condition.
- Cheryl Kuba's friend, Nancy, in a second journey through cancer.
- For Kim Brunssen, dear friend of Kurt Hansen, moving into hospice care.
- Comfort, strength & peace to those dealing with death of loved ones.
- Family and friends of Dolores Pifer at her death.
- Pat Ruch, Ashley and Heather Cerkar, and friends of Al Cerkar at his death.
- Family and friends of Sonja Rae at her death.
- 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 Kearn's mother, Patti, for healing of a wound.
- 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.
- 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.

## EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS ORDER FORM

Celebrate or remember a loved one or friend by ordering a flowering plant for the Easter Festival Altar. Flowers may be picked up after the 11 a.m. Easter Sunday service. Remaining flowers will be donated to our senior members and neighbors. Please enclose \$30 or more per plant with this order form.

**Please print legibly.**

**In Celebration of** *(print name(s) as you wish to appear):*

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**In Memory of** *(print name(s) as you wish to appear):*

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**From** *(your name(s) as you wish to appear):*

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**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Tear out this form and drop it in the offering plate with your payment, or mail it to:  
St. Pauls UCC  
Attn: Easter Flowers  
2335 N. Orchard St., Chicago, IL 60614

Completed orders must arrive **by April 3** to appear in the Easter Bulletin.

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

St. 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.