

October 20, 2024

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

"The times are urgent. Let us slow down."

Bayo Akomolafe

PRELUDE

Meditation

Russell Woolen

Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

INTROIT

All Beautiful the March of Days

Chancel Choir

CHIMES

WELCOME

Liz Nickerson

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is the day that God has made.

All: Let us rejoice in it!

One: We are not the church because of our own goodness.

All: We are the church because of Christ's grace.

One: You are a royal priesthood, a chosen generation.

All: We are God's own people!

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

* HYMN

To You, O God, All Creatures Sing



1. To you O God, all crea - tures sing, and all cre - a - tion, ev - ery -
2. Your wind that blows the tem - pest by, your clouds that sail a - cross the
3. Your flow - ing wa - ters, crys - tal clear, make mel - o - dies for you to
4. To you, O God, day af - ter day, your plan - et earth in ev - ery
5. Now we who are of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers, take our



- thing sings your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! Your burn - ing sun with gold - en
sky sing your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! Your morn - ing ris - es with a
hear, sing your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! Your fire, — boun - ti - ful and
way, sings your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia, As sa - vory fruit and fra - grant
part, sing your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! To you we lift our pain and



beam, your sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam sing your prais - es,
song, and lights of eve - ning sing a - long, sing your prais - es,
bright, re - mem - bering your warmth and light, sings your prais - es,
flower show forth your glo - ry and your power, sing - ing prais - es,
care, re - ceive the bur - dens that we bear, sing - ing prais - es,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le lu - ia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, we are made to praise you.

Instead we bow before

the power of strength

the power of privilege

the power of shame

the power of self

the power of intellect

the power of nation

the power of wealth

the power of guilt.

We repent and turn to you,

the source of all,

the God of all.

Forgive us. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

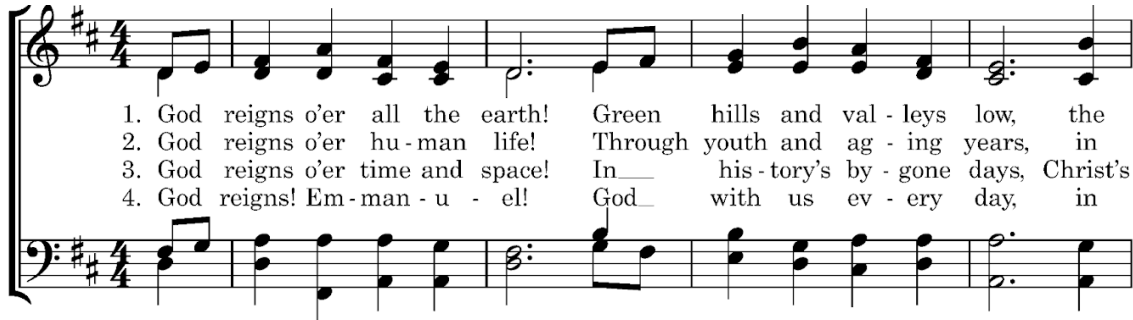
WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*Sunday School students are invited to go to their classrooms.
If you would like to accompany your child(ren),
you are welcome to drop them off and return to worship.*

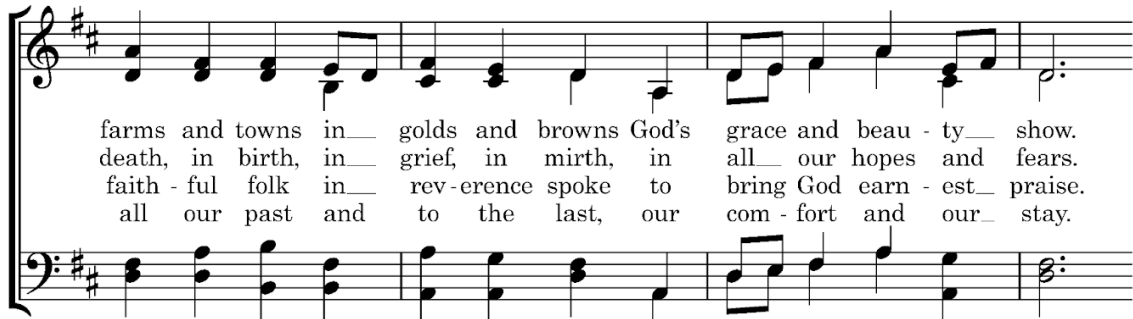
RESPONSE

God Reigns O'er All the Earth

verses 1 & 2



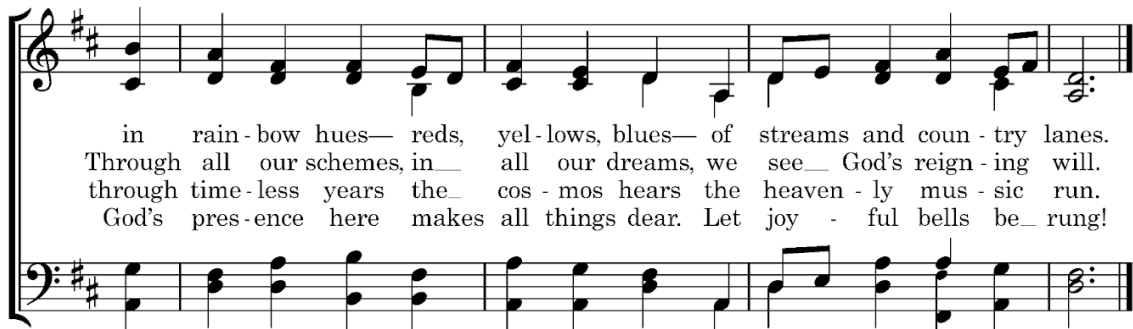
1. God reigns o'er all the earth! Green hills and val - leys low, the
2. God reigns o'er hu - man life! Through youth and ag - ing years, in
3. God reigns o'er time and space! In his - tory's by - gone days, Christ's
4. God reigns! Em - man - u - el! God with us ev - ery day, in



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



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



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

SCRIPTURE

Mark Sancya

Job 38:1-7

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said: Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? Why do you talk without knowing what you're talking about? Gird up now your loins like a man; for I will demand that you answer my questions.

Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me, since you know so much! Who decided on its size? Certainly you'll know that! Who came up with the blueprints and measurements? How was its foundation poured, and who set the cornerstone, while the morning stars sang in chorus and all the children of God shouted for joy?

* STATEMENT OF FAITH

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

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

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

We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

(adapted from the United Church of Canada)

RESPONSE

God Reigns O'er All the Earth

verses 3 & 4

See previous hymn

SERMON

"A Church of How"

Matt Fitzgerald

* HYMN

God, When You Called St. Pauls



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



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



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



For sev - en gen - er - a - tions you have loved Saint Pauls, your



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

MISSION MOMENT

Green Team

Rick Peterson

OFFERTORY

The Heavens Are Telling
from *Creation*

Franz Joseph Haydn

Nancy Pifer, Nathan Streeter and Lee Lichamer, soloists
Chancel Choir

Recitative: The space immense of the azure sky,
A countless host of radiant orbs adorns.
And the sons of God announced the fourth day
In song divine, proclaiming thus his power.

Chorus: The heavens are telling the glory of God
The wonder of his work displays the firmament.

Trio: Today that is coming speaks it the day,
The night that is gone to following night.

Chorus: The heavens....

Trio: In all the lands resounds the word
Never unperceived, ever understood.

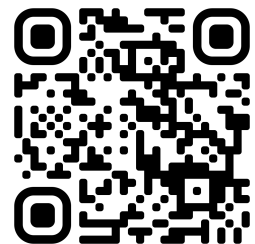
Chorus: The heavens are telling...

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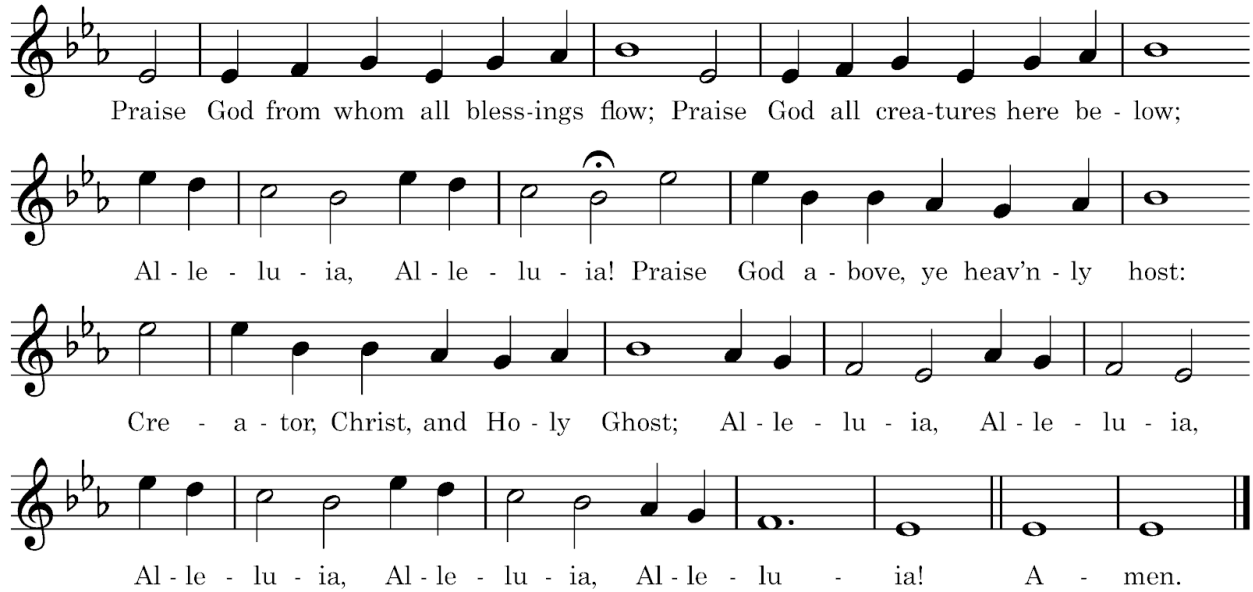
Scan this code with your cell phone camera,

Church Center at spucc.churchcenter.com/giving,

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* 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 4/4. The melody is written in a soprano clef. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God above, 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! A-men." The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Jeff Carlson

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

* HYMN

Bring Many Names



1. Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,
2. Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,
3. Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child,
4. Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care,
5. Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move,
6. Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,



cel - e - brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li -
plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting
feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing
calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of
say - ing no to false - hood and un - kind - ness, cry - ing
joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing, clos - er



-ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.
each e - qua - tion, gen - i - us at play:
and for - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled:
good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:
out for jus - tice, giv - ing all you have:
yet than breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home:



Hail and Ho - san - na! bring man - y names!
Hail and Ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!
Hail and Ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!
Hail and Ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God!
Hail and Ho - san - na, young, grow - ing God!
Hail and Ho - san - na, great, liv - ing God!

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
St. Arbucks Quartet

Ludwig van Beethoven
arr. Craig Curry

The rose in the Chancel this morning signifies the birth of Harrison Basil Bryant, son of Hannah Basil Bryant and Caleb Bryant.

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

- Childcare is available for babies and toddlers up to age 5 during worship from 10-11 a.m. in the Nursery and Toddler Room downstairs. Activity “busy bags” are available in the Narthex for children to use during the service and children’s Bibles are in the pews.
- REGULAR SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION CLASSES are in session. Confirmation class meets at 10 a.m. in the downstairs High School Room. Elementary-age students are dismissed with their teachers during the worship service and parents pick up children after the service in their classrooms.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Liz Nickerson, Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson

Music Director: Kurt R. Hansen

Organist: Kevin Dzierzawski

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

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Scripture Reader: Mark Sancya

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: David Baker, Fred Pearson, Tim Reed

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

Camera Operators: Jim Alrutz, Marie Ankenman, Bob Ball, Brian Hafner, Trevor Hafner, Maurice Wallace

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

Today's flowers are given by Candace Huber.

BORN THIS WEEK IN OCTOBER

We give thanks for your life at St. Pauls. A perfect way to celebrate is by giving one dollar for each year of your life to our Birthday Fund, which supports A Just Harvest.

Oct 20 Evan Schmitt, Jeff Carlson

Oct 21 Arthur Spietz, Elizabeth Beck, Elsie Bartels, Gloria Joseph, Linda Patton,
Mike Lohnes

Oct 22 Carolyn Grunst, Jack Brizzolara, Jennifer Heiney, Leah Mooney,
Trip Campbell

Oct 23 Jack Kahan, Wendy Love

Oct 25 Anne Pechnyo, Mary Frances Winking, Michael Sanz, Nancy Davidson,
Pat Ruch, William Beck

Oct 26 Colette Schimp, Joshua Wallace, Kaitlyn Nowack

ST. 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.

- Jessica Ashley, diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Diane Biegert, recovering from a hip replacement.
- Dan Von Barga, being treated for multiple myeloma.
- Annie Johnson's uncle, Rick, diagnosed with a brain tumor.
- Kelly Jo Taylor's nephew Stuart Ault hospitalized for a motorcycle accident.
- Bob Ball's brother, Phil, being treated for leukemia.
- Nancy Bingaman's niece struggling with anxiety.
- Jayla Williams, relative of Aubraea Cleveland, as she continues chemo treatment for leukemia.
- Pat Kirby, dealing with a housing crisis.
- Karen Johnson and Nancy Barnett's father, Len, recovering from a fall.
- Bill Kennedy in therapy following a series of strokes.
- Judy Johnson, friend of Bobbi Ganella, recuperating from cancer treatments.
- Mike Stensaas, dealing with health problems.
- Scott Hibbard at the death of his father, John.
- David Baker's brother-in-law, Roger Robert, as he deals with the onset of Parkinson's disease.
- Prayers for peace - in our city, nation and world.
- 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY - SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: PHASE II VOTE - 11:15 a.m.,
Sanctuary & Zoom

Please plan to attend today's Special Congregational Meeting immediately after the 10 a.m. worship service. The congregation will vote to approve the financing and construction scope for the Phase II Capital Campaign construction that will "Expand and Elevate Our Openness" by installing a multi-stop elevator and creating an open-air courtyard plaza. This would complete the Phase I work that was begun during the church Covid shutdown in 2020. If you cannot attend in person, details will be provided on how to vote remotely.

TODAY - LGBTQ - RELIGIOUS ARCHIVES NETWORK (RAN) GALA CELEBRATION
- 5 p.m., Virtual

All are invited to participate in the 2024 Virtual Gala Celebration of LGBTQ-Religious Archive Network. The theme of the 2024 Virtual Gala is "Passionate Prophets." It will be a festive and inspiring celebration of LGBTQ religious history honoring six outstanding leaders and past and present activists who have inspired us with their passionate prophecy for justice, love and equity. LGBTQ-RAN helps preserve the history of, and encourages scholarly study of, LGBTQ religious movements around the world. St. Pauls is a sponsor of the 2024 Virtual Gala Celebration and St. Pauls member Rick Peterson is Treasurer of the LGBTQ-Ran Board of Directors.

Attendance at the Virtual Gala is free, but registration is required. To register and see more at <https://lgbtqreligiousarchives.org/gala-2024>.

OCT 22 - FOOD FOR THE SOUL LUNCH GROUP - 12-1:30 p.m., Social Hall

Adults of all ages are invited. Make new friends and connect with old ones with lunch (please bring your own), fellowship, fun, and faith.

OCT 22 & 29 - TUESDAY NIGHT PICKLEBALL – 5:30-8 p.m., Gym

Have you tried the growing sport of Pickleball yet? We hold regular adult pick-up games in the St. Pauls gym every Tuesday night, separate from the Young Adult group games on Monday nights. Sign up at the Church Center link below or just show up at the Church gym! All ages and skill levels are invited. Game Time: Tuesdays: 5:30-8 p.m. (Come any time during that window.) If you have questions, call or text Steve Garrett at (312) 208-0636. To join us, visit: tinyurl.com/Tuesday-Pickleball.

OCT 27 – SAVE THE PLANTS! SPUCC PLANT MOVING – 11:15 a.m. (after worship)

Assuming the Congregation votes to move forward with plans regarding “Expand and Elevate Our Openness” campaign and that construction will begin before Spring 2025, the area to the west of the church building will be transformed into a lovely, accessible pedestrian plaza. Therefore, any plants and gardens currently there will need to be moved before winter. The Buildings and Grounds Ministry and the Green Team are enlisting your support to help in this project. Please join us after church on October 27 as we transplant plants from the front (west facing side) of the church building to the Fullerton Avenue (north) and Kemper Place (south) sides of the church building. Bring your gloves, trowels, and shovels – and feel free to wear your “work clothes” to church! Many hands make light work!

OCT 27 – PLANT EXCHANGE – 11:15 a.m. (after worship)

The Green Team invites St. Pauls Members and Friends to exchange outdoor or indoor plants after worship on October 27. If you are interested, please bring plants you wish to share and take home samplings from others’ gardens or window boxes.

OCT 30 – NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS – 12-12:45 p.m., Zoom

We’re going to study the oldest book in the New Testament, *1st Thessalonians*. Paul wrote this letter to a group of early Christians. Paul’s writing is buoyant, warm and hopeful as he encourages this first generation of followers of Jesus to live lives of love and endurance as a minority group within a powerful empire. Meets five Wednesdays over Zoom. Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/3kjxu9sp>. Questions? Email Jeff at jcarlson@spucc.org.

OCT 30 - COOKIES FOR A CAUSE (BAKE YOUR FAVORITE COOKIES AT HOME NOW!) - 5:30 p.m., Kitchen

Join the St. Pauls cookie bakers for dinner, socializing and cookie making on Wednesday, October 30. Meet us in the kitchen at 5:30 p.m. or whenever you can make it. We eat around 6:30. Cookies go to A Just Harvest and the Lincoln Park Community Shelter. If you can't join us, but would like to participate, you may drop off cookies with your name on them and marked MARCIA at the church on or before Wednesday, October 30. Please get in touch with Marcia Volk to reserve a spot and she will let you know what dinner/baking supplies are still needed. Contact Marcia at marcia@volkonline.com or (773) 307-6866. You may also contact Gloria Joseph at glrjoseph@yahoo.com

OCT 31 - NOV 2 - UCC ILLINOIS CONFERENCE 2024 ANNUAL CELEBRATION

The Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ will hold its annual 2024 Celebration/Meeting at the First Congregational Church of Western Springs. The theme is "Embrace God's Imagination" and the keynote speaker will be Rev. Rhina Ramos, an ordained UCC minister who leads Ministerio Latino, a Spanish-speaking ONA, primarily LGBTQ Latinx immigrant congregation she founded in 2011. In addition to compelling worship services and educational workshops, the business meeting will consider and vote on a controversial proposed Revised Constitution and Bylaws, which will become effective after the 2025 Annual Meeting. A proposed budget and a status report on the search for a new Conference Minister will also be considered. The former Conference Minister, Rev. Molly Carlson, tendered her resignation this past summer. For questions, contact Rick Peterson, St. Pauls representative to the Chicago Metropolitan Association (CMA) and the Illinois Conference of the UCC.

NOV 1 - WINE TASTING - 6:30 p.m., Parlor

Join St. Pauls Social and host, SPUCC Member Joel Chaiken, for an evening in Tuscany with a wine tasting in the St. Pauls Parlor. Joel will walk the group through a variety of wines from this celebrated and historic Italian wine region. Event limited to the first 20 to RSVP. You can RSVP at tinyurl.com/mussa9w4. Joel will be donating the wine but has asked for a minimum donation of \$15 per person to support the General Church Fund. Please also bring a snack to share.

NOV 3 - SENIOR LUNCHEON - 11:15 a.m., Social Hall

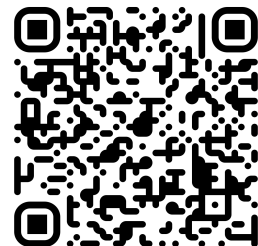
All St. Pauls members age 70 and over and their spouses/partners are invited to join us at the Senior Luncheon in the Social Hall on Sunday, November 3, immediately following worship. This is a fun opportunity to socialize with your peers. Transportation is available for those who may be unable to get to church. RSVP is needed so we have enough food for all. To RSVP, please call Sue Finkle at (847) 989-2635.

NOV 10 - NEW MEMBER CLASS - 11 a.m., Youth Lounge - Room 016

Join pastors, members and others curious about St. Pauls for the next New Member Class. Together we'll talk about faith and our community, and we'd love for you to be part of the conversation! We'll meet after worship, and childcare will be provided as needed (please let us know in your registration). See other upcoming dates here: spucc.org/new_member_classes.

NOV 17 - BLOOD DRIVE - 8 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room and Gym

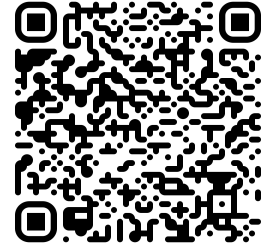
This Halloween, skip the vampire and *give blood* on Sunday, November 17, during the St. Pauls Blood Drive, 8 a.m.–2 p.m. Sign up early via the QR code to secure your preferred time or go to tinyurl.com/SPUCC-blood-drive. You may also visit Redcrossblood.org for your eligibility questions; a lot has changed in the past few years. The need for blood donors is critical. Organizer: Sally Fletcher, sfletcher1443@gmail.com



ANNOUNCEMENTS

HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF EFFORTS - UCC RESPONSE

The United Church of Christ is responding to the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene, which has left more than 200 dead, millions without power, and damages exceeding \$140 billion. Several UCC congregations have suffered severe flood and wind damage.



St. Pauls Activism and Advocacy Ministry voted unanimously Sunday to donate \$500 of their council allocated budget to UCC Hurricane Relief funds. This contribution will help fund the relief efforts of the UCC for victims of both Hurricane Helene and Milton. The Ministry is encouraging members to contribute to this effort as an act of our faith for those whose lives have been seriously impacted by this tragedy. Together we can make a difference! Donations can be made online by scanning the QR code or by check to the National UCC. Thank you for your support.

SHRED AND RECYCLE EVENT

On October 20, there will be a shredding and recycling event sponsored by Alderman Tim Knudsen's office.

Date: October 20, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Place: Notebaert Museum, 2430 Cannon Drive

Items Accepted:

- paper for shredding
- electronics for recycling
- prescription drugs take back

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SERVICES (LPCS) TASTE OF FALL - NOVEMBER 7

Join Lincoln Park Community Services (LPCS) as they kick off their 40th year of making a difference in the lives of homeless individuals with Taste of Fall, Thursday, November 7, from 6-10 p.m. at Ovation Chicago, 2324 W. Fulton. The event will feature food and fun for a great cause. For further details, visit www.lpcschicago.org. St. Pauls is one of four LPCS founding churches.

CARDS FOR A CAUSE - LITTLE LIGHTS FUNDRAISER

Choose between five greeting card boxes with 30-50 greeting cards each for \$30, and Little Lights will receive 43% back in funding for our programs! The cards are beautifully embellished, come with coordinating envelopes, and the box itself is sturdy and attractive enough to use for future storage needs. Samples of boxes will be available to view during coffee hour. Place your order here now through Sunday, October 20: <https://tinyurl.com/3uacbxyk>.

GENERAL ELECTION FOR CHICAGO AND SUBURBS - NOVEMBER 5

Please don't ignore this critical election! On November 5, voters will elect the President, Vice President and local candidates. Early voting began October 3 at 191 N. Clark Street and 69 W. Washington Street and early voting in all Chicago wards begins October 21. Mail-in ballots were sent starting September 26 for those who requested them. All voting sites are ADA compliant. For more information on races, voter registration, mail-in ballots, and voting locations, scan the QR code.



WINDY CITY WINDS SEASON 10 – SAVE THE DATES!

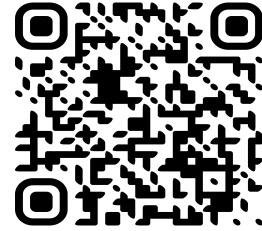
Windy City Winds, "Chicago's Community Band," announces their Season 10 concerts:

- Friday, November 22, 2024, 7:30 p.m. – "By Request: Music Suggested by Band Members"
- Friday, March 14, 2025, 7:30 p.m. – "Looking Upward: Music Inspired by Stars and Planets"
 - With guest conductor Dr. Kevin Geraldi, Director of Bands, University of Illinois
- Friday, May 16, 2025, 7:30 p.m. – "Looking Back: Favorite Music From Our First Three Seasons"

Each concert will be in the St. Pauls Sanctuary, admission is free and each will be livestreamed. Come help us celebrate this milestone season!

CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Please register your K-6th Sunday School students, 7th and 8th grade Confirmation students, and High School class members by scanning this QR code.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Youth Choirs are in session! Any musically inclined kids, please join us! Kinderchapel Singers (*Preschool*) Sundays 9:50-10 a.m. in the Social Hall with Tom Clancy; Children's Choir (*grades K-3*): Sundays 9:30-9:55 a.m. in the Chapel with Breanna Coe; Paul's People (*grades 4-8*): Sundays 9:30-9:55 a.m. in the Parlor with Kecia Waldschmidt.

PALESTINE STUDY GROUP

Broaden your understanding of the Israel-Palestine conflict in this thoughtful and supportive group. All are welcome. Contact David Burnett at burnett.db@gmail.com.

"HEALING HEARTS" PET SUPPORT GROUP: ST. PAULS PET LOSS COMMUNITY

Are you struggling with losing a beloved furry friend/companion/animal assistant? Losing a pet can be one of the most heart-wrenching experiences in life. At St. Pauls, we understand the deep bond you shared with your beloved pet/family member and we're here to offer support, understanding and a virtual shoulder to lean on. To join, visit tinyurl.com/healing-hearts-support. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 7-8 p.m. Age 18+ only, 30 participants maximum.

FAITH IN ACTION MESSAGING GROUP

Some people call it showing up for a protest or marching against a government policy. Others call it public witnessing for the values inherent in our faith. Most of us appreciate being able to do both with like-minded members of our congregation. Members and friends of St. Pauls can join this group. If you'd like to receive advance email notice of such protests, gatherings or advocacy opportunities – frequently on short notice due to swift governmental action - or to invite others in the group to join you in an advocacy opportunity, join Faith in Action. Register here: tinyurl.com/wuphf495.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

Open House Chicago - October 19-20. Challenge: For one afternoon, visit a neighborhood you have never been to in an area you might be hesitant to go to because of “what you’ve heard.” Never been to Austin, Little Village, Pilsen, Englewood, Roseland, Hermosa, or even north of Belmont? The Chicago Architecture Center (CAC) annually sponsors Open House Chicago with more than 170 free locations in 20+ neighborhoods. Pick one annually to expand your own experience in another culture or ethnic group. For details, look for Open House Chicago online or on app. Plan now. Explore!

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

REUSE IN YOUR YARD

The key to successfully saving seeds from annual flowers/plants is to let the blooms completely mature and dry while still on the mother plant. The longer old flower heads wither and dry, the better. To harvest:

- Cut off the flower head.
- Spread collected seeds and flower heads in an airy container for a few days to thoroughly dry.
- Transfer the seeds into small packages – paper bags work well.
- Label bags with the type of plant. Seeds look very similar when dry!
- Store away from direct light.
- Seeds saved from annual flowers are best used the following year.

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TODAY'S MUSIC

Russell Woolen (1923-1994), who composed ***Meditation***, was a Connecticut-born pianist, organist and composer. In his works, he combined elements of Medieval music with a more modern harmonic vocabulary. Ordained a priest in the Roman Catholic Church in 1947, the “pressures of secular life” caused him to leave the priesthood in the 1960s. He continued to compose and perform until his death. One of his works, *In martyrum memoriam* (1968-69), was performed by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Chorus under the direction of Margaret Hillis in 1979. It was composed as a memorial tribute to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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, New York. 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*.

To You, O God, All Creatures Sing is a text that was adapted by Catholic theologian Sister Miriam Therese Winter (b. 1938). She is also a Medical Mission Sister who has worked in a number war-torn areas, including Ethiopia and Cambodia. The German hymn tune LASST UNS ERFREUEN, dates from 1623, and was first found in a hymnal published in Cologne, Germany. It is recognisable to us as the same tune as our Festival Doxology.

God, When You Called St. Pauls is a text created in 2018 by Pastor Matt Fitzgerald for our celebration of 175 years as a church. SOLID ROCK was composed in 1863 by the prolific hymn writer, William Bradbury (1816-1868). Raised on his father's farm in Maine, he developed a love for music as a child and began playing the organ in church by age 15. Among the best known of his hymns is the children's hymn, *Jesus Loves Me, This I Know*.

The Heavens Are Telling is the well-known chorus from *Creation* composed in 1798 by Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809). He was easily one of the most important composers of the Classical Period. *Creation* is a most unusual work. Written on an English commission, it was composed with both English and German texts as co-equal and original. The portion of John Milton's (1608-1674) poem, *Paradise Lost* (1667), that Haydn set celebrates the glory of the seven days of creation and only mentions the "fall of Adam" briefly. This chorus celebrates the creation story of the fourth day and the radiant heavens.

The text for ***Bring Many Names*** was written by Brian A. Wren (b. 1936). He is a major British contributor to contemporary hymn writing. He was a pastor of a Congregational Church in Essex. *WESTCHASE* was composed in 1989 by Carlton R. Young (b.1926). He served in World War II and became a teacher, editor, composer, and conductor. He edited two editions of the *United Methodist Hymnal*.

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 clergyman, who was appointed ambassador to the Netherlands by President Woodrow Wilson prior to the outbreak of World War I. Craig Curry, who arranged this great hymn tune, is a graduate of Wheaton College Conservatory of Music and the University of Miami. He is an active composer whose arrangements and compositions have been widely performed.

Special Music Theme for 2024-2025

HEAR Ye! + Bach

Enjoy another year of special music during worship services.

H- Hebrew

E - English

A - Austrian

R - Russian

November 3, 2024 - Reformation Sunday - *Lobet den Herrn* - Bach

December 8, 2024 - Christmas Cantata (Hebrew & English)

Nachamu, nachamu ami - Max Janowski (*Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*)

Fantasia on Christmas Carols - Ralph Vaughan Williams

with guest artist William Buchman, from the Chicago Symphony Orchestra

February 16, 2025 - Northwestern University Chapel Choir – Guest choir in worship

March 9, 2025 - *Komm, Jesu, komm* - Bach

April 6, 2025 - (Austria) - *Requiem* - Mozart

May 18, 2025 - (Russian) - *Symphony of Psalms* - Stravinsky/Shostakovich

Mark these dates in your calendar!

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 180 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 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 LGPTQ+ people.

Welcome to each and to everyone.

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