

November 10, 2024
How Sweet the Sound

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

"Music is the language of the spirit. It opens the secret of life bringing peace,
abolishing strife."

Kahil Gibran

PRELUDE

Just a Closer Walk With Thee
St. Arbucks Quartet

Traditional
arr. Brendan Henry

INTROIT

This Little Light of Mine
Kinderchapel Singers
Tom Clancy, guitar and director

Black American Spiritual

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

CHIMES

* ANTHEM

Glory, Glory Black American Gospel
Kecia Waldschmidt, soloist arr. Harriet Ziegenhals
Combined Choirs and St. Arbucks Quartet

Glory, glory, Hallelujah,
Since I laid my burden down.
I feel better, so much better,
Since I laid my burden down.
Glory, glory . . .

I'm going home to live with Jesus,
Since I laid my burden down.
Glory, glory . . .

WELCOME

Kurt R. Hansen

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come! Lay your burden down!

All: Glory! Glory!

One: Your light is not little. Hide it under a bushel? NO!

All: Let it shine! Let It shine!

One: Don't be embarrassed or ashamed to lift your hands in total praise.

All: You are the source of our strength! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

* HYMN

What a Covenant

1. What a cov - e - nant, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing
2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing

on the ev - er - last - ing arms. What a bless - ed - ness,
on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Oh, how bright the path
on the ev - er - last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace

what a peace is mine, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
grows from day to day, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
with my Sav - ior near, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;

lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

ANTHEM
Spiritual

I'm Gonna Sing

Black American

Children's Choir
Breanna Coe, director
Scott Banjavcic, piano

arr. Audrey Snyder

Mara Workman-Mandel, Sean Banjavcic,
Charlie Coe and James Mix, soloists

I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing...
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.
Sing, sing, sing!

I'm gonna shout when the Spirit says shout.
Hallelujah!

I'm gonna shout when the Spirit says shout.
Amen!

I'm gonna shout when the Spirit says shout,
Hallelujah!
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.
Amen!
Shout, shout, shout!

I'm gonna pray when the Spirit says pray...
Pray, pray, pray!

Sing, sing, sing!
Shout, shout, shout!
Pray, pray, pray!
And obey the Spirit of the Lord!
Amen!

CALL TO PRAYER

Sweet Hour of Prayer
Pastor Jeff Carlson, harmonium

verses 1 & 2

1. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
2. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share
3. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! whose wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear

and bids me at my Ma - ker's throne let all my needs and wants be known.
of those whose anx - ious spir - its burn with strong de - sires for your re - turn!
to One whose truth and faith - ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.

In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief, my soul has of - ten found re - lief,
With them I has - ten to the place where I would know my Sav - ior's face,
And since I'm bid to seek God's face, be - lieve God's word, and trust God's grace,

and oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare by your re - turn, sweet hour of prayer!
And glad - ly take my sta - tion there, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!
I'll cast a - way my ev - ery care, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liz Nickerson

**God of love and mercy beyond all boundaries,
We come before you with hope and rejoicing.
But we also come knowing there are divisions in**

**Our faith
Our families
Our city
Our nation
And our world.**

**Too often we push you away,
Or pretend you aren't there
Or just don't care.**

**We ask for peace in our homes,
in our city,
in our country,
And, please Lord, in our world.**

**We ask humbly to be made instruments of your peace.
Open our souls through singing today and crack open our hearts.
Open us so we can let our little lights shine to your GLORY.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

Sweet Hour of Prayer

verse 3

ANTHEM

Shut the Door
Pauls People
Kecia Waldschmidt, Director

Randy Stonehill

Solo 1: Aniston Hartanov
Solo 2: Eva Mack
Solo 3: Toby Smedley & Winnie Castle
Solo 4: Lee Waldschmidt
Solo 5: Clara Walhstrom

Shut the door, keep out the devil.
Shut the door, keep the devil in the night.
Shut the door, keep out the devil.

Light the candle everything's alright.

Oh, when I was a baby child.
Shut the door, keep out the devil.
Good and bad was just a game.
Shut the door, keep the devil in the night.
Many years and many trials.
Shut the door, keep out the devil.
They proved to me they're not the same.
Shut the door, keep the devil in the night.

Shut the door, keep out the devil.

Oh Satan is an evil charmer.
Shut the door, keep out the devil.
He's hungry for a soul to hurt.
Shut the door, keep the devil in the night.
And without your holy armor.
Shut the door, keep out the devil.
He will eat you for dessert.
Shut the door, keep the devil in the night.

Shut the door, keep out the devil.
Hey, hey, you better shut the door.
Say a prayer he won't be back no more.

Shut the door, keep the devil in the night.
Shut the door, everything's alright.

SCRIPTURE

Mark Huddle

Mark 9:30-37

King James Version

And they departed thence, and passed through Galilee; and he would not that any man should know it. For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day. But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask him. And he came to Capernaum: and being in the house he asked them, What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way? But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest. And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all. And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them, Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.

* 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)

SOLO

Saint Honesty Sara Bareilles and Lori McKenna
Breanna Coe, mezzo
St Arbucks Quartet

We're leaving all the windows open.
We don't even mind the rain,
Or where we let the floors get wet.
So what if the hardwood stains?
'Cause we're collecting evidence,
Of one remarkable storm.
How wild it was to find it,
Finally feel the climate,
Instead of only staying dry and warm.

Rain on us, Saint Honesty.
Salvation is coming in the morning,
But now what we need,
Is a little rain on our face from you,
Sweet, Saint Honesty.

So we won't sleep tonight,
While we brace against the wind.
Oh, these hearts, they're weather makers.
We'll go where they take us,
Until we find ourselves shelter again.
We won't settle for the silence,
We won't drown in the tears.
We'll say every single word
Even if we think they'll hurt.
Let the rain wash away these tears.

Rain on us, Saint Honesty...

Oh, we won't let go, we'll be soaked to the bone.
Baptized by truth, we will reap what we sow.
Build our own higher ground when the rain's coming down.
This is worth it to me, Saint Honesty.

Rain...
Salvation is coming in the morning.
Wait patiently, aiming straight for it.
But now what we need
Is a little rain on our face from you,
Sweet, Saint Honesty.

SCRIPTURE

Ella Vincent

James 3: 13-16

The Message

Do you want to be counted wise, to build a reputation for wisdom? Here's what you do: Live well, live wisely, live humbly. It's the way you live, not the way you talk, that counts. Mean-spirited ambition isn't wisdom. Boasting that you are wise isn't wisdom. Twisting the truth to make yourselves sound wise isn't wisdom. It's the furthest thing from wisdom—it's animal cunning, devilish plotting. Whenever you're trying to look better than others or get the better of others, things fall apart and everyone ends up at the others' throats.

Real wisdom, God's wisdom, begins with a holy life and is characterized by getting along with others. It is gentle and reasonable, overflowing with mercy and blessings, not hot one day and cold the next, not two-faced. You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results only if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honor.

* HYMN

De Colores

1. De_____ co - lo - res,_____ de co - lo - res se vis - ten los
 2. Sing_____ of col - ors,_____ sing of col - ors that o - ver the
 3. Sing,_____ re - joic - ing!_____ Ev - ery crea - ture that breathes raise a

cam - pos en la pri - ma - ve - ra._____ De_____ co - lo - res,_____ de co -
 hills in pro - fu - sion are spring - ing;_____ Sing_____ of col - ors_____ of the
 song to the God of cre - a - tion._____ Sing,_____ re - joic - ing!_____ Sing to

- lo - res son los pa - ja - ri - tos que vie - nen de a - fue - ra._____
 birds that fly out - side my win - dow their can - ti - cles sing - ing;_____
 God who so ear - nest - ly cares, who has of - fered sal - va - tion._____

De_____ co - lo - res,_____ de co - lo - res es el ar - co
 Sing_____ of col - ors,_____ in the rain - bow's bright col - ors God's
 Sing_____ the good news!_____ Sing the love of the Sav - ior re -

i - ris que ve - mos sa - lir,_____ Y por e - so los gran - des a -
 prom - ise of hope we re - call;_____ Sing of col - ors that make up the
 - flect - ing the col - ors of all._____ Man - y col - ors that shine from God's

- mo - res de mu - chos co - lo - res me gus - tan a mí,_____ Y por
 earth and give thanks to the God who cre - at - ed us all._____ Sing of
 face, man - y col - ors that tell us God's love to re - call._____ Man - y

e - so los gran - des a - mo - res de mu - chos co -
 col - ors that make up the earth and give thanks to the
 col - ors that shine from God's face, man - y col - ors that

- lo - res me gus - tan a mí._____
 God who cre - at - ed us all._____
 tell us God's love to re - call._____

GIVING MOMENT

Steve Garrett

OFFERTORY

Total Praise

Richard Smallwood

Chancel Choir and St. Arbucks Quartet

arr. Carol Cymbal

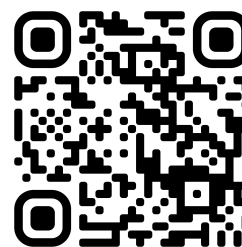
Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills,
Knowing that my help is coming from you.
Your peace, You give me
In time of the storm.
You are the source of my strength.
You are the strength of my life.
I lift my hands in total praise to you.
Amen.

You can give to St. Pauls electronically:

Scan this code with your cell phone camera,

Church Center at spucc.churchcenter.com/giving,

PayPal at spucc.org/paypal, or Zelle to giving@spucc.org.



* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God all crea-tures here be - low;

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

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

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Matt Fitzgerald

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

* HYMN

All Are Welcome

Marty Haugen



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly__

2. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vis - ions



live, a__ place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn
heard and loved and treas - ured, taught and claimed as__ words with -



to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of
-in the Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of



faith and vault of grace: here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
faith and songs of grace, let this house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:



All are wel-come, all are wel-come, all are wel-come in this place.__

* BENEDICTION

Jeff Carlson

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE *This Little Light of Mine* Black American Spiritual
Kris Hansen, soloist arr. Sam Hill
St. Arbucks Quartet
Combined Choir and Congregation
Please join on the refrain

Refrain - This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, No! I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All around the neighborhood. I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Verse - On Monday he gave me the gift of love,
On Tuesday peace came from above,
On Wednesday he told me to have a little more faith,
On Thursday gave me a little more grace,
On Friday he told me to watch and pray,
On Saturday told me just what to say,
On Sunday he gave power divine,
Just to let my little light shine.

Let it shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Verse - Some say the time's too late,
This old world's in a sorry state,
We've got another story;
We say the world is bound for glory.
There's a little whitedove, a-flying in the blue,
Gonna show what power of love can do.
Where there's a dark corner in this world,
I'm gonna let my little light shine.

Refrain . . .

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.
- There is no Sunday school today so that children can participate in the music during today's service. Activity "busy bags" are available in the Narthex for children to use during the service and children's Bibles are in the pews.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Kurt Hansen, Liz Nickerson, Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson

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 Readers: Mark Huddle, Ella Vincent

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: David Baker, John Balevic, Doug Clark

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 David Faulkner.

BORN THIS WEEK IN NOVEMBER

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.

Nov. 10 Daniel Pechnyo

Nov. 11 Hazel Grachan, Isabelle DeMonte, Mira McElhinney

Nov. 12 Eileen Felson, Robert Manrique

Nov. 13 Michael Jaji, Terry Brancaccio-Hansen

Nov. 14 Amy Jaji, Jenna Beeson, John Nickerson, Pauline Taylor

Nov. 15 Ann Christophersen, Jon Ekdahl, Tom Murray

Nov. 16 Brent Mix, Matt Nickerson, Maura Workman-Mandell

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.

- David Folkes's daughter, Sarah Philomena, who has entered hospice.
- Cheryl Kennedy at the death of Bill Kennedy.
- Sally Acker, recovering from a fall.
- Ginna Gentzen at the death of her mother.
- Jen Kew's father, Jim, diagnosed with a progressive lung disease.
- Jessica Ashley, recovering from breast cancer surgery.
- Aubraea Cleveland and her family on the passing of their loved one, Jayla Williams.
- Diane Biegert, recovering from a hip replacement.
- Dan Von Barga, being treated for multiple myeloma.
- 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.
- Pat Kirby, dealing with a housing crisis.
- Karen Johnson and Nancy Barnett's father, Len, recovering from a fall.
- 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 - NEW MEMBER CLASS - 11 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room

Join pastors, members and others curious about St. Pauls for today's 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.

TODAY - MOMS' GROUP - 11:15 a.m., Youth Lounge - Room 016

November's topic: The Work of Gratitude. Practicing gratitude can change your life! We can rise out of whatever challenges we face. Come meet other moms with newborns through high schoolers, learn from each other, get advice, and get renewed! Free childcare is available. Babies can stay with their moms. RSVP to lnickerson@spucc.org

NOV. 12 - YOUNG ADULTS SUNDAY BRUNCH - 11:15 a.m., Courtyard

Meet at the bell just outside the main sanctuary doors at 11:15 a.m. and we will walk to Takitos for good food and conversation. RSVP is not required, but helpful! <https://tinyurl.com/4e3w29hu>

NOV 12 - 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.

NOV 16 - PARENT WORKSHOP & OPEN GYM - 10 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room and Gym

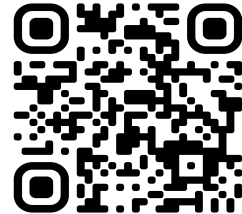
Join us for an insightful and fun parenting workshop with Dr. Margaret "Peg" Griffith: *Understanding Your Preschooler*. Dr. Griffiths conducted a private psychology practice in the Lincoln/Fullerton area for 40 years. She communicates a full range of knowledge in the child development/child psychology realm. Childcare provided in the gym with a mini-bounce house while parents/caregivers attend the presentation. Please register here: <https://tinyurl.com/ysptm6r5>

NOV 16 - YOUTH NIGHT - 6:30-9:30 p.m.,

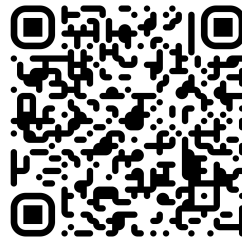
Come for a fun evening of empanada-making with the church's Venezuelan guests. We will also have a scavenger hunt, watch a movie, play games, and learn about the summer youth mission trip! Drop off your kids at 6:30 p.m. sharp and pick them up at 9:30. If rides are a problem, contact Pastor Liz for carpooling information. RSVP to lnickerson@spucc.org

NOV 17 - ADD YOUR PROFILE PICTURE TO CHURCH CENTER - 11 a.m., Social Hall

Help us all put more faces to names in the directory. Don't have the app yet? Scan the QR code to start connecting more within our church community. Contact info@spucc.org with login questions or visit the social hall after worship on Nov 17.



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



NOV 19 - FOOD FOR THE SOUL LUNCH GROUP - 12-1:30 p.m., Social Hall

Bring your own sack lunch at 12 p.m. for a time of fellowship. From 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., we will have a reflection and discussion on the theme "Thanksgiving/Blessings," led by Doug Clark. Adults of all ages are invited to make new friends and reconnect with old ones through lunch, fun, and faith. Sponsored by St. Pauls Social.

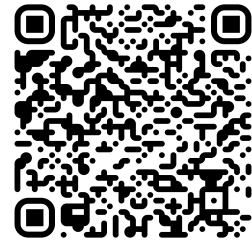
NOV 19 - RETIREMENT GROUP MEETING – 10 a.m., Parlor

Please join us to discuss our transition paths, ways we found ourselves here, what's meaningful, and what's next with or without planned health, funds or companionship. For more info, contact Marcia Knudson: marciaknudson@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 has voted unanimously 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.

UCAN GIFT DRIVE

This holiday season, the Activism and Advocacy committee is preparing to help St. Pauls participate in UCAN's gift train for another year. Beginning November 3, stop by our table during Social Hour and sign up to shop a wish list. This year, we have requests for gift cards only. These will be due at church by December 1.

In addition, we would like to provide virtual and long-distance members with an opportunity to participate. If you would like to donate a gift card for a youth at UCAN, please email Lovely Carter (carterlovely@yahoo.com) or Pauline Taylor (paulinetaylor933@gmail.com) and we will send you a gift train form. You can mail the gift card to St. Pauls United Church of Christ, 2335 N. Orchard St., Chicago, IL 60614. These also need to be at the church by December 1.

TOTENFEST MEMORIALS

Totenfest will be Sunday, November 24. During worship, we will give thanks for the lives of the members and friends of our congregation who died during the past year. Totenfest is a German word meaning "Festival of the Dead." You can make a memorial gift honoring a loved one online at the link below, or by any of our other giving methods. Please submit your gift and email your memorial dedication for the bulletin to the office at info@spucc.org **by Monday, November 18.**
spucc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/totenfest

PECAN PIES FOR THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP

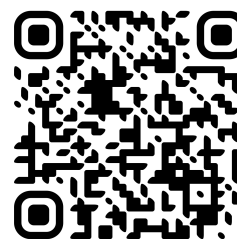
Pecan pie sales are back! Our pecan pie sales will support the Youth Mission Trip. Pies are wonderful fresh but can be frozen (still wonderful)! Order and pay by credit card online **by November 24**. Cost is \$30/pie, limit two pies per person. You can also order a pie to be donated to UCAN's residential home kitchen. Pickup: November 25, 2-6 p.m.; or November 26, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Questions/concerns, please contact Mary Brown, doddbrown@sbcglobal.net, or 847-989-5966. Purchase your pies here: <https://tinyurl.com/37cdbj9f>.

WINDY CITY WINDS FALL CONCERT – “BY REQUEST”

Celebrating the start of our 10th season, Windy City Winds will perform their fall concert here at St. Pauls Church on Friday evening, November 22, at 7:30 pm. The theme of our concert is "By Request: Music Suggested by Band Members." The concert will feature music by Edward Elgar, Frank Ticheli, Eric Whitacre, Ryan George, Claude . Smith, and Julius Fucik – plus the Midwest premiere of a new work by Aaron Perrine. Admission is free and the concert will be live streamed at www.spucc.org/streaming. Come and hear “Chicago’s Community Band”!

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

“Creator did not send his Son to decide against the people of this world, but to set them free from the worthless ways of the world.” John 3:17 First Nations Version New Testament. **How else can Native American voices help us to freshly hear the word of God?** This Native American Heritage Month, see how God is still speaking in ancient and traditional ways at the intersections of sacred scripture and indigenous spirituality, experiences and storytelling. Read the FNV translation of the Lord’s Prayer at tinyurl.com/mrytm3jk and find out more at tinyurl.com/352rfmkf.

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

REDUCE HOLIDAY WASTE

Did you know the holiday season in America generates 25% more trash, plus more food waste, and more emissions than the rest of the year? Oops! In the name of Jesus, we can be careful as we celebrate.

- This holiday season, choose gifts and behaviors with care for God's gift of creation in mind.
- Turn your shopping green by exploring companies that are environmentally focused, give back a percentage of profits to support environmental actions, have ethical practices, as well as great products that won't end up in a landfill.
- Talk about what you are doing.

STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. PAULS

Our Stephen Ministers are here for you if you are going through a tough time. Extensively trained in compassionate Christian caregiving, Stephen Ministers are matched confidentially with someone in our congregation who is going through a crisis, such as the death of a loved one, a diagnosis, a divorce, a job loss, etc. They meet with you once a week for an hour to offer support through listening, companionship and prayer. If you wonder whether having a Stephen Minister might be helpful for you, please speak with Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org. Every one of us could benefit from a Stephen Minister at some point in our lives.

St. Pauls UCC
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Embrace, Nurture, Inspire

WELCOME TO ST. PAULS!

Thank you for coming to worship with us today! Help us get to know you better by scanning the QR code below.



WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Scan the QR codes to discover ways to connect with others.

JOIN A GROUP



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send announcements for St. Pauls-sponsored events to info@spucc.org no later than 10 a.m. on Wednesdays, for publication in the Friday email and next Sunday bulletin. You are welcome to share personal announcements and other event invitations in our Facebook Group, St. Pauls Together.

Please limit announcements to 100 words. Thank you!

TODAY'S MUSIC

Both the text and tune of ***Just a Closer Walk With Thee*** are of unknown origin. It appears in 99 hymnals and was first published in the mid-1940s. On a train trip to Chicago from Kansas City, Kenneth Morris (1917-1989), an African American gospel music composer, heard a porter singing this song. He asked the porter to sing it again so he could write down the melody and words. When it was published, Morris also added some of his own words. It is likely that it dates to as early as post-Civil War days in African American churches. The arrangement we hear today was made by Brendan Henry.

This Little Light of Mine has been a favorite of St. Pauls for more than 40 years. It has an uplifting and spiritually powerful message that celebrates the sharing of faith. It is also another example from the deep well of spirituals from the African American tradition. Today, this great spiritual will bookend our service; first by our Kinderchapel Singers and then as a Benediction Response involving ALL of us. The arrangement used at the close of worship was created by Dr. Sammie "Sam" Hill, who was the Director of Music and Organist at St. Pauls from 1971-1991. Sam, and our current Director of Music, Kurt R. Hansen, both studied with the same teacher at Northwestern University, Grigg Fountain.

Glory, Glory! Hallelujah! is a truly exuberant African American spiritual. Long time members of St. Pauls will recognize it as one of our touchstone songs sung over the years on "How Sweet the Sound," our Gospel music Sunday. The arrangement we sing is by Harriet Ziegenhals (1925-2016). Ziegenhals was the director of the Community Renewal Chorus in Chicago for many years and often collaborated with Sam Hill, beloved music director and remarkable gospel pianist at St. Pauls from 1971 until his death in 1991.

E.A. Hoffman (1839-1929) wrote the text for ***What a Covenant*** in 1877, although many of us learned the hymn as *What a Fellowship*. Hoffman was an ordained minister and wrote more than 2,000 gospel songs in his lifetime. The tune bears two names, LEANING, which is the first word of the refrain, and SHOWALTER, in honor of the composer, A. J. Showalter (1858-1924). He actually began teaching shape-note singing at age 14 and attended a number of private Christian music programs to learn his craft.

I'm Gonna Sing is a jubilant arrangement of the spiritual by Audrey Snyder (b. 1953) in 2017. She is a composer, arranger, educator, and producer. Born in Oregon, she began playing piano by ear at age 4 by copying the pieces she heard her older brother practice. Her teaching positions in primary and middle schools opened her to composing for young voices.

Shut the Door was composed in 1982 by Randy Stonehill (b. 1952). He is a singer-songwriter from Stockton, California and is one of the pioneers of contemporary Christian music. He has composed numerous songs and has been featured on more than 20 albums. The song is composed in the Calypso style.

Saint Honesty was released in 2019. The lyrics embrace vulnerability and accepting difficult truths. Sara Beth Bareilles (b. 1979) is an American singer, songwriter and actress and is a “triple winner” of Grammy, Emmy and Tony Awards. Her recordings have sold more than 15 million copies. She is a graduate of UCLA and composed both the music and lyrics for the successful Broadway show *Waitress*. Lori McKenna (b. 1968) is an American country singer, songwriter with more than 250 titles to her credit. She has written songs for Taylor Swift and Whitney Houston and is also a Grammy Award winner.

De colores is a folk song from the rich resources of Mexican music. It gained wide popularity when it was sung at meetings and marches of the United Farm Workers. Our *New Century Hymnal* was the first to share it with a wider audience, and the translation is unattributed.

Total Praise was “composed,” both the words and music, in 1996 by Richard Smallwood (b. 1948). The word “composed” must be amplified to be understood in the context of Gospel music. Very often, printed scores of gospel songs follow *after* a song is learned and performed, a bit like transcribing a jazz solo that is improvised in the moment. Most gospel choirs learn their music aurally, or by ear. That gives the spirit and voice more freedom within strict time. Richard Smallwood is a classically trained pianist and singer who graduated cum laude from Howard University and was also steeped in the style and substance of the gospel musical traditions. He was *both* classically trained and adept in creating music and text in a “spiritual jazz” freedom and inspiration. ***Total Praise*** is one of his most popular gospel songs and came out of a time of great sorrow in his life. *Precious Lord* was “composed” by Thomas Dorsey under the same kind of sorrow. Carol Cymbala is the Music Director of the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir and has won six Grammy Awards with the choir. The Tabernacle and its Choir celebrate a diverse membership and styles of worship.

All Are Welcome is a recently composed hymn and one of our favorites from a past hymn fest. The tune is TWO OAKS. It dates from 1994 and the words and music were both created by Marty Haugen (b. 1950), an American composer of numerous hymns and liturgical music. This hymn was shared with Kurt R. Hansen by a college friend, Alisa Kasmir, and has quickly become an anthem of St. Pauls’ Open and Affirming ministry.

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 181 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 LGPTQ+ people.

Welcome to each and to everyone.

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