

November 3, 2024
Communion Sunday

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

"To live by Jesus, to live by the Gospel, one must come out of oneself...to leave the comfortable shores of our safe harbours, to enter deep waters... in which the Spirit invites us..." Pope Francis

PRELUDE *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654* J. S. Bach
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

CHIMES

INTROIT *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*
Chancel Choir

WELCOME Liz Nickerson

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus invites us to lives of hope and service.

All: When we serve Jesus we lose ourselves and find God.

One: Place your trust, not in yourself, but in God's power and love.

All: Serving God we find perfect freedom.

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

* HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heaven, on earth be - found,
2. Breathe, O breathe your lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;
3. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all your life re - ceive;
4. Fin - ish, then, your new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less may we - prove;

Fix in us a hum - ble - dwell - ing, all your faith - ful mer - cies crown;
Let us all in you in - her - it, let us find your prom - ised rest;
Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, ne - ver - more your tem - ples leave.
Let us see your great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in - you;

Je - sus, you are all com - pas - sion; pure un - bound - ed love im - part.
Take a - way our love of - sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
You we would be al - ways bless - ing, love you as your an - gels love,
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,

Vis - it us with your sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
End of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
Pray and praise for your un - fail - ing, wound - ed arms out - stretched a - bove.
Crowned as saints, we ev - er - shall be lost in won - der, love, and praise.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Jeff Carlson

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we have so much and want so much more. Rather than striving to serve you more faithfully, we serve ourselves. We are easily drawn away from serving you by the enticements of the world, we are owned by our possessions, held captive by our treasures. Open our hearts to know that the kingdom's riches are in service to you. Help us to meet you at this table and be transformed by your love. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

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

COMMUNION MUSIC *bach (God the Father in Eternity)* arr. Joel Ross
Matt Plaskota, vibraphone
St. Arbucks Quartet

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

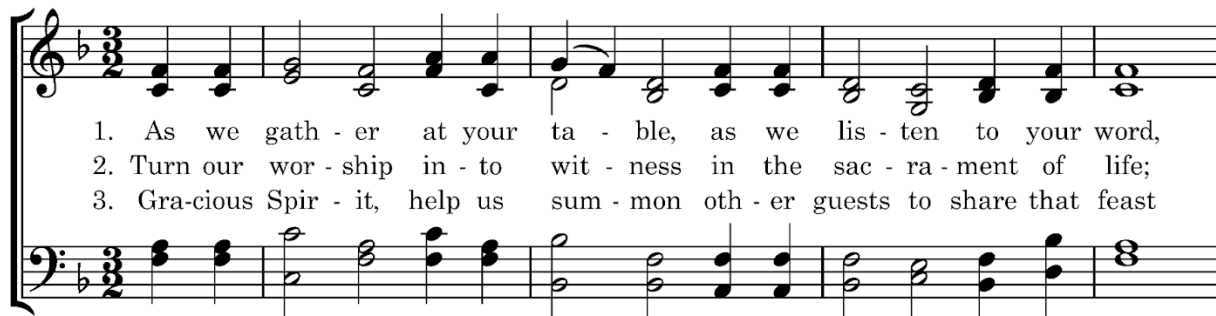
God of infinite patience and wisdom, thank you for this meal. You continue to offer us healing and hope. You seek to transform our lives from captivity to freedom in witness and service. Give us courage and strength to truly be your disciples. For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*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.*

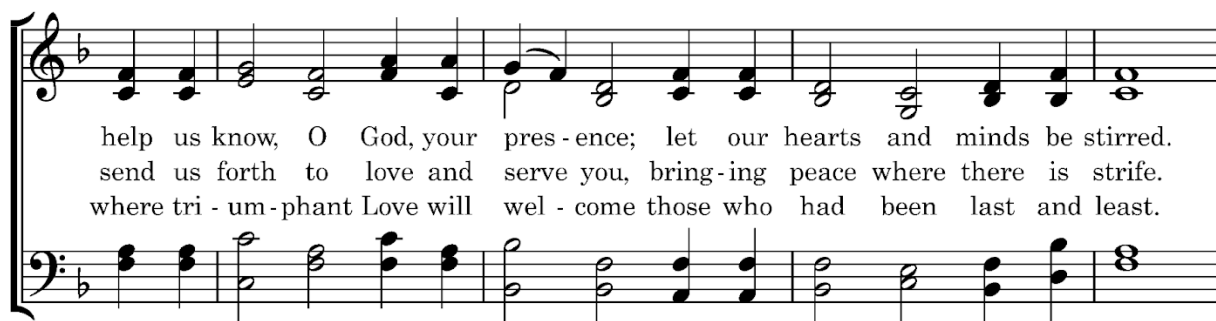
* COMMUNION HYMN

As We Gather at Your Table

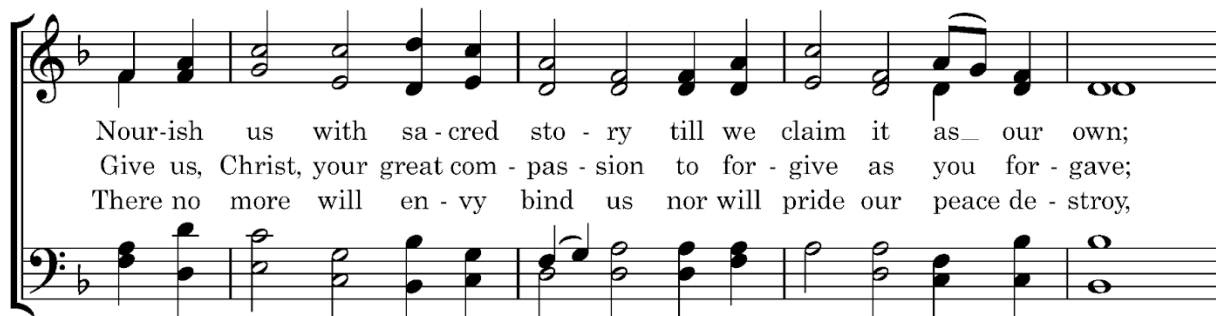
verse 1 & 2



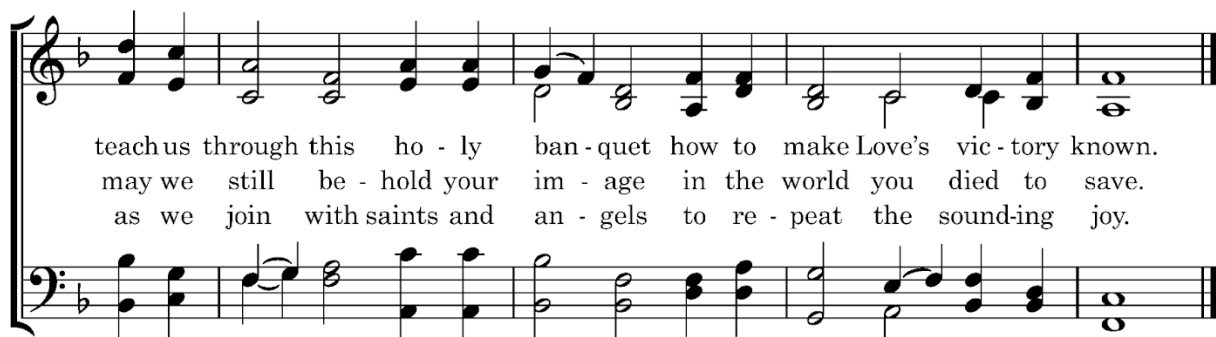
1. As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3. Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



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



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



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

SCRIPTURE

Mark Sancya

Mark 10:17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the good news who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

*** 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**

As We Gather at Your Table
See previous hymn

verse 3

SERMON

"Follow Me"

Liz Nickerson

* HYMN

The Summons



1. Will you come and fol - low me, if I but call your name?
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind, if I but call your name?
3. Will you let the blind - ed see, if I but call your name?
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide, if I but call your name?
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you, and you in me?
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you, and you in me?
and ad - mit to what I mean in you, and you in me?
through my sight and touch and sound in you, and you in me?
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you, and you in me.

GIVING MOMENT

Tara Stephenson

OFFERTORY

Jubilate Deo
Chancel Choir

Benjamin Britten

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
Serve the Lord with gladness,
And come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
It is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;
We are his people,
And the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
And into his courts with praise:
Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.
For the Lord is gracious,
His mercy is everlasting,
And his truth endureth from generation to generation.
Psalm 100

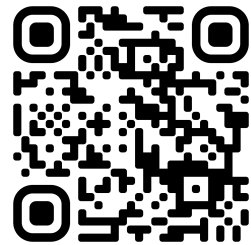
Glory be to the Father;
And to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
And ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.

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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.

* HYMN

O Jesus, I Have Promised

1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve you to the end;
2. Oh, let me feel you near me; The world is ev - er near.
3. Oh, let me hear you speak - ing In ac - cents clear and still
4. O Je - sus, you have prom - ised To all who fol - low you

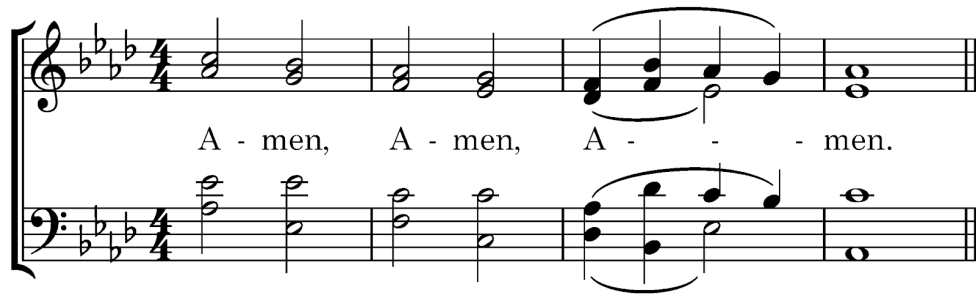
Re - main for - ev - er near me, My mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, The tempt - ing sounds I hear.
A - bove the storms of pas - sion, The mur - murs of self - will.
That where you are in glo - ry Your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle If you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, A - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, To has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve you to the end;

Nor wan - der from the path - way If you will be my guide.
But, Je - sus, then draw near - er To shield my soul from sin.
Now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
Oh, give me grace to fol - low, My mas - ter and my friend.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

Walk All Over God's Heaven
St. Arbucks Quartet

Mahalia Jackson

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 in their classrooms after the service.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Liz Nickerson, Jeff Carlson

Matt is away on a family trip today.

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

Communion Coordinator: Jana O'Brien

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: David Faulkner, Fred Pearson

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

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

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

Communion bread baked by Marcia Knudson.

Today's flowers are given by Nadia J. Jiménez in celebration of the life of Dolores Pifer with love and remembrance from her friends and family.

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. 3 Ron Clarke

Nov. 4 Emily Hein, Nina Alverdy, Todd Lightfoot

Nov. 5 Dante Carter, Doug Roewer

Nov. 6 Chris Frumkin, Kelli Fitzgerald, Ryan Clarke, Scott Banjavcic

Nov. 7 Ashleigh Darin, Chloe Combs

Nov. 8 John DeCoster, Tara Stephenson

Nov. 9 Ava Grosshans, Catherine Demery, Kristy Tavas

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.

- Sally Acker, recovering from a fall.
- Ginna Gentzen's mom in hospice.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 - 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 today 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.

NOV 5 & 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 6 - WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – 12-12:45 p.m., Zoom

We're studying 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.

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

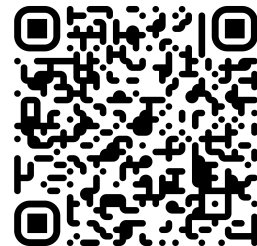
Join us for an insightful and fun parenting workshop with Dr. Margaret "Peg" Griffith: *Understanding Your Preschooler*. Dr. Griffiths conducted a private psychology practice in the Lincoln/Fullerton area for 40 years. She communicates a full range of knowledge in the child development/child psychology 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 - 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



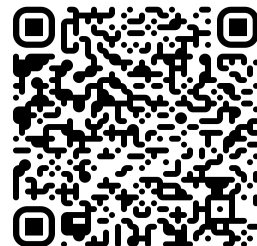
NOV 19 - FOOD FOR THE SOUL LUNCH GROUP - 12-1:30 p.m., Social Hall

"Thanksgiving/Blessings" led by Doug Clark. Adults of all ages are invited. Make new friends and connect with old ones with lunch (please bring your own), fellowship, fun, and faith.

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 1st.

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>.

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.

GENERAL ELECTION FOR CHICAGO AND SUBURBS - NOVEMBER 5

Please don't ignore this critical election! This Tuesday, 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 began 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!

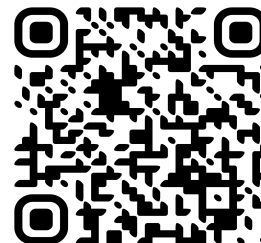
Windy City Winds, "Chicago's Community Band," announces their Season 10 concerts:

- 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 Gerald, 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

November is Native American Heritage Month, a time to celebrate diverse cultures and acknowledge the important ongoing contributions of Native people. One of these is the creation of the Iroquois Confederacy, often known as the Haudenosaunee or Six Nations. This confederation, formed around the 12th century, served as an early model for democratic governance in North America. Its constitution, known as the Great Law of Peace, inspired elements of the United States Constitution, including the concept of a federal system and representative government. This example of Indigenous political innovation has had a lasting impact on American history and governance. **Did you know?**

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

Edible Super Heroes

Thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays are just around the corner. Much of our focus will be around holiday food; thus, it is a good time to remind ourselves which are the better choices for ourselves and the planet.

“Edible crops—whole grains and legumes (beans, lentils, whole wheat and rice) but also tubers (potatoes and sweet potatoes) and even some starchy tree fruits (jack fruit and bananas)—are where the climate action is. They are healthful, nutritious, versatile and much less perishable than garden variety fruits and vegetables. They deliver calories and nutrition in one package, use fewer inputs (water, fertilizer), and are often grown without irrigation.

St. Pauls UCC
Giving Campaign 2025
October 27, 2024 - January 14, 2025

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TODAY'S MUSIC

The text for ***Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*** was written in 1931 by Percy Dearmer (1867-1936). He was ordained into ministry in the Church of England and was also one of the editors of the *English Hymnal 1906*. The tune, UNION SEMINARY, was composed in 1957 by Harold Friedell (1905-1958), an American organist, choirmaster, teacher, and composer. He was also a member of the faculty of Union Theological Seminary in New York City, which explains his choice for the name of the tune.

The text for ***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*** was written by Charles Wesley (1707-1788). His brother, John, was the founder of the Methodist faith. The words are set to the tune, BEECHER by John Zundel (1815-1882) and named after the famed preacher, Henry Ward Beecher. We also sing this tune to the text *Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*. This text is one of the few that is the source of a "hymn battle" over which tune to sing. The other well-known tune for this text is HYFRYDOL.

Joel Ross (b. 1995) is a jazz vibraphonist born and raised in Chicago. He got his start musically by playing drums in the Baptist church on the south side where his father was the music director. His early formal training began when he was among the first entering class of the Chicago High School for the Arts. After moving to New York City in 2015, he formed his own band, Good Vibes. ***bach (God the Father in Eternity)*** was released in January this year on Blue Note. Ross employs a melodic fragment of a choral of J.S. Bach (1685-1750) and marries it with the repetition and layering that is an integral part of music in the Black Church.

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

The text for ***Will You Come and Follow Me*** was written by John Bell (b. 1949). He was born in Scotland and after considering a career as a music teacher, went into ministry. He has enjoyed serving as a youth minister in impoverished areas of Scotland. THE SUMMONS is a folk melody, KELVINGROVE, which derives its name from a park in Glasgow, Scotland.

The setting of ***Jubilate Deo***, Psalm 100, was composed in 1961 by Benjamin Britten (1913-1976). Composed at the request of Prince Phillip, H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh for St. George's Chapel in Windsor Castle, it was sung at his 80th and 90th birthdays and also at his funeral in 2021. The organ part seeks to imitate the harmonics of bells, and the choral parts are a dialogue between sections that urge each other to praise God. These outbursts of joy are contrasted with hushed portions describing the qualities of graciousness and mercy. The exuberance has a Christmas-like joy.

O Jesus, I Have Promised is a text created by John Bode (1816-1874). He was a prominent Episcopalian clergyman and well-respected scholar. He composed many hymn texts in addition to poetry. MUNICH is a 17th century German melody adapted in 1847 by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847). Along with Beethoven and Brahms, Mendelssohn was one of the great German Romantic composers. He almost single-handedly reintroduced the music of J.S. Bach (1685-1750) to a larger audience when he conducted the first performances of Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* after Bach's death. Mendelssohn's own great oratorios, *Elijah* and *St. Paul* were often performed, especially in England. Sadly, both Mendelssohn and his family suffered the pains of antisemitism in his native Germany.

Walk All Over God's Heaven, is more a new creation than an arrangement by Mahalia Jackson (1911-1972). She took inspiration from the old hymn ***I Got a Robe, You Got a Robe***. Ms. Jackson has a direct connection with St. Pauls. Brendan Henry grew up loving her music and his deep spiritual commitment to her caused him to name his daughter after her. Born in Mississippi, she had a long commitment to the civil rights movement and was behind the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. when he spoke at the Lincoln Monument. In recordings of that event, you can hear her shouting at Dr. King, "Tell them about the dream, Martin!" Although Ms. Jackson toured the world, her connection to Chicago was long and deep and she called Chicago her home. Studs Terkel was among her biggest fans and champions. Returning to Chicago during her final illness, she is memorialized, along with her equally famous colleague, Thomas A. Dorsey, in our music windows on the south aisle.

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.