

March 2, 2025
Transfiguration
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

“When you consider that air or vacuum, snow or shale, squid or wolf, rose or lichen, each is accepted into as much light as it will take, then the heart moves roomier, the man stands and looks about.”

A.R. Ammons

PRELUDE

Rhapsody No. 1 in Db
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

Herbert Howells

CHIMES

INTROIT

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain
Chancel Choir

WELCOME

Jeff Carlson

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rise and shine, our light has come!

All: The glory of God blazes and shines!

One: In an instant, in a glimpse: God's glory!

All: In a passing flash, light inaccessible lights up our eyes!

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

* HYMN

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair



1. O won - drous sight, O vi - sion fair of glo - ry
2. From age to age the tale de - clare, how with_ the
3. The law and proph - ets there have place, two cho - sen
4. With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to
5. And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this_ great



that_ the_ church shall share, Which Christ up - on_ the
three_ dis - ci - ples there, Where Mo - ses and_ E -
wit - ness - es of grace; The voice of God_ out
man - i - fest to day What glo - ry shall_ be
vi - sion's mys - ter - y, For which in joy - ful



moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun, Christ glows!
- li - jah meet, they with the Christ God's fu - ture greet.
from the cloud pro - claims the Hu - man One a - loud.
theirs be - yond, who live with - in God's lov - ing bond.
strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Liz Nickerson

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Christ came bathed in light,
dazzling, radiant.**

***Forgive us, God,
for accepting mediocrity
and calling it religion.***

He appeared with Elijah and Moses.

***Forgive us, God,
for running from the prophets.***

A voice shouted,

"This is my Beloved; listen!"

Give us ears to hear you shouting, Lord.

Give us eyes to see your glory.

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 take part in communion.

COMMUNION MUSIC

St. Arbucks Quartet

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

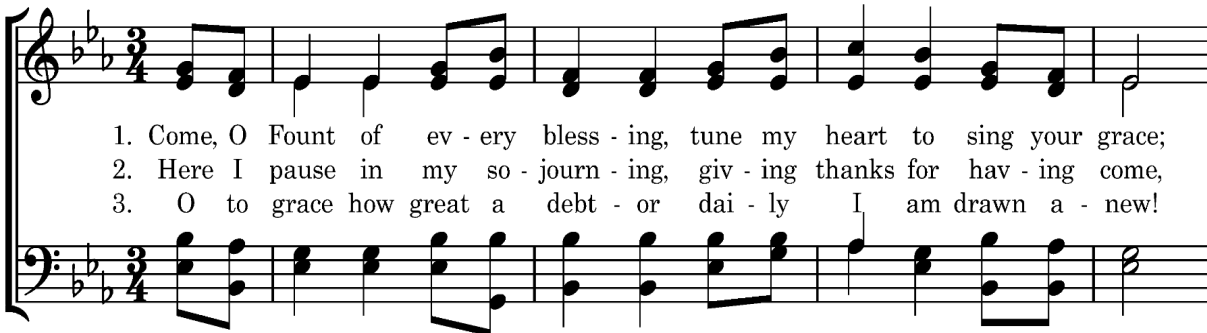
We are, each one of us, accepted into as much light as we can take, as much love as we can receive. And then, more. Thank you, God, for the abundance.

*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.*

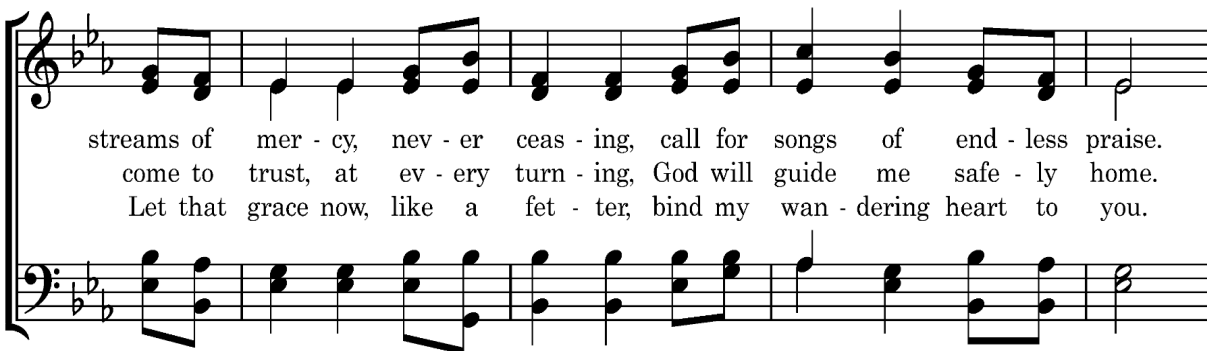
* HYMN

Come O Fount of Every Blessing

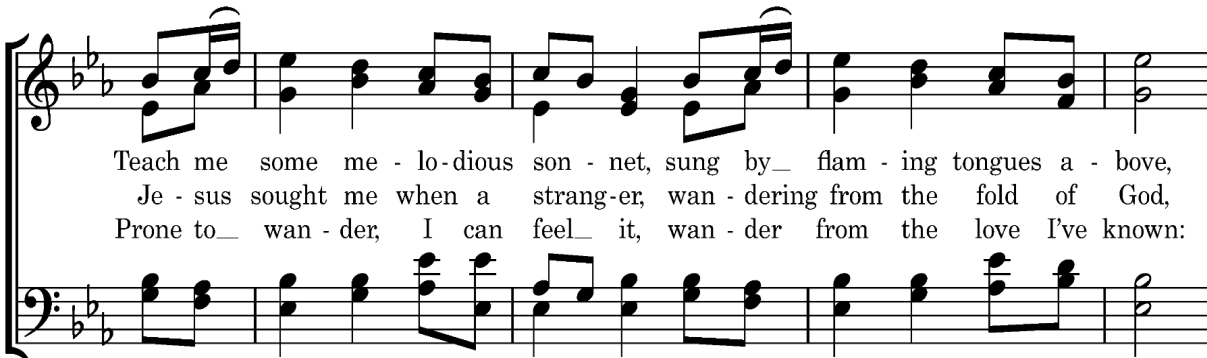
vv. 1 & 2



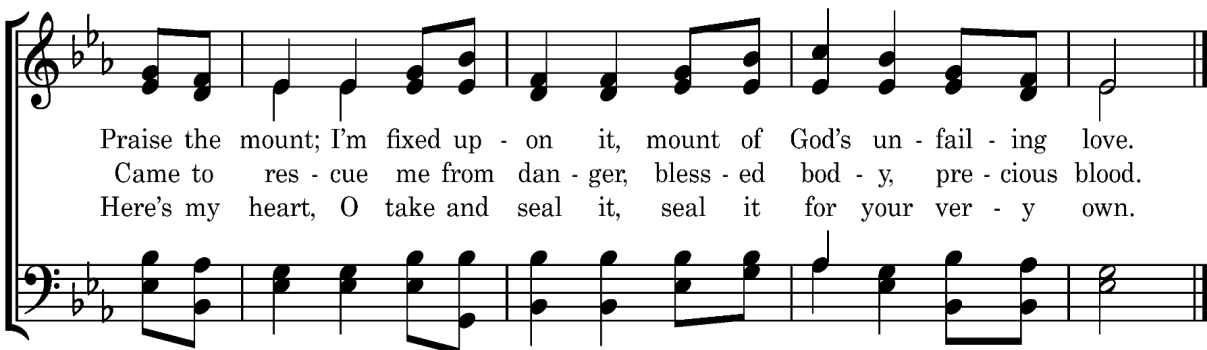
1. Come, O Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
2. Here I pause in my so - journ - ing, giv - ing thanks for hav - ing come,
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of end - less praise.
come to trust, at ev - ery turn - ing, God will guide me safe - ly home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to you.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God,
Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan - der from the love I've known:



Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail - ing love.
Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless - ed bod - y, pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

SCRIPTURE

Mark Sancya

Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"-- not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

* 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

Come O Fount of Every Blessing
See previous hymn

v. 3

SERMON

“The radiance does not withhold itself,
but pours its abundance”

Matt Fitzgerald

* HYMN

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

1. O Love that will not let me go, _____
2. O Light that fol - lows all my way, _____
3. O Joy that seeks me through my pain, _____
4. O Cross that rais - es up my head, _____

I rest my wea - ry soul in you; _____
to you I yield my flick - ering flame; _____
to you I can - not close my heart; _____
from you I dare not seek to flee; _____

I give you back the life I owe, _____ that
Re - new my spir - it's fee - ble ray, _____ that
I trace the rain - bow through the rain, _____ and
Life's glo - ries with - er and are dead, _____ but

in your o - cean depths its flow may swell with ar - dor true.
from your bril - liant sun - lit day it may new bright - ness claim.
know the prom - ise is not vain that you will ne'er de - part.
from the ground there blos - soms red, life that shall end - less be.

OFFERTORY

Ave verum corpus
Chancel Choir

W. A. Mozart

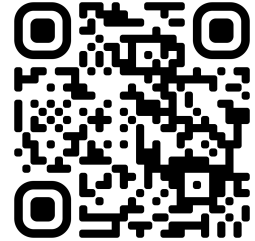
Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary.
Who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals,
Whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood:
Be for us a foretaste of heaven during our final examining.
O Jesus sweet, O Jesus pure,
O Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy upon me.
Amen.

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



* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here be - low;

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

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

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

* 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

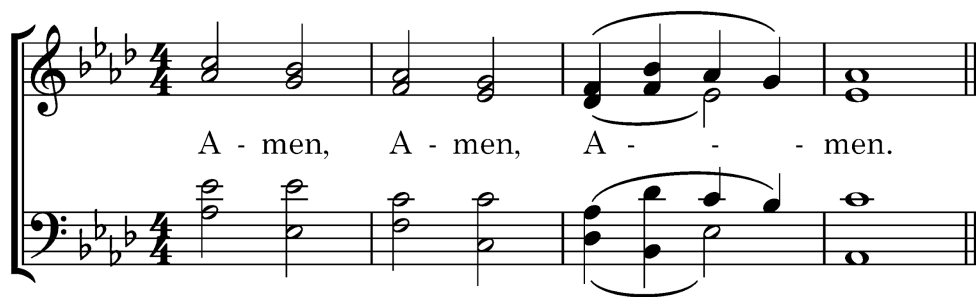
what a peace is mine, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
grows from day to day, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
with my Sav - ior near, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

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.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



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

POSTLUDE

Oh Happy Day
St. Arbucks Quartet

Edwin Hawkins

Oh happy day
When Jesus washed
He washed my sins away!

Oh happy day ...

Oh happy day
He taught me how to watch
And fight and pray
Yes, fight and pray.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Jeff Carlson, Liz Nickerson, Matt Fitzgerald

Acolytes: Faye Johnson, Adrian Broderick

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

Communion Coordinator: Jana O'Brien

Scripture Reader: Mark Sancya

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: David Baker, David Faulkner, Fred Pearson

Greeter: Mercedes Ridao

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

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

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

Would you like to donate altar flowers? Sign up here: tinyurl.com/4w6fu5js.

BORN THIS WEEK IN MARCH

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

- Mar. 2 Chip Moehrke, Fred Pearson, Mahalia Henry, Sue Moulton
- Mar. 3 Matthew Molvar, Terril Stumpf
- Mar. 4 Martha Sanders, Sue Finkle
- Mar. 5 Arlo Brinkoetter, Sherry Smith, Winona Koldyke
- Mar. 6 Marcia Gulbrandsen
- Mar. 7 Amy Barton, Rick Peterson, Scott Wadsworth
- Mar. 8 Kat Baumann

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.

- Karen L. Johnson, recovering from a fall.
- Sally Acker, recovering from a fall.
- Christa Hamilton at the death of her father.
- David Folkes at the death of his daughter, Sarah Philomena.
- Loved ones of Rachel Joyce at her death.
- Marcia Knudson, as she begins treatment for lung cancer.
- Char Damron asks for prayers for Vicki Kendall and her family following Vicki's recent surgery.
- Wayne Bradley, pursuing ongoing treatment.
- Bob Ball's brother, Phill, being treated for complications associated with leukemia, and Jane, who is Phill's primary caregiver.
- Cheryl Kennedy at the death of Bill Kennedy.

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.

LENT & EASTER AT ST. PAULS

- FRI, APR 4 A PERFORMANCE OF *THE GOSPEL OF MARK* - 7 p.m.
Hear the entire Gospel message in the chapel
- SUN, APR 13 PALM SUNDAY - 10 a.m.
Palm branches, songs, egg hunt
- THU, APR 17 MAUNDY THURSDAY TAIZÉ SERVICE - 7:30 p.m.
Labyrinth walk before the service - 7 p.m.
- FRI, APR 18 GOOD FRIDAY - 7:30 p.m.
Communion, Tenebrae with choir
- SUN, APR 20 EASTER SUNDAY - 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Communion, choir, brass

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Youth Mission Trip!



ST. PAULS WOMEN'S HISTORY – ROSE STUPP BUEHLER (1871-1947)

After the deaths of both her parents early in her life, Rose was raised in what later became Uhlich Children's Home (now UCAN). She was baptized and confirmed at St. Pauls Church, where she later married Carl Buehler. Rose served as president of Women's Aid at Uhlich for 26 years. She also served as president of the Sisterhood at St. Pauls House for the Elderly for many years, and was a member of the board of trustees there. She was very active in organizations at St. Pauls Church, including The Daughters of Ruth. Rose and her husband gave many significant gifts to the church for the parish house and for St. Pauls House, as well as donating land for Uhlich Children's Home and St. Pauls House. Truly a giving member of St. Pauls.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAR 4 – MARDI GRAS FAMILY POTLUCK - 5-6:30 p.m., Oscar Mayer Room
Save the date for a Fat Tuesday feast! Bring a dish/beverage to share. Attire: purple, green, gold, casual, or costume. Fellowship, fun, and food - open to all! Hosted by our Little Lights Board. Share what you are bringing here:
<https://tinyurl.com/ytpu34c>. Point of contact: Erin Fitzgerald
erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org.

MAR 5 – BIBLE STUDY: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN - 12 p.m., Zoom
John's stories and images have captured the imaginations of Christians in every generation. It's very different from the three other "Synoptic" Gospels in the New Testament, with material all its own. It depicts Jesus as the Good Shepherd, the Bread of Life and the Light of the World, always shining in whatever darkness may come. Led by Pastor Jeff, we meet weekly at noon over Zoom. Sign up here:
tinyurl.com/bdzytb33

MAR 9 – PRE-ANNUAL MEETING BUDGET REVIEW -11 a.m., Room 028 (Old Confirmation Room)
Join us after worship on Sunday, March 9, for a deeper dive into St. Pauls finances. Treasurer Allen Heinemann and the Finance Committee will present an overview and be available to answer your questions.

MAR 16 – ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary
Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting of the Congregation after worship on Sunday, March 16. We will vote on the 2025 budget and learn about the activities of 2024 and plans going into 2025.

MAR 16 – BLOOD DRIVE - 8 a.m., Gym

Save the Date to save more lives! St. Pauls will be sponsoring another blood drive on March 16 and hope you can sign up to donate! And bring friends! Appointments are encouraged. Your life-saving gift of blood can save up to THREE lives! The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime. Sign up in advance by reserving a time slot via the QR code:



MAR 20 – WEEKDAY MOMS’ GROUP - Thursdays, 9:15-10:15 a.m., Youth Lounge
New weekday Moms’ group meets at St. Pauls once per month from 9:15-10:15 a.m. on Thursdays, March 20, April 24 and May 22. Being a mom is the hardest job in the world! So come meet other moms, make new friends, learn from each other, get advice, pray, and get renewed! Each month has a relevant theme on an issue you face as a mom. Free professional childcare is available. Babies can stay with their moms. RSVP to lnickerson@spucc.org.

MAR 23 – SACK LUNCH MAKING FOR LPCS SHELTER - 11 a.m., Kitchen
Make a difference by joining us after worship in the church kitchen on Sunday, March 23, as we prepare brown bag lunches for clients at the Lincoln Park Community Services shelter. Learn more about the shelter at www.lpcschicago.org. We'll begin right after worship (around 11 a.m.) and deliver the lunches to their location at 600 W. Fullerton. We will provide all the food needed, but volunteers are asked to donate \$25 (cash or via Venmo/Zelle) to help cover the cost of the lunches. To sign up, please visit tinyurl.com/2v92p898. If you have questions or need more information, please email Mark Pellegrino at jjmarkp@yahoo.com.

MAR 25 – FOOD FOR THE SOUL GROUP - 12-1:30 p.m., Social Hall
Adults of all ages are invited to make new friends and reconnect with old ones through lunch, fun and faith. Bring a friend or neighbor. Please bring your own lunch. Childcare provided. Sponsored by St. Pauls Social.

APR 26 – VOLUNTEER WITH REBUILDING TOGETHER - 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Off Site

Registration is open for the National Rebuilding Together Day. Join the St. Pauls team as this year we work on two Maywood houses -- making them safe, warm and dry. Sample tasks include moving things to the dumpster, painting, and installing safety devices. Working together is a great way to meet and get to know others from St. Pauls. March is registration month. Sign up on Church Center at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/34ned8w4>. Note: indicate cat allergy; second house is cat free. For questions, email Pat Ruch at pmr.ruch@gmail.com.

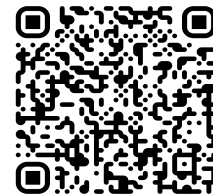
JUNE 15-21– YOUTH MISSION TRIP

We are excited to invite our youth on the summer 2025 trip to Pittsburgh, PA. Youth will work with activists and church leaders from the Christian Church of Wilkinsburg, a dynamic inter-racial congregation in the heart of the community. We will stay at the church, joining youth and young adults from the Wilkinsburg church in a weeklong effort called "Project Peace." We will do carpentry, urban gardening, and other projects in the neighborhood. Lessons learned will be brought home and put to work at St. Pauls and in Chicago. If you are already planning to join the adventure, you can register here: tinyurl.com/mrxmed3c.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW! OPT-IN TO TEXTING FROM ST. PAULS

Want to receive reminders and announcements via text?
Simply scan the QR code and fill out the form!



LITTLE LIGHTS SUMMER CAMP

Registration is open for summer fun! Our part-time summer program is geared toward ages 3+ and runs from June through August, Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Camp combines play and structured fun inside our classrooms, in the gym and outside in the sun. We create arts & crafts, enjoy music & games, making friends and memories along the way! Register by March 31 to lock in Early Rate (10% discount). There is also a 10% sibling discount and 20% Church Member discount (contact Erin for the code at erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org). Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/2nt8zsvx>.

LOSS AND GRIEVING DISCUSSION GROUP

Some St. Pauls members and friends are starting a group that will meet twice a month to talk about our losses and our grieving processes. These can include both recent loss of a loved one and older losses that continue to run their course (often for years). This will not be a therapy group, but a source of mutual non-professional support, although we can also invite guest experts to speak to us if the group wants. If you'd like to learn more about this group, please email Pam Woll at pamelawoll@sbcglobal.net or pamelawoll3333@gmail.com.

WINDY CITY WINDS CONCERT – MARCH 14

Come hear Windy City Winds, “Chicago’s Community Band,” in a free concert Friday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Pauls UCC (also live-streamed at spucc.org/streaming). The program theme is “Looking Upward: Music Inspired by Stars and Planets,” featuring music by Gustav Holst, John Philip Sousa, John Williams and two contemporary composers. Dr. Kevin Geraldi, director of bands at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, will be the guest conductor. The event will also include the band’s annual raffle where audience members can win fabulous prizes! Windy City Winds is a 60-piece symphonic band conducted by Mark Mosley and Sarah Good Mosley.

JUMPSTART GYM – JANUARY 7-MARCH 19

Parents/Caregivers supervise children ages 0-3 in an open-ended environment. Take advantage of our beautiful full-size gym while it's cold outside and your little one needs a place to get those wiggles out! Jumpstart Gym continues on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9-9:45 a.m. through March 19. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/3hnt2rjw>. Reach out to Erin Fitzgerald at littlelights@spucc.org if you have any questions. Thank you!

JOIN OUR INTERGENERATIONAL ORCHESTRA

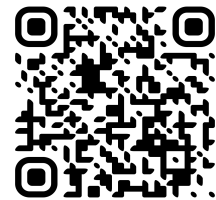
Do you play an orchestral string, woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument? If so, please join the St. Pauls UCC Intergenerational Orchestra as we prepare to perform in worship on Sunday, March 16. Orchestra members range in age from 10 to 100! Rehearsals are immediately after church for about an hour in the Oscar Mayer Room today and Sundays, March 2, and March 9. If you are interested, please contact our conductor Mark Mosley at (773) 732-0625 or mwmosley@gmail.com. Please join us as together we “Make a Joyful Sound in the City!”

NEW SMALL GROUPS! SHORT CIRCLES: REGISTER TODAY

Short Circles are small groups for people who want to experience growth in their spiritual lives. In circles of 6-8 people, we will connect to God and one another. We will meet for 50-60 minutes once a week for six weeks beginning in early February. Each week, your Short Circle will focus on a few short verses of scripture using the ancient method of "lectio divina" or "spiritual reading." The aim is for you to discover what God is calling you to do or to become in 2025. Upon registration, you will indicate whether you prefer to meet in person or via Zoom, along with your day/evening preferences. Register here: tinyurl.com/mry4acbf.

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.



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.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

As Black History Month draws to a close, here is a commercial about studying American history as it has affected African Americans. This history is not something one has either learned or not learned. It is a deep well of information, insight and wisdom. Its principal lesson lies not in knowing what happened before the Civil War, but in encompassing the enormity of what has happened—to how many people, for how long, in how many repeating patterns, and WHY. When history has been banned, we must carry the whole of it in our hearts, until we reach more fertile soil.

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

Not Yet Prime Time for the Four Horsemen

The current attack on scientific consensus as a principle for public policy is clear in the areas of climate and health policy. We must remember that there are other levels of government, primarily state and local, which have to deal with the consequences of policy vacuums.

For example, the current Texas measles outbreak, which has now spread to New Mexico, is expected to continue. It originated in the Mennonite community, which has been traditionally under-vaccinated.

The consequences of the avian flu, fires, floods, air pollution and toxic water are also increasingly handled locally and at the state level. These policies may look different, but people do not wish to see their communities crumble— whether in Red or Blue states.

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.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

For St. Pauls sponsored events, send to info@spucc.org by 10 a.m. on Wednesdays for publication in the Friday email and next Sunday bulletin. Share personal announcements/ events on our Facebook group page, St. Pauls Together. **Please limit announcements to 100 words.** Thank you!

St. Pauls UCC
Giving Campaign 2025
October 27, 2024 - January 14, 2025
Grand Total: **\$1,030,149.82**

\$1,000,000
\$950,000
\$900,000
\$800,000
\$700,000
\$600,000
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Embrace, Nurture, Inspire

WELCOME TO ST. PAULS!

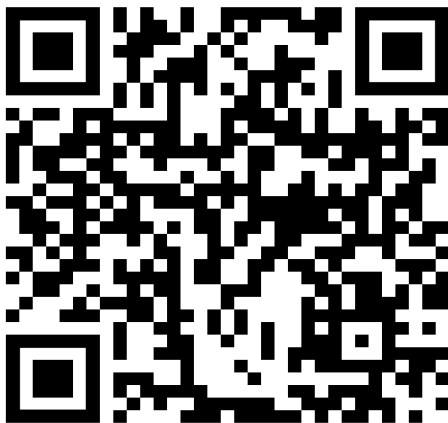
Thank you for coming to worship with us today!
Help us get to know you better by scanning the QR code below.



WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

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JOIN A GROUP



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



TODAY'S MUSIC

Rhapsody in D-flat Major, Op. 17, No. 1 was composed in 1925 by Herbert Howells (1892-1983). Howells is probably the most famous Anglican church composer and musician of his time. His father was a plumber and also the organist at the local Baptist church. Howells showed early promise as an organist when at age 11 he became both a choir boy and deputy organist of his local Anglican church. Howells composed not only for the church, but also symphonic works and chamber music. He received many honors and was a long time member of the faculty of the Royal College of Music.

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain is a text written in 1991 by Jaroslav J. Vajda (1919-2008). Born in Ohio of Czech parents, he became a Lutheran pastor and university theologian. In addition, he was a poet and translated many Slovak texts. **SILVER SPRING** was composed in 1991 by Carl F. Schalk (1929-1921). He has a deep Chicago connection. He was on the faculty of Concordia University in River Forest, a long time member of Grace Lutheran Church, also in River Forest, and an editor for the *Lutheran Book of Worship*. He earned a master's degree in composition from Eastman School of Music, and he composed countless pieces for worship.

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair uses a strong anonymous 15th century English melody, the AGINCOURT HYMN. The text is a translation of the original Latin, *Coelestis Forman gloria*, by J. M. Neale (1818-1866), an Anglican clergyman. ***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*** is set to a popular Welsh ballad, ST. DENIO. The text was written in 1867 by Walter C. Smith (1824-1908). He was a Presbyterian pastor and author of a number of books on theology.

Come O Fount of Every Blessing, to the tune NETTLETON, is from the rich American tradition of the Sacred Harp hymnals, specifically *Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music*. The text was written by Robert Robinson (1735-1790), who began his professional life as an apprentice to a hairdresser before committing himself to a religious life.

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go is a text written in 1882 by Scottish minister George Matheson (1842-1906). Although he lost his sight as a child, he had a brilliant career as a lecturer, author and minister. The tune, ST. MARGARET, was composed in 1884 by Albert L. Peace (1844-1912). He was born in Yorkshire, England, began as a gifted self-taught musician and went on to earn a doctorate in music from Oxford. He also served as the organist at the Glasgow Cathedral, and was a prominent recitalist.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) composed this communion motet, *Ave verum corpus*, to a 13th century text by Pope Innocent III or IV. This prayer recalls Christ's sacrifice on the cross and where that sacrifice leads us as believers.

E.A. Hoffman (1839-1929) wrote the text for *What a Covenant* in 1877. Many of us learned that hymn as *What a Fellowship*. He was an ordained minister and wrote more than 2,000 gospel songs during 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 began teaching shape-note singing at age 14, having attended a number of private Christian music programs to learn his craft.

Oh Happy Day was composed by Edwin Hawkins (1943-2018). He was an artist of wide ranging talents: gospel musician, singer, pianist, composer, arranger, and choir master. He was born in Oakland, California, and was already playing keyboards at age 7 for his family's gospel group. *O Happy Day* is his most performed and remembered work.

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

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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 LGBTQ+ people.

Welcome to each and to everyone.

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