

Second Sunday in Lent
Intergenerational Orchestra
Annual Meeting
March 16, 2025

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.*

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

“Love, in its essence, means making room for the other.” Dietrich Bonhoeffer

PRELUDE

Andante Franz Joseph Haydn
from *Surprise Symphony No. 94 in G Major* arr. Richard Meyer
Intergenerational Orchestra
Mark Mosley, conductor

CHIMES

INTROIT *To My Humble Supplication* Genevan Psalter
Chancel Choir

WELCOME Jeff Carlson

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Dear God, today we thank you for the church,
for our sisters and brothers in this congregation!

All: And for all who came before us.

One: Draw us together and pull us toward you, Lord.

**All: We cannot be the church on our own,
only you can make us so.**

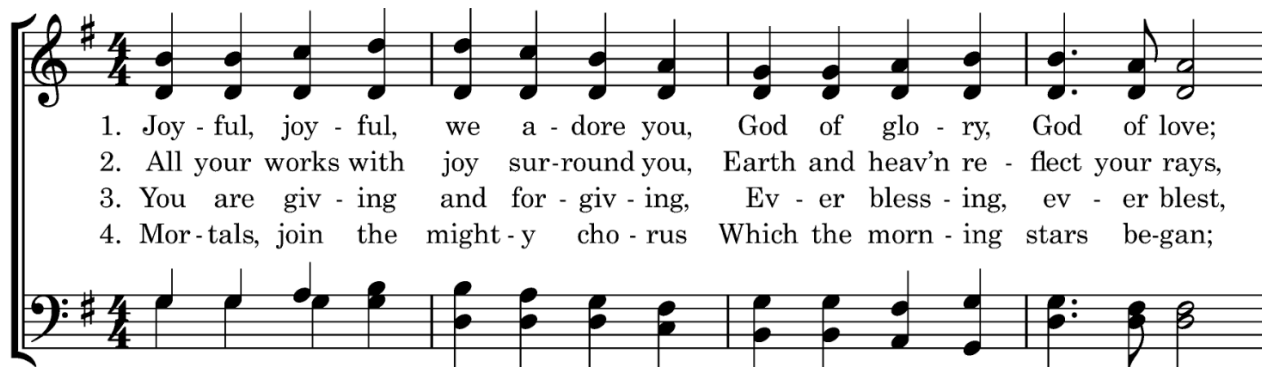
One: Enlighten and empower our praying, our singing,
our speech and our hearing.

All: Reign in our midst and let us be your joyful church today! Amen.

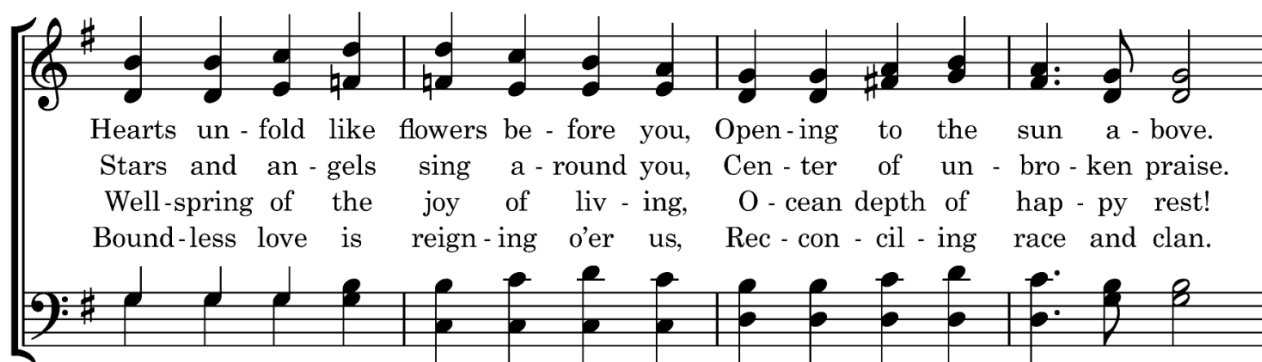
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* HYMN

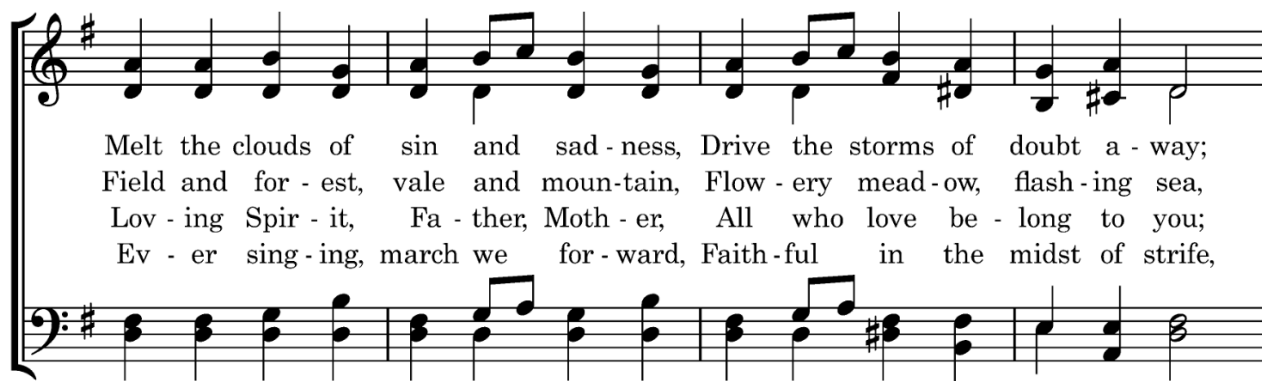
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You



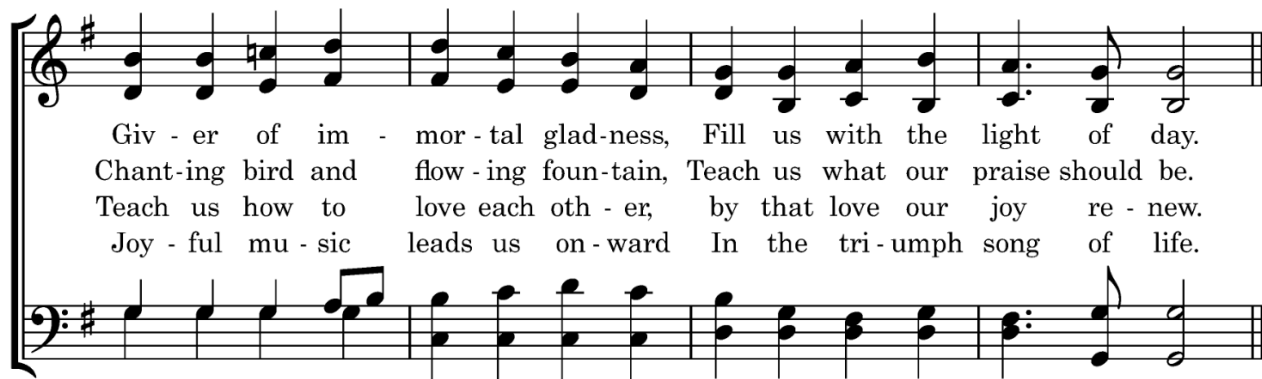
1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;
2. All your works with joy sur-round you, Earth and heav'n re - flect your rays,
3. You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
4. Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars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



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!
Bound-less love is reign - ing o'er us, Rec - con - cil - ing race and clan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the storms of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Lov - ing Spir - it, Fa - ther, Moth - er, All who love be - long to you;
Ev - er sing - ing, march we for - ward, Faith - ful in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant-ing bird and flow - ing foun-tain, Teach us what our praise should be.
Teach us how to love each oth - er, by that love our joy re - new.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward In the tri - umph song of life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liz Nickerson

**Oh God, we give you all that we are carrying.
Our cares, that you may care for them.
Our fears, that you may quiet them.
Our thoughts, that you may cleanse them.
Our sins, that you may forgive them.
Our lives, that you may guide them.
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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

ANTHEM

Greater Love Hath No Man
Chancel Choir

John Ireland

Many waters cannot quench love
Neither can the floods drown it.
Love is strong as death.
Greater love hath no man than this
That a man lay down his life for his friends
Who His own self bare our sins in His own Body on the tree
That we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.
Ye are wash'd, ye are sanctified,
Ye are justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus;
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
That ye shew forth the praises of Him
Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.
I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God,
That ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice,
Holy acceptable unto God,
Which is your reasonable service.
from the Song of Solomon, Gospels, and Epistles

SCRIPTURE

Cheryl Kennedy

Psalm 27 selections

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.

For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!

* RESPONSE

Were You There

1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? _____ Were you
2. Were you there when he rose up from the tomb? _____ Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!
there when he rose up from the tomb?

Some-times it cau - ses me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble. _____

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? _____
Were you there when he rose up from the tomb? _____

SERMON

“Hiding, Bursting”

Matt Fitzgerald

*RESPONSE

Were You There
See previous hymn

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OFFERTORY

Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tallis
Intergenerational Orchestra

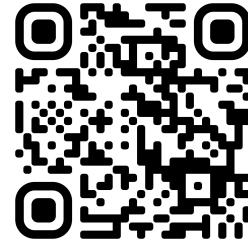
Ralph Vaughan Williams
arr. Jay Bocock

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* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY

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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1. A might - y for - tress is___ our God, a bul - wark nev - er
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
3. And though this world with dev - ils filled should threat - en to un -
4. That word be - yond all earth - ly powers for - ev - er is a -



fail - - ing, Our pres - ent help_ a - mid_ the flood of
los - - ing, But there is one_ who takes our side, the
- do_____ us, We will not fear_ for God_ has willed the
- bid - - ing; The spir - it and_ the gifts_ are ours, for



mor - tal ills pre - vail - - ing. For still our an - cient foe does
One of God's own choos - ing. You ask who that may be? Christ
truth to tri - umph through us. The powers of e - vil grim, we
Christ is with us sid - ing. Let goods and kin - dred go, this



seek to work us woe with craft and pow - er great, and
Je - sus sets us free! With might - y power to save, vic -
trem - ble not for them; their rage we can en - dure, for
mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill; God's



armed with cru - el hate, on earth with - out an e - - qual.
- to - rious o'er the grave, Christ will pre - vail tri - um - phant.
lo, their doom is sure: one lit - tle word shall fell_____ them.
truth shall tri - umph still; God's reign en - dures for - ev - - er.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Prayer of St. Patrick
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

Christ be with me, Christ within me
Christ behind me, Christ before me
Christ beside me, Christ to win me
Christ to comfort and restore me
Christ above me, Christ beneath me
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger
Christ in hearts of all that love me
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger

POSTLUDE

Dance of the Tumblers
from *The Snow Maiden*
Intergenerational Orchestra

Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov
arr. Sandra Dockow

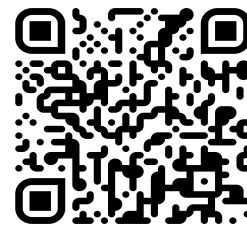
If you would like someone to pray with you today, Stephen Ministers are present after the Postlude at the right front of the Sanctuary.

Following Worship, all are invited to remain in the Sanctuary for the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Congregation of St. Pauls.

We will vote on the 2025 budget, new members of the Church Council, and learn about the activities of 2024 and plans going into 2025.

Members have voice and vote; Friends have voice.

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



ABOUT THE INTERGENERATIONAL ORCHESTRA

Our Intergenerational Orchestra has been “Making a Joyful Sound in the City” since 2002. This is our 27th performance in worship. The orchestra is composed of musicians of all ages and abilities from the congregation. More than 200 people have performed in the group, and 33 families have had two or more members participate.

INTERGENERATIONAL ORCHESTRA

Mark Mosley, conductor

Violin I

Ashley Pensinger-Sok
Kristin Lane
Leo Pensinger-Sok
Julian Jarzebowski

Violin II

Mark Roschen
Celine Zeunert *

Viola

Rebecca Sandoval
Fanny Holtan

Cello

Ross Penniman
Owen Waldschmidt
Sue Finkle

Flute

Shannon Banjavcic
Elise Prangley *
Penny Trowbridge
Kecia Waldschmidt

Oboe

Susan Hoesly+

Clarinet

Cullen Daniels +
Kurt Hansen
Ben Smith +

Alto Saxophone

Scott Banjavcic

Trumpet

Jake Nitzsche
Jim Brandt
Max Waldschmidt
David Baker
Marie Ankenman
Lee Waldschmidt
Calvin Bloesch *

Horn

Thomas Clancy
Rick Peterson
Nancy Pifer
Breanna Coe
Rich Carpenter *

Trombone

Mark Swanson
Lorne Frank
Jim Alrutz *
Nathan Chamberlain
Lola Stevenson

Tuba

Pete Mazzeri

Timpani

Ralph Wiser

Percussion

Sarah Good Mosley
Anna Mariani +
Cece Chamberlain
Adrian Broderick *

* First time participant

+ Guest participant

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Jeff Carlson, Liz Nickerson, Matt Fitzgerald

Music Director: Kurt R. Hansen

Organist: Kevin Dzierzawski

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

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Scripture Reader: Cheryl Kennedy

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Doug Clark, 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

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Barb Kaiser in hope for peace.

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. 16 Kesner Bienvenu, Muzette Morgan

Mar. 17 Isla Bartels

Mar. 18 Ross Penniman

Mar. 19 Samer Bashiti

Mar. 20 Andrew Winking, Ben Johnson, Elena Cata, Riley Ferroni

Mar. 21 Laura Grosshans

Mar. 22 Brooks Beeson, Scott Lawrence

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.

- D.W. as she deals with cancer chemotherapy.
- Friends and loved ones of Marcia Knudson at her death.
- That we each find our role, our voice, in bringing peace forward.
- Students, workers, and communities at risk of family separation, loss of homes and businesses due to government overreach.
- Karen L. Johnson, recovering from a fall.
- Sally Acker, recovering from a fall.
- Christa Hamilton at the death of her father.
- 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.

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

- SUN, MAR 23 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT - 10 a.m.
- SUN, MAR 30 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT - 10 a.m.
- FRI, APR 4 PERFORMANCE OF *THE GOSPEL OF MARK* - 7 p.m.
- SUN, APR 6 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT - 10 a.m.
Mozart Requiem
- SUN, APR 13 PALM SUNDAY - 10 a.m.
Palm branches, songs, Easter Egg Hunt
- THU, APR 17 MAUNDY THURSDAY
Labyrinth walk - 7 p.m.
Taizé Service - 7:30 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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A Delicious Way to Support Our
Youth Mission Trip!



ST. PAULS WOMEN'S HISTORY – BARBARA SCHUENEMANN (1865-1933)

After the tragic sinking of the Schuenemann Christmas Tree Ship in 1912 with all hands including “Captain Santa Claus,” Herman, his widow, Barbara and her daughters, Elsie, Hazel and Pearl continued their family business to bring Christmas trees to the families of Chicago from their dock on Clark Street and the Chicago River. Each November for the next 20 years, Barbara travelled to northern Michigan, hired a crew to cut, bundle and ship trees by schooner to waiting German families riverside. Due to their shared spirit of generosity, these active St. Pauls women donated Christmas trees to many indigent families and groups, including the Uhlich Children’s Home (now UCAN). Though Barbara died in 1933, her daughters continued the enterprise for many years thereafter. These are St. Pauls women you should know.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY – ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary

Please plan to remain in the Sanctuary after worship today for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. We will vote on the 2025 budget and learn about the activities of 2024 and plans going into 2025.

TODAY – BLOOD DRIVE - 8 a.m., Gym

St. Pauls is sponsoring another blood drive today and we hope you can donate! 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 18 - RETIREMENT GROUP MEETING – 10 a.m., Room 028

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.

MAR 19 – 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 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

Sponsored by St. Pauls Social. Adults of all ages are invited to make new friends and reconnect with old ones through lunch, fun and faith. Childcare provided. March is Women's History Month. We will share personal reflections.

MAR 27 – WEEKDAY MOMS' GROUP - Thursdays, 9:15-10:15 a.m., Room 028

Our weekday Moms' group meets at St. Pauls once per month from 9:15-10:15 a.m. on Thursdays, March 27, 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.

APR 4 - PERFORMANCE OF *THE GOSPEL OF MARK* - 7 p.m., Chapel

Come hear the Gospel of Mark as it was meant to be heard in its entirety. Member and actor Mark Huddle will bring the Gospel to life in this performance that will challenge and inspire you. The performance is free but please register at: tinyurl.com/dmcwszcd.

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: tinyurl.com/34ned8w4. Note: indicate cat allergy; second house is cat free. For questions, email Pat Ruch at pmr.ruch@gmail.com.

MAY 4 – NEW MEMBER CLASS – 11 a.m., Room 211

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. See other upcoming dates here: spucc.org/new_member_classes.

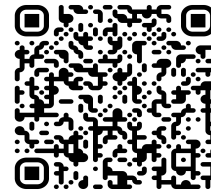
JUNE 15-21– YOUTH MISSION TRIP

We are excited to invite our youth on the summer 2025 trip to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Youth will work with activists and church leaders from the Christian Church of Wilksburg, a dynamic interracial congregation in the heart of the community. We will stay at the church, joining youth and young adults from the Wilksburg 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

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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>.

STAY & PLAY CANCELED DURING CONSTRUCTION

Our Friday morning playgroup is canceled through the duration of the Phase II Construction Project. The playgroup overlaps with Little Lights classes and since we are sharing the classrooms, there will not be enough space for both to run at the same time. Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to getting it up and running again in the fall after construction is complete.

LOSS AND GRIEVING DISCUSSION GROUP

We've all lost someone we loved. Whether you lost someone you loved last month, last year, or five years ago, you can still grieve that loss. Grief changes, but it never goes away. Would you be interested in sharing stories with others who are in similar situations? We're not therapists, just your friends and neighbors who are also grieving and would like to share our ideas and learn how others are coping. We're planning to start a grief support group at St. Pauls, but we need to make sure there's an interest in this. Please contact Pam Woll at pamelawoll3333@gmail.com if you think this might benefit you.

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.

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

Morning Coffee as a Small Miracle!

Tenderly embrace and cherish your coffee as it is really a wonder and a testament to the human craving for caffeine. Globally, about 25 million people are involved in the coffee business— yes, this includes your barista— and at each juncture, the coffee supply chain is currently subject to volatility.

Volatility means market instability, and for the coffee bean supply market, this comes from exaggerated weather (particularly in Brazil), a diminishing rural labor supply, increasing tariffs for Mexican beans, and changing transportation routes and costs. Each segment is experiencing profound changes, so one should expect shortages and/or substantially increasing costs, so be prepared!

Written by Ninon Freeman, granddaughter of Don Ezequiel Landaverry, coffee farmer.

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!

WELCOME TO ST. PAULS!

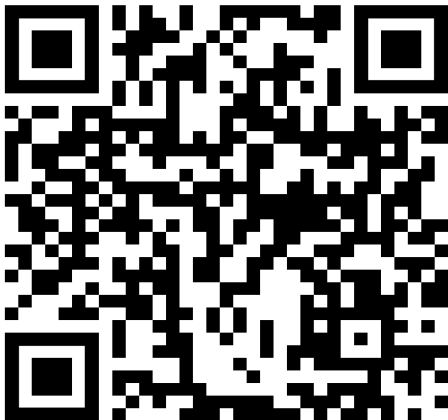
Thank you for coming to worship with us today!
Help us get to know you better by scanning the QR code below.



WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

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

JOIN A GROUP



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



TODAY'S MUSIC

We are pleased that our Intergenerational Orchestra has chosen to present music to dovetail with part of our Special Music Theme; **HEAR Ye + Bach**. This morning, they will play music of **EAR: English, Austrian, and Russian**.

Prelude: Franz Josef Haydn (1732-1809) and W. A. Mozart were not only the leading composers of the Classical era, they were also good friends, musical admirers and fellow Masons. Haydn wrote 104 symphonies and is considered “the Father of the Symphony.” He spent most of working life as music director for the wealthy Esterhazy family, living at their estate in Hungary. After the death of his patron Nikolaus Esterhazy in 1790, Haydn was free to travel to Vienna and London, where he was the most celebrated composer in Europe. His “*Surprise*” **Symphony No.94** was written in 1791 for concerts given in 1792 during his first visit to London.

Anthem: John Ireland (1879-1962) composed ***Greater Love Hath No Man*** in 1912. This anthem is among his most often performed works. He is among the Victorian composers from England that included Stainer, Parry and Stanford. He is probably best known for his many songs. Benjamin Britten was one of his students. Although his training was nearly exclusively English, Ireland was also influenced by French impressionist composers as well. Today we offer and dedicate it prayerfully to the Ukrainian people and their struggle for freedom and peace.

Offertory: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) was the leading English composer of the early 20th century. His ***Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis*** was written for string orchestra in 1910. It is based on a hymn tune by Tudor composer Thomas Tallis (1505-1585). One critic was “never quite sure whether one is listening to something very old or very new, but that is just what makes this Fantasia so delightful to listen to.”

Prayer of St. Patrick was composed in 1982 by Sir John Rutter (b. 1945). It is meaningful to share this benediction the day before St. Patrick's Day. He is the patron saint of Ireland, and revered by many not of Irish heritage in Chicago as well. In addition to the Catholic Church, St. Patrick is celebrated in the Anglican Church, the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Lutheran Church. John Rutter's music was introduced to this country by Mel Olson, who was the Director of Music at Dundee Presbyterian Church in Omaha, Nebraska, where our music director, Kurt Hansen, grew up and sang in his choirs.

Postlude: Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908) was one of the Russian composers known as “The Five.” He was a professor of composition at the Saint Petersburg Conservatory, as well as an officer in the Imperial Russian Navy. His best-known orchestral works include *Scheherezade* and *Capriccio Espagnol*, but most of his works use Russian folk songs and stories. *The Snow Maiden* (1881) is one of his several operas. Act 3 opens with the “*Dance of the Tumblers*.”

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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

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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.

