

Palm Sunday  
April 13, 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.  
The Nursery and Toddler Room are open for children ages 0-5, from 10 to 11 a.m.  
There is no Sunday School today.*

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"The Earth is so thick with divine possibility that it is a wonder we can walk  
anywhere without cracking our shins on altars." – Barbara Brown Taylor

PRELUDE

*Processional*  
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

William Mathias

CHIMES

INTROIT

*Ho-Ho-Hosanna*  
Kinderchapel Singers  
Tom Clancy, director

Hosanna  
Hallelujah  
He is Coming  
In the Name of the Lord

WELCOME

Matt Fitzgerald

\* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Behold, the Prince of Peace  
humble and riding on a donkey.

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna!**

One: Blessed is the king,  
who comes in the name of the Lord!

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna in the Highest!**

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

\* PALM PROCESSIONAL

*Hosanna! Loud Hosanna!*

1. "Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na," the lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed a - mid a cheer - ing crowd,  
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song is ours.

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang;  
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.  
We hail our great Re - deem - er and sing with all our powers:

To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,  
The one whom an - gels wor - ship rode on in low - ly state,  
"Ho - san - na, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
and glad to see the chil - dren, slowed down the don - key's gait.  
Ho - san - na! In your pres - ence for - ev - er we'll re - joice!"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liz Nickerson

**Compassionate God, as we enter this Holy Week,  
we pray that you will forgive us our comfortable Christianity,  
which seeks the joy of Easter  
without the pain of the days that come before it.**

**Turn our thoughts toward Jerusalem this week,  
that we might ride with Jesus through palm processions,  
and spend time with him in the upper room in communion,  
and pray with him in the Garden of Gethsemane,  
and walk with him to Golgotha,  
and go with him through the valley of the shadow of death.**

**And, then, O God, bring us to Easter with a renewed commitment to Christ  
and a new understanding of the day of resurrection. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

*Give Me Oil in My Lamp*  
Children's Choir  
Scott Banjavcic, piano  
Breanna Coe, director

Traditional  
arr. Joseph M. Martin

Give me oil in my lamp ....  
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.

Verse

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning.  
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.  
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,  
Keep me burning 'til the break of day.

Refrain

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
Sing hosanna to the King of kings.  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
Sing hosanna to the King.

Verse

Group 1

I sing praise and give thanks  
for Your blessings.  
I sing praise ev'ry day I live.  
I sing praise and give thanks  
for Your blessings,

Group 2

I will sing,  
I will sing,  
Ev'ry day I live.  
I will sing,  
I will sing

For the blessings You alone can give.

Sing hosanna ....

Verse

Give me joy in my heart, keep my singing.  
Give me joy in my heart each day.  
Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing,  
Keep me singing 'til the break of day.

Keep me singing!  
Ev'ry day!  
Keep me singing!

Sing hosanna ....

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OF

Kira Elizabeth Wischweh and Elise Catherine Wischweh

Pastor: Kira and Elise, receive now the Light of Christ. May you walk always as children of light. May your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to God. Kira and Elise are now received into the love and care of the church. See what love God has given us that we should be called children of God.

**All: Almighty God, giver of life, you have called us by name and pledged to each of us your faithful love. We pray for your children, Kira and Elise. Inspire their lives. May they sing many songs, know many joys, heal many wounds, and embrace many people in your name. We pray for their family, that they may be guided by your love so that they may know your presence. May we walk together with this family as witnesses to your gospel, as those for whom you have lived and died and live again. Amen.**

Pastor: Kira and Elise, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

**All: Amen**

RESPONSE

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

v. 1 only

1. Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap-tized with the Spir - it's sign;  
2. Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God's you are, from God you came,  
3. Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.

With this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.  
Back to God we hum - bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.  
Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

*Children remain in worship today. Busy bags are available in the Narthex.*

## SCRIPTURE

Nancy Hays

Luke 19:20-44

As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' " So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God."

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)*

ANTHEM

*Hosanna to the Son of David*

Daniel Greig

Pauls People

& Jon Paige

Eve Mack, descant and Matt Plaskota, percussion

Kecia Waldschmidt, director

Sing and shout to the son of David,  
Bring unto the King a jubilant song.  
Raise your voices, sing hosanna,  
Bring unto the King a jubilant song.

Sing hosanna,  
Blessed is the one who comes  
In the name of the Lord.  
Sing hosanna,  
Blessed is one who comes.

Sing to the King a jubilant song!  
Sing hosanna!



## \* HYMN

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

1. My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,  
 2. God left the rich - est throne sal - va - tion to be - stow;  
 3. I sing my plain be - lief, one song my heart out - pours:

Love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.  
 But Christ as flesh and bone the world re - fused to know.  
 Nev - er was pain nor grief, nev - er was love like yours.

O who am I, that for my sake my God should take frail  
 But, O my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who at my need did  
 This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could

flesh and die? My God should take frail flesh and die?  
 life ex - pend; who at my need did life ex - pend.  
 glad - ly spend; I all my days could glad - ly spend.

OFFERTORY

*Ride On, King Jesus* Black Spiritual  
Breanna Coe and Kecia Waldschmidt, soloists arr. Moses Hogan  
Chancel Choir

Ride on, King Jesus, the conquerin' King.  
Oh ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man can-a hinder thee.

I was but young when I begun.  
No man can-a hinder thee.  
But now my race is almost run.  
No man can-a hinder thee.  
Oh ride on . . .

King Jesus rides a milk white horse.  
No man can-a hinder thee.  
The ribber of Jordan he did cross.  
No man can-a hinder thee.  
Oh ride on . . .

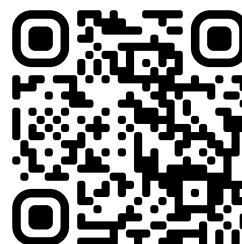
He's the King and the Lord.  
He's the first and the last.  
He's the Lord of Lords.  
Jesus is the Prince of Peace.  
No man can-a hinder thee.  
Oh ride on . . .

*You can give to St. Pauls electronically by:*

*Scanning this code with your cell phone camera,*

*At [spucc.churchcenter.com/giving](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/giving),*

*Or through Zelle or PayPal to [giving@spucc.org](mailto:giving@spucc.org).*



\* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



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



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



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



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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Jeff Carlson

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

\* HYMN

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!  
2. Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave, And  
3. Crown him the Lord of love; Be - hold his hands and side, Rich  
4. Crown him the Lord of years, The po - ten - tate of time, Cre -

how the heaven - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own; A -  
rose vic - to - rious in the\_\_ strife For those he came to save; His  
wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied; No  
- a - tor of the roll - ing\_\_spheres, In - ef - fa - bly sub - lime. All

wake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee, And  
glo - ries now we sing Who died and rose on high, Who  
an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me; Thy

hail him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
died, e - ter - nal life to bring, And lives that death may die.  
down - ward bends his burn - ing eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail Through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To thee, Re - deem - er King,  
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

POSTLUDE

*I Expect to See Him*  
St. Arbucks Quartet

Jessie Dixon

***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 for coffee and snacks in the Gym. If you're visiting, be sure to stop by the Welcome Table so we can greet you and you can find out more about St. Pauls!***

**PEACE CANDLE** - We have added a peace candle to the Chancel. Jesus said blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God. Please pray for peace daily for all the current wars raging in the world and in our hearts.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

**Clergy:** Matt Fitzgerald, Liz Nickerson, Jeff Carlson

**Music Director:** Kurt R. Hansen

**Organist:** Kevin Dzierzawski

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

**Scripture Reader:** Nancy Hays

**Lay Liturgical Administrator:** Kevin O'Brien

**Head Usher:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** David Baker, Doug Clark, Fred Pearson

**Greeter:** Clark Baurer

**Gatekeeper:** Dodd Brown

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

**Custodian:** Ramiro Gonzalez

*Today's altar flowers are given by Monty Kehl and Craig Wilbanks in memory of Arnold and Darline Kehl.*

*Would you like to donate altar flowers? Sign up here: [tinyurl.com/4w6fu5js](http://tinyurl.com/4w6fu5js).*

## BORN THIS WEEK IN APRIL

*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.*

Apr. 13 Leo Pensinger-Sok, Tim Reed

Apr. 14 Jay Abraham, Lisa Henry, Mark Huddle

Apr. 15 Suzanne Mynard

Apr. 16 Mark Lefens

Apr. 17 Avery Vahey, Deon Fayhee, Eric Cittadine, Linda Riportella

Apr. 18 Grant Mutch, Jessica Ashley, Katie Alrutz, Nathaniel Weglarz, Olivia Weglarz

## 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.*

- Dr. Rod Sippy, as he faces surgery and a long recuperation, as well as Erika Barbosa as she heals from a long illness.
- Donn Schimp and his family as Donn continues cancer treatment.
- Sue Coe, recovering from knee surgery.
- Mike Stensaas, complications from Parkinson's and a stroke.
- Matthew Wallace, recently diagnosed with epilepsy.
- Dianne Witkowski, 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.
- Wayne Bradley, pursuing ongoing treatment.
- Pastor Liz's Aunt Donna Gentry, on the death of her husband Mike.
- Bob Ball's brother, Phill, being treated for complications associated with leukemia, and Jane, who is Phill's primary caregiver.
- Craig Wilbanks mother and father each facing serious health challenges.

### **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

- 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

*Scan here  
for Lent Info:*





## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **APR 16 – WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – JOHN** - 12 p.m., Zoom

John's stories and images have captured the imaginations of Christians in every generation. This week, we'll look at John's passion narrative, preparing for Good Friday. Led by Pastor Jeff, we meet weekly at noon over Zoom. Sign up here: [tinyurl.com/bdzytb33](https://tinyurl.com/bdzytb33).

### **APR 18 & 20 – HOLY WEEK COMMUNION SERVERS URGENTLY NEEDED**

Volunteers to serve communion during Holy Week are urgently needed. We need two servers for altar communion on Good Friday on April 18 at 7:30 p.m., and two servers for the 9 a.m. service on Easter Sunday on April 20. For the Easter Sunday service at 11 a.m., we will need 16 servers to distribute communion in the pews. If you can help serve at any of these services, please email Kevin O'Brien at [kkobrien48@hotmail.com](mailto:kkobrien48@hotmail.com). In your email, please specify which service(s) you can serve.

### **APR 22 – 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. Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord! Hymn Singalong (you can choose hymns) facilitated by Jeff Wagner.

### **APR 24 – MOMS' GROUP** - Thurs., 9:15-10:15 a.m. & Suns., 11:30-12:15 p.m., Rm 028

Pastor Liz is looking forward to a meaningful discussion with you! Our Moms' group meets on Thursdays (9:15-10:15 a.m.) and Sundays (11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) once per month. Upcoming Thursdays: April 24 and May 22. Upcoming Sundays: May 4, June 8. 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](mailto:lnickerson@spucc.org).

### **APR 25 – FAITH FAMILY FRIDAY** - 6-8 p.m., Social Hall, Gym

Faith Family Fridays are monthly get togethers hosted by our Youth Ministry. Join us for a pizza night of fun, fellowship and food with your church family! All are welcome. Come strengthen your faith, build friendships, and make lasting memories. We can't wait to see you there! We'll provide the pizza. Feel free to bring your own beverage or board game to share. This event is free, but registration is required for food count. \$10/family suggested donation. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/2jd6yhzz>.

**APR 26 – VOLUNTEER WITH REBUILDING TOGETHER** - 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.,  
Thank you to all who have signed up for Rebuilding Together this year. Please be sure to complete the forms that you received by email. Looking forward to working together!

**MAY 3 – “WALK AS ONE AT 1” FOR PEACE ON WORLD LABYRINTH DAY**

On Saturday, May 3, 2025, people around the globe will participate in the seventeenth annual World Labyrinth Day as a moving meditation for peace and celebration of the labyrinth experience. This creates a rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to the next. This international event is held on the first Saturday of each May, sponsored by The Labyrinth Society and partner organizations. St. Pauls will sponsor a walk in our gymnasium from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. We will use our labyrinth walk and handheld finger labyrinths. A short introduction will be available if needed. All in our community are welcome. Invite someone to join you.

**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](http://spucc.org/new_member_classes).

**MAY 9 - LPCS METAMORPHOSIS GALA**

You are invited to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Lincoln Park Community Services at their upcoming Metamorphosis gala! The gala will be on Friday evening, May 9, at Sarabande, which is located at 2726 West Roscoe Street in Chicago. LPCS serves adults who are experiencing homelessness in Chicago through two shelters, a Drop-In program, and a Street Outreach program. St. Pauls was one of the founding churches of LPCS in 1985 and has been an instrumental part of its growth ever since. Tickets are on sale now. To learn more, scan the QR code here or check LPCS's website at [LPCChicago.org](http://LPCChicago.org).



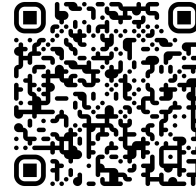
**JUNE 15-21- YOUTH MISSION TRIP**

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](http://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!



### **YOUNG ADULT RUN CLUB AND BEACH VOLLEYBALL**

The Young Adult Group is thinking of starting a weekly Running Club this June. It would be an easy 5K on a weeknight evening. No need to be an avid runner; all paces are welcome! We also may form a beach volleyball team to join the summer leagues at North Avenue Beach (which will have a fee). If you're interested in joining us for either event, we'd love to have you! RSVP to [Brunonobilehome@gmail.com](mailto:Brunonobilehome@gmail.com).

### **DRIVERS NEEDED - SUNDAYS AND WEEKDAYS**

We need members to drive older members to church on Sundays and to occasional doctors' appointments. Please email Pastor Liz for details at [lnickerson@spucc.org](mailto:lnickerson@spucc.org).

### **BUILDING UPDATE - ROOM NUMBERS AT ST. PAULS**

St. Pauls is in the process of converting from room names to numbers. When construction is completed, formal signage will replace the temporary signage. Major locations, i.e., Sanctuary (115), Social Hall (015), Kitchen (010), Gym (009) will commonly use those titles, but their numbers are posted. Numbering begins at the Fullerton entrance (largely inaccessible during construction) and rises to the Kemper Place doorway: Main Level (100s), Upper Level (200s), Lower Level (000s). Yes many rooms have cycled through many names, and we'd love to catalogue the ones you remember using. Thank you for your flexibility.

### **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Our nursery is looking for caring and compassionate volunteers to support our staff and provide extra attention to our little ones. If you love playing, reading, and nurturing young children, we'd love to have you join us! Whether you can help for a few hours a month or on a regular basis, your time and kindness will make a meaningful impact. Sign up for a Sunday slot here: <https://tinyurl.com/2j5dy6fp>.

### **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! There is a 10% sibling discount and 20% Church Member discount (contact Erin for the code at [erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org](mailto:erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org)). Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/2nt8zsvx>.

### **LITTLE LIGHTS ENROLLMENT 25-26**

We are accepting applications for the fall! We model and facilitate problem-solving strategies, build empathy and develop self-regulation skills. Through hands-on learning and play, children will benefit from structured socialization and gain a greater sense of themselves within our St. Pauls community. If you are interested in learning more about early education classes for your child, visit our website at [www.littlelightslp.org](http://www.littlelightslp.org) or contact Erin Fitzgerald at [erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org](mailto:erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org).

### **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](mailto:pamelawoll3333@gmail.com) if you think this might benefit you.

### **CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

Please register your K-6<sup>th</sup> Sunday School students, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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**

### Silicosis Redux

Executive orders were signed this week by President Trump in support of the coal industry:

1. To “repeal” legislation that discriminates against coal production;
2. To open Federal lands to coal and other types of mining;
3. To explore whether coal plants can be used to power AI facilities;
4. To extend the life of old coal plants by waving air pollution restrictions.

Coal generates 16% of America’s energy. It is the most polluting of all energy sources, as fine dust is thrown off when produced, transported and used.

Dedicated coal trains and barges are common in Chicago. The increased traffic will surely affect the city, even if the new coal seams are in Wyoming.

## **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](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org). Every one of us could benefit from a Stephen Minister at some point in our lives.

## WELCOME TO ST. PAULS!

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



## WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

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

### JOIN A GROUP



### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

For St. Pauls sponsored events, send to [info@spucc.org](mailto: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!

## TODAY'S MUSIC

**Processional** was composed in 1964 by William Mathias (1934-1992). He was a Welsh composer who composed opera, chamber music, choral music, and works for orchestra. He was a child prodigy, beginning piano at age 3 and composing at age 5. One of his best known works, *Let the People Praise Thee, O Lord* was written on commission for the wedding of Prince Charles and Princess Diana in 1982. It is an anthem that our Chancel Choir has often sung in worship.

There is very little that can be said about **Ho-Ho-Hosanna**. Both the melody and words, which are perfect for Palm Sunday, are unattributed. Perhaps it is enough just to say that it is fun, and who says a hymn can't be fun?

**Hosanna! Loud Hosanna** is a rousing Palm Sunday text written in 1873 by Jeanette Threlfall (1821-1880). She led a difficult life. Orphaned at a very early age, she suffered an accident which left her an invalid for the rest of her days. She became a lay minister to many and exuded grace. The tune, ELLACOMBE, unattributed and of German origin, was first published in a hymnal in 1784. In the 19th century, the tune was named for a village in Devonshire.

**Give Me Oil in My Lamp** is a traditional Quaker song arranged in 2000 by Joseph M. Martin. He is a native of North Carolina and has a wide and varied musical career as a composer, arranger, conductor, pianist, university level academic, and recording producer. He is currently on the faculty of Concordia University in Austin, Texas, and is also on the editorial staff of Hal Leonard Publications. This setting features a swinging energy.

The text for **Child of Blessing, Child of Promise** was written in 1981 by a UCC pastor and teacher of theology, Ronald Cole-Turner (b. 1948). The tune, STUTTGART, was composed in 1715 by Christian Friederich Witt (1660-1716). Witt completed a huge hymnal, *Psalmodia Sacra*, the year before his death. Of the 774 hymns (!!!), he composed nearly 100. He was Kapellmeister of the Gotha court in Stuttgart at the same time that Bach was in Leipzig, just 300 miles north. An interesting side note is that Nathan Laube, world renowned organist and friend of St. Pauls, was until recently on the organ faculty at the Hochschule für Musik in Stuttgart. He has returned to the faculty at the Eastman School of Music.

***Hosanna to the Son of David***, which is also known as *Palm Sunday Processional*, was composed in 2016 by the team of Daniel Greig and Jon Paige. Daniel Greig is on the faculty of the University of Detroit Mercy as a choral director and musical director of liturgical studies on campus. He has conducted more than 100 musicals. Jon Paige has had numerous works published and performed.

***My Song Is Love Unknown*** is a hymn text written in 1664 by Samuel Crossman (1623-1684). Very little is known about his life beyond the fact that he was clergy. It is clear, however, that this text speaks to us across over four centuries. The tune, RHOSYMEDRE, was composed in 1840 by John David Edwards (1806-1885). He was an Anglican priest and the tune name is taken from one of the parishes he served in Wales.

In his all too brief life, Moses Hogan (1957–2003) continued and added to the great tradition of spiritual arrangement that includes William Dawson. He recorded a number of compact discs and wrote solo arrangements for such singers as Kathleen Battle. ***Ride On, King Jesus*** is a well-known spiritual that was made memorable across decades of St. Pauls Palm Sunday services by the Chancel Choir's beloved long-term bass soloist, Ron McCowan. This arrangement by Moses Hogan was a gift to the choir in Ron's honor from Jana O'Brien and Wayne Parman. Mr. Hogan was commissioned by St. Pauls to write *I Gotta Home in-a Dat Rock* in honor of Ron McCowan's 25 years of service to this congregation.

The text for ***All Glory Laud and Honor*** is attributed to Theodulph, Bishop of Orléans (750-821). He was Italian by birth and was brought to the French Court by Charles the Great. The familiar translation we sing was written in 1854 by J.M. Neale (1818-1866), who translated many hymn texts into English, including *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*. He was a member of the British clergy and struggled with ill health his entire life. The tune name was dedicated to Theodulph at a later date. The tune was composed by German composer Melchior Teschner (1584-1635). One of the places he studied was in Wittenberg, the birthplace of the Lutheran faith.

***I Expect to See Him*** is by Jessy Dixon (1938-2011), another gospel artist and composer with deep roots in Chicago. His music was beloved outside his own community and he received seven Grammy nominations in his career. He toured the world with Paul Simon after Mr. Simon heard him and the Jessy Dixon Singers at a concert at Radio City Music Hall in New York City. He also wrote music for artists as varied as Diana Ross and Cher.



# 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!

## EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS ORDER FORM

Celebrate or remember a loved one by ordering a flowering plant for the Easter Festival Altar. Flowers may be picked up after the 11 a.m. Easter Sunday service. Remaining flowers will be donated to our senior members and neighbors. Please enclose \$30 or more per plant with this order form, or order and pay online here: [tinyurl.com/mwvkd2h](http://tinyurl.com/mwvkd2h).

**Please print legibly.**

**In Celebration of** *(print name(s) as you wish to appear):*

---

**In Memory of** *(print name(s) as you wish to appear):*

---

**From** *(your name(s) as you wish to appear):*

---

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Tear out this form and drop it in the offering plate or mail it to:  
St. Pauls UCC  
Attn: Easter Flowers  
2335 N. Orchard St., Chicago, IL 60614

Completed orders must arrive **by April 14th** to appear in the Easter Bulletin

## **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, during the past 180 years we are glad to have introduced thousands of children and adults to the amazing, inclusive, life changing, uplifting love of God. We do so in worship that is traditional, but far from conventional.

Senior Pastor Matt Fitzgerald, [mfitzgerald@spucc.org](mailto:mfitzgerald@spucc.org)  
Associate Pastor Jeff Carlson, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org)  
Associate Pastor Liz Nickerson, [lnickerson@spucc.org](mailto:lnickerson@spucc.org)

For a complete list of St. Pauls Staff, Governance, and Lay Leadership  
Please visit [www.spucc.org/contact](http://www.spucc.org/contact)

**St. Pauls United Church of Christ**  
**2335 N Orchard St. | Chicago, IL 60614**  
**(773) 348-3829   [www.spucc.org](http://www.spucc.org)**

Free Parking is available Sundays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
at the Lincoln Common Parking Garage, 2316 N. Lincoln Ave.  
Parking validation is available in the Narthex.



## **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 LGBTQ+ people.

Welcome to each and to everyone.

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