

July 20, 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.*

PRELUDE

Lied Op. 31, No. 17
Scott Banjavcic, organ

Louis Vierne

CHIMES

WELCOME

Matt Fitzgerald

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, you who are thirsty, come and drink!

All: Come, you who are hungry, come and eat!

One: God gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry.

All: God watches over strangers and lifts up the orphan and the widow.

One: God heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

All: Let us worship the source of all goodness and life!

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

* HYMN

I Heard the Voice of Jesus



1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this lost world's Light,

Lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, draw near, and drink, and live."
Look un - to me; your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad,
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found my guid - ing Star, my Sun;

And there I found a rest - ing place, where Je - sus made me glad!
My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I am re - deemed.
And in that light of life I'll go till trav - eling days are done.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with our heart, soul, strength and mind.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be.**

**In your grace
help us do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.**

Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

v. 1



1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove



Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness



As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed Thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed— Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

Luke 10:25-37

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

*** 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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

v. 2

See previous hymn

SERMON

"Be the Neighbor"

Jeff Carlson

* HYMN

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant

1. & 6. Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are
3. I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
5. When we sing to God in heav - en we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may
trav - elers on the road; We are here to
shad - ow of your fear; I will hold my
laugh, I'll laugh with you. I will share your
find such har - mo - ny, Born of all we've

have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.
help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.
hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

OFFERTORY

Recitative - *Ye People Rend Your Hearts*

Felix Mendelssohn

Aria - *If With All Your Hearts*

from *Elijah*

Todd Coe, tenor and Scott Banjavcic, piano

Recitative:

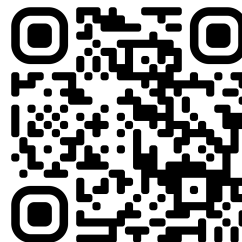
Ye people, rend your hearts,
Rend your hearts and not your garments.
For your transgressions, the prophet Elijah
Hath sealed the heavens
Through the Word of God.
I therefore say to ye,
Forsake your idols.
Return to God, for he is slow to anger
And merciful and kind and gracious,
And repenteth Him of the evil.

Aria:

If with all your hearts ye truly seek me,
Ye shall even surely find me.
Thus saith our God.
Oh, that I knew where I might find him,
That I might even come before his presence.
If with all your hearts ye truly seek me,
from I Kings

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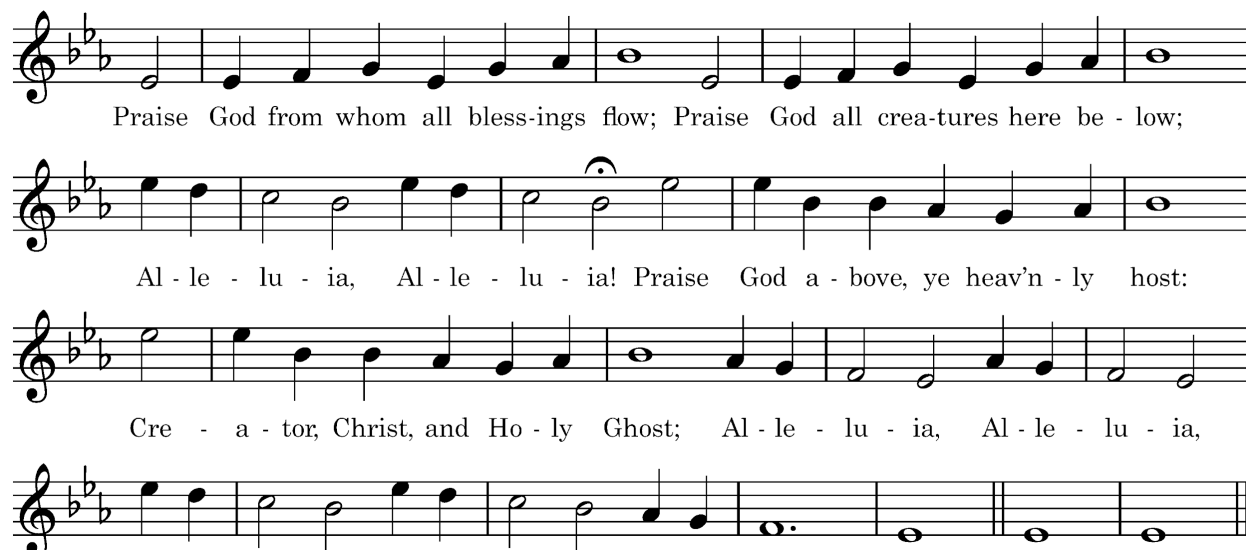


WELCOME CARD

*If you are a visitor, welcome! Thank you for
worshiping with us today!
If you would like to learn more about the church, please
scan the QR code.*



* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics underneath. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some rests. The lyrics are: 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God above, 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.'

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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

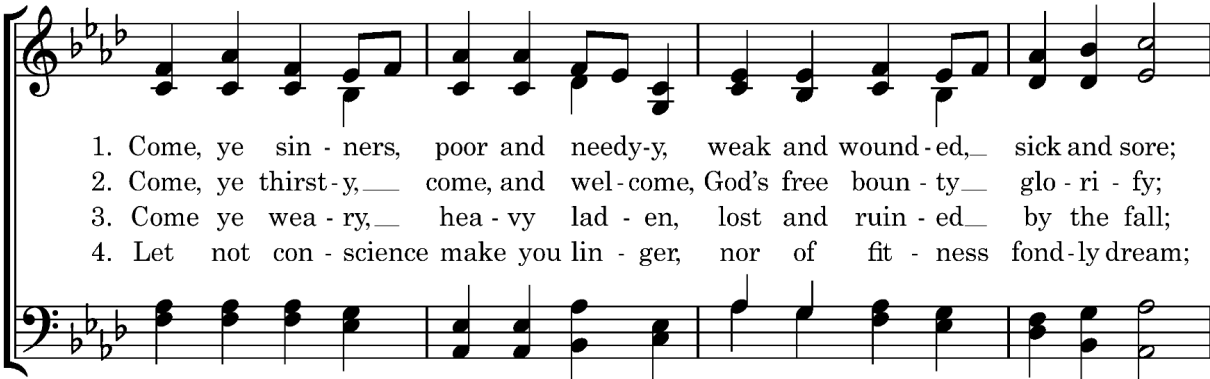
Liz Nickerson

THE LORD'S PRAYER

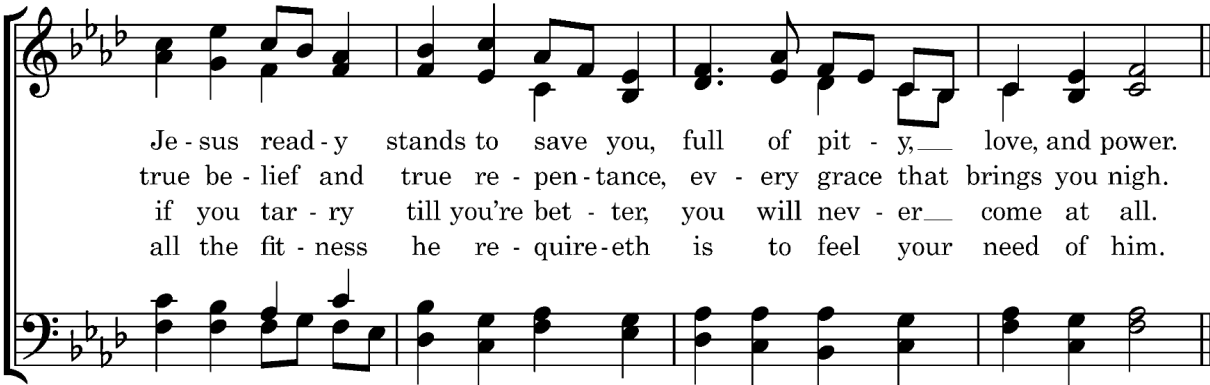
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,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

* HYMN

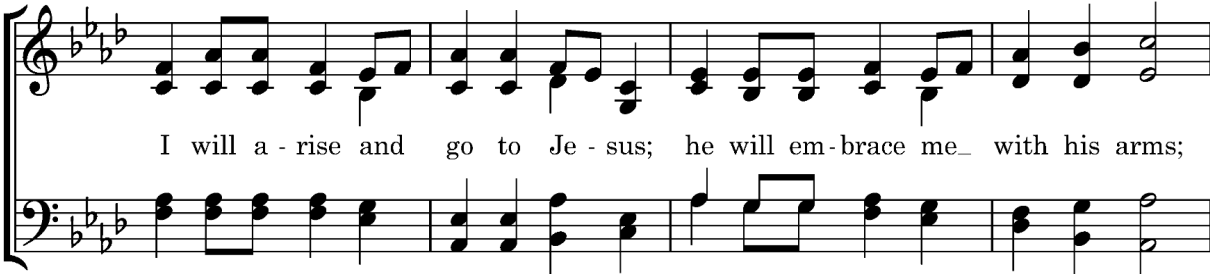
Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy



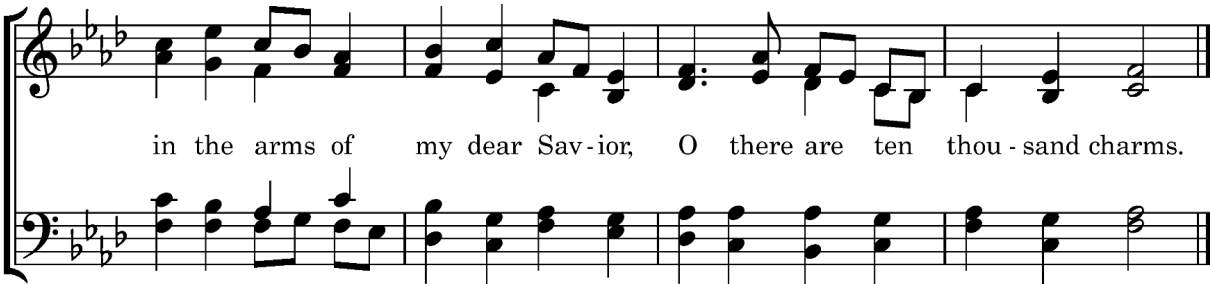
1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and needy-y, weak and wound-ed, sick and sore;
2. Come, ye thirst-y, come, and wel-come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;
3. Come ye wea - ry, hea - vy lad - en, lost and ruin - ed by the fall;
4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond-ly dream;



Je - sus read-y stands to save you, full of pit - y, love, and power.
true be - lief and true re - pen-tance, ev - ery grace that brings you nigh.
if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all.
all the fit - ness he re - quire-eth is to feel your need of him.



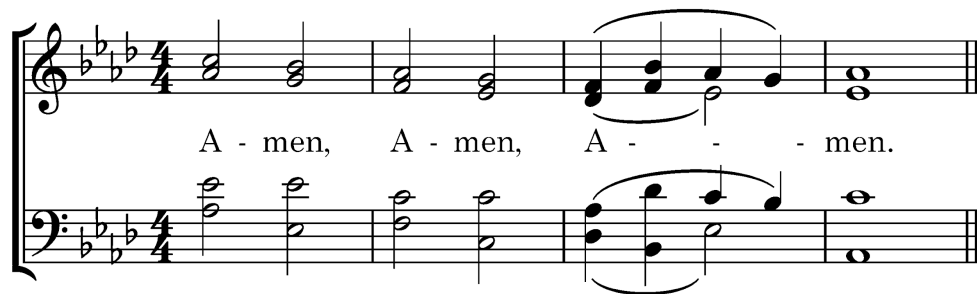
I will a - rise and go to Je - sus; he will em-brace me with his arms;



in the arms of my dear Sav-ior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

I Saw the Light
St. Arbucks Quartet

Hank Williams

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 Social Hall. Today we are celebrating Bev Petrunich's birthday with cake. 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!

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson, Liz Nickerson

Music Director: Kurt R. Hansen

Organist: Scott Banjavcic

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

Scripture Reader: Susan Coe

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: David Baker, John Balevic, Fred Pearson

Greeter: Doug Dunham

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

Camera Operators: Nana Addadzi-Koom, Jim Alrutz, Marie Ankenman, Bob Ball, Brian Hafner, Trevor Hafner

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

Today's flowers are given by Barb Kaiser in celebration of Beverly Petrunich's 80th birthday.

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

BORN THIS WEEK IN JULY

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.

July 20 Mary Stainton, Todd Coe

July 21 Aidan Jimenez, Coco Schuster, Donn Schimp, Jake Nitzsche,
Jim Waldschmidt, Sammi Fayhee

July 22 Anton Schuster, M Carleton Koldyke

July 23 Lucy Bashiti, Lukas Hecht, Nic Mutch

July 24 Benjamin Ritchie, Lovely Carter

July 25 Benny VanDerburgh, Maira Simonton

July 26 Andrew Cittadine, Colleen Kompare, Dane Roschen, Doug Dunham,
Jesús Lopez, Samantha Beck

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.

- Michelle Drew Rodriguez at the death of her father.
- Loved ones of Evert Martin at his death.
- Those grieving the loss of their loved ones in the Texas flood.
- Layton Olson on the death of his wife, Annette Robinson.
- Sarah Good at the death of her brother, David.
- Walter Crowley and his family on the loss of his wife, Carole Crowley.
- Harrison, Mackenzie, and Cameron Rogers on the death of their father, Toby.
- Maddie Lockhart's mother, recovering from surgery.
- Bob Ball at the death of his older brother Phill, and for Phill's wife Jane and daughters Stephanie, Allison and Cherilyn.
- Dr. Rod Sippy, as he faces a long recuperation, as well as Erica Barbosa as she heals from a long illness.
- Donn Schimp and his family as Donn continues cancer treatment.
- Julie Chambers is in the hospital.
- Joe Harrington's mother on a recent diagnosis.
- Matthew Wallace, recently diagnosed with epilepsy.
- Dianne Witkowski, as she deals with cancer chemotherapy.
- 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.
- Wayne Bradley, pursuing ongoing treatment.
- Craig Wilbanks' mother and father, each of whom are 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 22 – FOOD FOR THE SOUL GROUP - 12-1:30 p.m., Social Hall

Bring your own lunch. Pastor Matt will share about the June Youth Mission Trip with UCAN to The Christian Church of Wilkinsburg in Pennsylvania. 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.

JULY 23 – WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - Noon, Zoom

Join for summer school in 1, 2 & 3 John. These early Christian letters take off where the Gospel of John leaves off, encouraging lives of life, light and love. Led by Pastor Jeff, we meet once a week for about a half hour to 45 minutes over Zoom through August 20. Sign up on Church Center here: tinyurl.com/25rkpeky.

JULY 25 – ST. SABINA PEACE WALK - 7 p.m.

Join a group from St. Pauls as we join St. Sabina for their annual summer peace walks through the Auburn-Gresham neighborhoods. Thousands of people will gather for these powerful walks! Contact Louise Gram at (773) 870-6311 for additional information and RSVP on Church Center at tinyurl.com/55x9dj9x to coordinate carpools with other attendees.

JULY 30 – COOKIES FOR A CAUSE BAKING - 5:30 p.m., Kitchen

Join in an evening of baking cookies and sharing dinner in community at St. Pauls. Cookies are donated to A Just Harvest and LPCS. This is an excellent opportunity to volunteer your time and take part in a very enjoyable evening of fellowship. For more information on this activity contact Marcia Volk at marcia@volkonline.com or Gloria Joseph at: glrjoseph@yahoo.com.

AUGUST 8 - MOMS' NIGHT IN - WINE AND CHOCOLATE SOCIAL - 7:30-9:30 p.m.

You're invited to a special evening just for the moms of St. Pauls! Join us for a cozy night of laughter, good company, and well-deserved relaxation. Bring your favorite wine or chocolate to share, and let's toast to a night of connection and fun. We can't wait to see you there! RSVP at tinyurl.com/5n93wubj

AUGUST 10 – PRAYGROUND CHURCH - During worship

Kids start in worship with their families and then are released together to learn a specific type of prayer using the acronym P.R.A.Y.: praise, repent, ask, and yield. Then they will head to the park across the street or to the gym to create a prayer and play! Register here: tinyurl.com/54429p95.

AUGUST 10 – LUNCH MAKING FOR GUESTS AT LPCS - 11:20 a.m. -12 p.m.

Right after church, come to the kitchen across from the gym and help make sack lunches for the residents of the Lincoln Park Community Shelter. We provide all the needed food, but volunteers are asked to contribute \$20 each to help cover food costs for the lunches. Donations can be made via cash, Venmo, or Zelle. If you're interested, please use Church Center to sign-up: tinyurl.com/y46tn3pp.

AUGUST 10 – DINNER MAKING FOR GUESTS AT LPCS - 4-7 p.m.

Make a difference by helping prepare and deliver dinner for residents of the Lincoln Park Community Shelter. We'll meet at St. Pauls at 4 p.m. and deliver the meal to LPCS (600 W. Fullerton) around 6 p.m. We provide the needed food, but volunteers are asked to contribute \$30 each to help cover food costs for the dinner. Donations can be made via cash, Venmo, or Zelle. If you're interested, please use Church Center to sign-up: tinyurl.com/msytj254. Email Evie Kling at eviekling@gmail.com with questions.

AUGUST 12 – JANE AUSTEN 250 READING GROUP - 7 p.m., Zoom

December 16, 2025, is the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen's birth. We're reading her six complete novels, one a month, from July 8 - December 16. Monthly discussions will be over Zoom the second Tuesday of the month, except for December when we'll meet on her birthday. Sign up to participate here: tinyurl.com/yez6ejw6.

Contact: Pastor Jeff. August 12 - *Pride and Prejudice*; September 9 - *Mansfield Park*; October 14 - *Emma*; November 11 - *Northanger Abbey*; December 16 - *Persuasion*.

AUGUST 16-17– WOMEN'S FARM WEEKEND AT MARCIA VOLK'S FARM

Join us at Marcia Volk's farm for a weekend getaway! Come for Saturday only, or stay overnight. Enjoy hiking at Starved Rock, farm trails, wildflowers, 4-wheeler rides, and a zip line—or just relax. BYO lunch for Saturday. Potluck dinner and bonfire that night. Sunday includes optional church in Lacon, plus breakfast and lunch at the farm. \$10 suggested for expenses. First 12 to respond get beds (stairs required). Contact Gloria at glrjoseph@yahoo.com or Marcia at marcia@volkonline.com, (773) 307-6866.

OCTOBER 5 – SAVE THE DATE: FIESTA FOR FUNDS

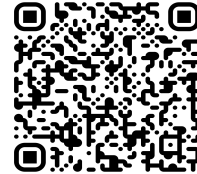
Mark your calendars for October 5 during social hour! Join the Activism and Advocacy Ministry for "Fiesta for Funds," a silent auction to raise funds for our Migrant Legal Fund. This designated fund will help defray the remaining costs of guiding our sponsored families through the immigration process. More information will be available in early August for those who wish to donate lots for the silent auction.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE MIGRANT HOUSING PROJECT LEGAL FUND! THE JUNE FAITH-FAMILY NIGHT FUNDRAISER RAISED \$2,651.57 TOWARDS OUR GOAL! STAY TUNED FOR FUTURE FUNDRAISING EVENTS.

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!



CHILDREN/YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

We have a variety of different ways you can serve as a volunteer with the children and youth ministry. This is a fun way to make a difference! Volunteers are needed to assist at events, with Sunday school, and in the nursery. All volunteers are required to complete a criminal background check, which we will pay for. Volunteers always serve in pairs of two, following our child safety policy. Please contact Pastor Liz if you would like to learn more at lnickerson@spucc.org.

NEW! BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

We've updated the process! As of June 1, please use our new bulletin announcement form to submit St. Pauls-sponsored events for inclusion in the Friday newsletter and Sunday worship bulletin. **Submissions are due by 10 a.m. on Wednesdays and should be no more than 100 words.** Ready to share information about your event? Fill out the form here: tinyurl.com/5dtmhpra.

HELP US EXTEND CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY!

The Care and Connection Ministry invites you to serve as a host during Social Hour. Hosts are asked to circulate and introduce themselves to those they don't know and engage with those who may not be involved. As you welcome visitors, new members and perhaps those re-engaging, you help make St. Pauls a welcoming church. If you would like to serve as a host, register here: tinyurl.com/3f384fcm.

WINDY CITY WINDS SUMMER CONCERT- "ON BROADWAY"

Windy City Winds presents three free outdoor concerts in July, performing music from your favorite Broadway shows!

- Wednesday, July 23 – 7 p.m. at the North Center Town Square (Damen & Lincoln)
- Saturday, July 26 – 3 p.m. at Washington Square Park (Clark & Delaware)

Several St. Pauls Church members participate: Jim Brandt, Tom Clancy, Lorne Frank, Rick Peterson, Nancy Pifer, Mark Swanson and Penny Trowbridge, with announcer Jana O'Brien and conductors Mark Mosley and Sarah Good Mosley.

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.

VOICES FROM THE HOLY LAND FILM SALON

Nonviolent civil resistance-mass demonstrations, strikes and boycotts, art, literature, journalism, poetry are discussed through a monthly film series. Sign up and receive the link for **5 Broken Cameras** (Trailer tinyurl.com/VFHL-July2025Trailer). You can watch anytime before or after the discussion, which is today via Zoom with four panelists at 2 p.m. Register for the InterFaith coalition program at tinyurl.com/VFHL-July2025. Any questions, contact Pat Ruch (773) 679-8106.

ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT POLITICAL POLARIZATION?

Want to Talk? Communication Tools for Divided Times is an eight-session small group program that guides you in deepening your relationships while staying true to your values. This program draws upon the wisdom of experts in nonviolent communication, civil dialogue, and grassroots organizing, providing practical tools for navigating the political polarization of our time, as well as tough conversations with our loved ones. To find out more, visit tinyurl.com/yzj4cvan. Ready to sign up now? You can do so here: tinyurl.com/3n4jehnn

NEW MEMBER CLASS - SEPTEMBER 21

Join pastors, members and others curious about St. Pauls for our 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. Next class: September 21 at 11 a.m. See other upcoming dates here: spucc.org/new_member_classes.

ST. PAULS MIGRANT HOUSING PROJECT LEGAL FUND

St. Pauls housed five Venezuelan migrant families in our building over the past two years. Today, nearly every single member of these families has achieved legal status, helping to safeguard their presence in Chicago for the time being and allowing them to work. Such legal aid is costly and ongoing. In a time of wild anxiety and uncertainty for these new friends, you can help make a difference for our migrant families by supporting our legal aid fund. If you'd like to make a donation, please choose "Migrant Housing Project - Legal Fund" from the drop-down menu on our giving page: spucc.churchcenter.com/giving.

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.

HAVE SOME ODD JOBS? WE'VE GOT SOME WILLING WORKERS!

As they continue to work at supporting themselves financially, members of our migrant family friends would love to work for you. They are available for things like house cleaning, handyman repairs, moving items, painting, deck-staining, demolition & clean-up, and carpentry on things like deck and dry-wall. We have been assigning work at a rate of \$25/hour and ask that the jobs be a minimum of 3-4 hours. You can find out more by contacting our Migrant Housing Project Coordinator David Brown at dbrown@harrington-brown.com.

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 and crafts, enjoy music and 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). Register here: tinyurl.com/2nt8zsvx.

LITTLE LIGHTS ENROLLMENT 2025-2026

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 or contact Erin Fitzgerald at erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org.

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: tinyurl.com/2j5dy6fp.

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 interest for this. Please contact Pam Woll at pamelawoll3333@gmail.com if you think this might benefit you.

“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

Enjoy The Clean 15!

The Environmental Working Group has identified fruits and vegetables with the lowest pesticide burden, i.e., pineapples, sweet corn, avocados, papaya, onions, frozen peas, asparagus, cabbage, watermelon, cauliflower, bananas, mangoes, carrots, mushrooms, and kiwi.

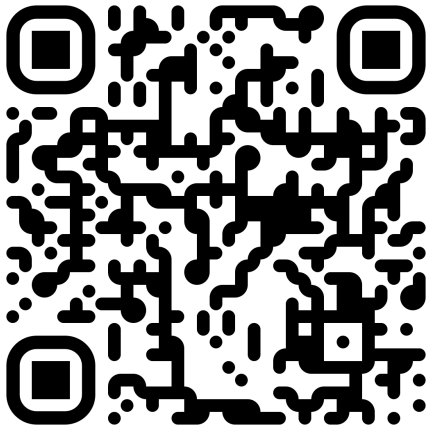
STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. PAULS

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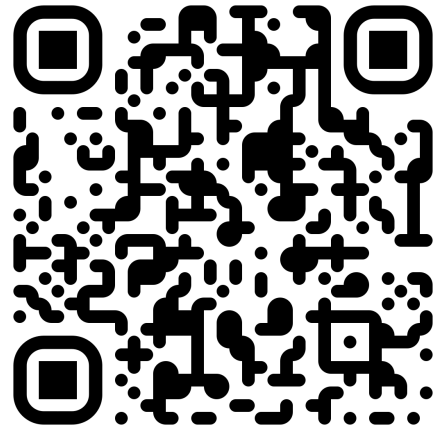
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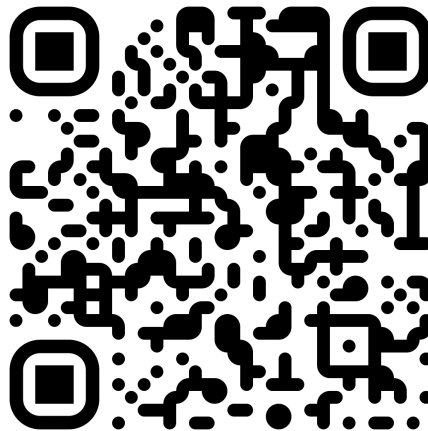
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TODAY'S MUSIC

Lied, which is from *24 Pieces in a Free Style* for organ or harmonium, was composed by Louis Vierne (1870-1937) between 1913 and 1914 in two volumes and completed not long before the outbreak of World War I. It is unusual in that it is the only movement with a German title. "Lied" means song in German. It was dedicated to Paul Fauchet (1881-1937), a dear friend who was also a French organist and composer. Along with Charles-Marie Widor, Vierne, who studied with César Franck, was one of the great Romantic symphonists for organ. Born blind, he composed six symphonies for the organ and was also the organist of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris from 1900 until his death. In fact, Vierne collapsed and died at the console at Notre Dame at the close of a recital there. His student, Maurice Duruflé, was at his side as an assistant that day. The ***Lied*** shows Vierne's tender lyricism with a simple romantic melody beginning as a tenor voice in the left hand, accompanied by arpeggiated chords in the right hand.

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say, tune KINGSFOLD, first appeared in a 19th century collection of English folk melodies, but may date back to the Middle Ages. The text was composed by Scottish clergyman, Horatius Bonar (1808-1889). He came from a long line of ministers and composed many hymn texts and religious poems.

Great Is Your Faithfulness, tune FAITHFULNESS, dates from 1923 and was composed by William M. Runyan (1870-1957). He finished his ministry in Kansas and was particularly fond of the poet Thomas Chisholm (1866-1960), who wrote this text. Runyan set 25 of Chisholm's poems to music. Chisholm based this text on Lamentation 3:22 & 23: *Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed.*

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant, tune title THE SERVANT SONG, is a relatively new hymn composed in 1977 by Richard Gillard (b. 1953). Gillard was born in England, but moved to New Zealand when he was only 3 years old. He is a self-trained musician.

Felix Mendelssohn, (1809-1847), like Mozart, had a very short but artistically productive life. Although born in Germany, a great source of his popularity was outside his home country and he was especially beloved in England. Among his greatest accomplishments was the revival of the works of J.S. Bach, including the first "modern" performance of Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* after his death. *Elijah* is performed in England almost as often as *Messiah*, which is, of course, by another "adopted" German, Handel. The recitative, ***Ye People Rend Your Hearts***, and aria, ***If With All Your Hearts***, is sung early in the oratorio following an ardent chorus, *Help*,

Lord! and a duet with chorus, *Lord, Bow Thine Ear to Our Prayer*. The tenor answers these pleas and portrays the biblical character Obadiah. He urges the people to turn away from idols and false gods and return to the Lord. In Hebrew, Obadiah means “servant of God” or “worshipper of Yahweh.”

Come Ye Sinners Poor And Needy, to the tune RESTORATION, is mined from the wonderful early 19th century American shape-note hymnals, including *Southern Harmony*. Its composer and lyricist are unknown, but it was first published in 1835. The melody is characterized by a folk-like swing.

I Saw the Light was composed and recorded in 1952 by Hank Williams (1923-1953). He was a beloved country music singer and composer. In his all-too-short life, he recorded 35 singles, with 11 of those reaching No. 1 on the Country & Western charts.

ABOUT ST. PAULS

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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.

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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.