



November 23, 2025
Totenfest

No matter who you are,
No matter where you are
On life's journey,
You are welcome here.

Please silence cell phones.

*Bibles for use during worship are available at each entrance to the Sanctuary.
Assisted listening devices and Bluetooth hearing aid guides are in the Narthex.
The Nursery and Toddler Room are open for children ages 0-5, from 10 to 11 a.m.*

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"Brothers and sisters, we don't want you to be uninformed about those who have died. We don't want you to grieve like other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and came back to life. We also believe that, through Jesus, God will bring back those who have died. They will come back with Jesus."

1 Th: 4:13-14

PRELUDE	<i>Just a Closer Walk With Thee</i>	arr. Brendan Henry
	St. Arbucks Quartet	

INTROIT	<i>Christ the Victorious</i>	Carl P. Daw, Jr.
	Chancel Choir	

CHIMES

WELCOME	Liz Nickerson
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* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP *(From Isaiah 61)*

One: The spirit of the Lord God is upon us because God has anointed us.

**All: God sends us to bring good news to the poor,
to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives.**

One: To proclaim the year of the Lord's favor; to comfort all who mourn.

**All: To give to those who mourn a crown of beauty instead of ashes,
the oil of joy instead of mourning.**

One: A garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

All: May the Spirit of the Lord God be upon us.

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

* HYMN

Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim; Let

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble and a bass staff in 4/4 time. The treble staff begins with a G4 quarter note, followed by a half note (A4-B4), a quarter note (C5), and a half note (D5). The bass staff begins with a G2 half note, followed by a half note (F2), a quarter note (E2), and a half note (D2). The lyrics 'Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim; Let' are written below the staves.

all a - dore_____ and praise_____ that sa - cred name.

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues with a half note (E4), a quarter note (D4), a half note (C4), and a half note (B3). The bass staff continues with a half note (C2), a quarter note (B1), a half note (A1), and a half note (G1). The lyrics 'all a - dore_____ and praise_____ that sa - cred name.' are written below the staves.

1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod, the
2. Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied bears
3. O Christ, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, your
4. Set up your throne, that earth's de - spair may cease, be -
5. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: praise

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Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ the Child of God.
on the___ brow the seal of Christ who died.
death has___ brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
-neath the___ shad - ow of its heal - ing peace.
to the___ Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

The fourth system of musical notation. The treble staff begins with a G4 quarter note, followed by a half note (A4-B4), a quarter note (C5), and a half note (D5). The bass staff begins with a G2 half note, followed by a half note (F2), a quarter note (E2), and a half note (D2). The lyrics are written below the staves.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Matt Fitzgerald

Loving God, help us to turn from focusing on ourselves to focusing on you.

Help us to follow you even when we don't know where it will lead.

Help us to believe in you and your promises, even when they don't make sense to us. Help us to put others' needs above our own. Write your commands on our hearts and renew our spirits to follow you, oh Lord.

Forgive us when we stray from your path and lead us safely back to you. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Sunday School students are invited to participate in Prayground Sunday School.

*If you would like to accompany your child(ren) to the gym,
you are welcome to drop them off and return to worship.*

RESPONSE

Yours Is the Glory

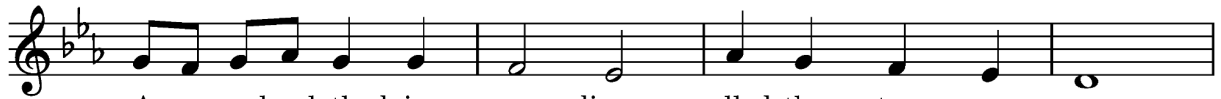
vv. 1& 2



1. Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One!
2. See, it is Je - sus, Je - sus_ has ap - peared;
3. Am I still fright - ened? One_ whom I a - dore,



End - less_ is the vic - tory you o'er death have won.
do_ not_ doubt at all for noth - ing you will fear.
Je - sus,_ lives a - gain, gives peace for - ev - er - more.



An - gels clothed in ra - diance rolled the stone a - way;
Let_ the_ church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing;
Je - sus_ is my vic - tory, life and strength and Head;



con - quered is the grave in which your bod - y lay.
tell_ it_ with - out ceas - ing: Death has_ lost its sting.
Je - sus_ is my glo - ry, noth - ing_ shall I dread.

Refrain



Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One!



End - less_ is the vic - tory you o'er death have won.

SCRIPTURE

Mark Sancya

1 Corinthians 15, selections

Jesus died for our sins, exactly as Scripture tells it; he was buried; he was raised from death on the third day, he presented himself alive to Peter, then to his closest followers, and later to more than five hundred of his followers all at the same time, and finally presented himself alive to me.

Now, let me ask you something profound yet troubling. If you became believers because you trusted the proclamation that Christ is alive, risen from the dead, how can you let people say that there is no such thing as a resurrection? If there's no resurrection, there's no living Christ. And why do you think I keep risking my neck in this dangerous work? I look death in the face practically every day I live. Do you think I'd do this if I wasn't convinced of your resurrection and mine as guaranteed by the resurrected Messiah Jesus? But let me tell you something wonderful, a mystery I'll probably never fully understand. We're not all going to die—but we are all going to be changed. You hear a blast to end all blasts from a trumpet, and in the time that you look up and blink your eyes—it's over. On signal from that trumpet from heaven, the dead will be up and out of their graves, beyond the reach of death, never to die again. At the same moment and in the same way, we'll all be changed. In the resurrection scheme of things, this has to happen: everything perishable taken off the shelves and replaced by the imperishable, this mortal replaced by the immortal. Then the words of the prophet will come true:

“Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?”

*** 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**

Yours Is the Glory
See the previous hymn

v. 3

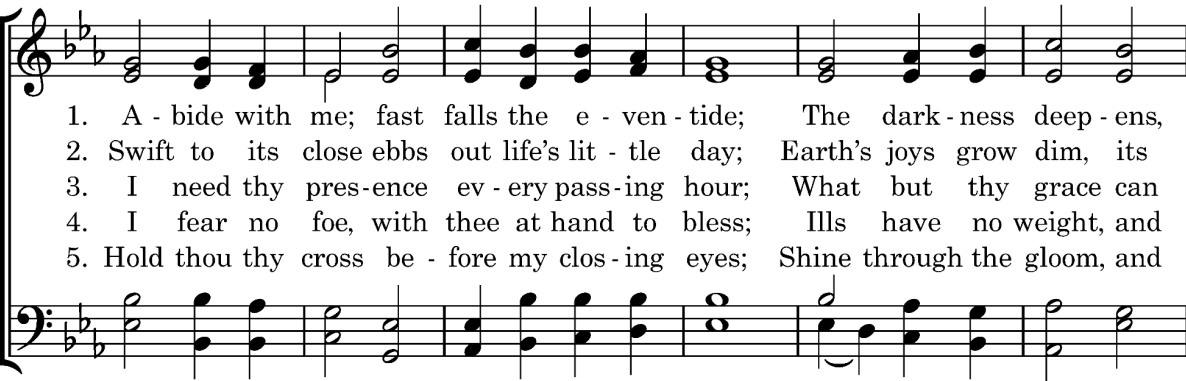
SERMON

"Resurrected"

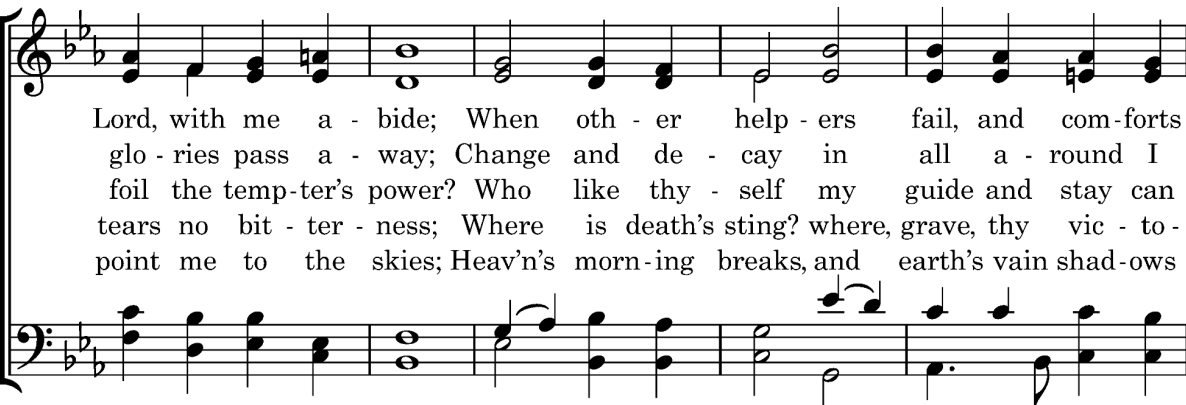
Liz Nickerson

* HYMN

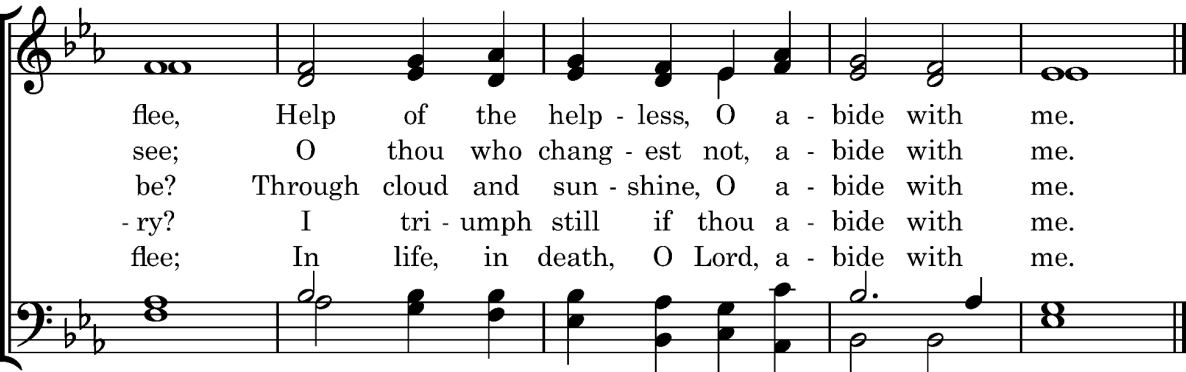
Abide With Me



1. A - bid with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide; The dark - ness deep - ens,
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day; Earth's joys grow dim, its
3. I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour; What but thy grace can
4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight, and
5. Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes; Shine through the gloom, and



Lord, with me a - bid; When oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts
glo - ries pass a - way; Change and de - cay in all a - round I
foil the temp - ter's power? Who like thy - self my guide and stay can
tears no bit - ter - ness; Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy vic - to -
point me to the skies; Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows



flee, Help of the help - less, O a - bid with me.
see; O thou who chang - est not, a - bid with me.
be? Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bid with me.
- ry? I tri - umph still if thou a - bid with me.
flee; In life, in death, O Lord, a - bid with me.

OFFERTORY

Goin' Home

Antonin Dvořák

Jen Kew, Jana O'Brien and Todd Coe, soloists
Chancel Choir

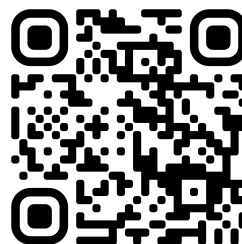
Goin' home, goin' home, I'm a goin' home
Quietlike, some still day, I'm just goin' home.
It's not far, just close by, through an open door
Work all done, care laid by, Going to fear no more
Mother's there, expecting me, Father's waiting, too.
Lots o' folk gathered there, all the friends I know. All the friends I know.
Nothin' lost, all's gain, no more fret nor pain
No more stumblin' on the way, no more longin' for the day

Going to roam no more

Mornin' star lights the way, restless dream all done
Shadows gone, break o' day, real life just begun.
There's no break, ain't no end, just a livin' on
Wide awake with a smile, goin' on and on
Goin' home, goin' home, I'm just goin' home.
It's not far, just close by, through an open door
I'm a goin' home. I'm just goin' home.

ELECTRONIC OFFERING OPTIONS

*Scan this code with your cell phone camera,
Church Center at spucc.churchcenter.com/giving,
PayPal at spucc.org/paypal, or Zelle to giving@spucc.org.*



WELCOME CARD

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



TOTENFEST TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

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

For All the Saints



1. For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, Who
2. Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:_____
3. O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!_____
4. And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,_____

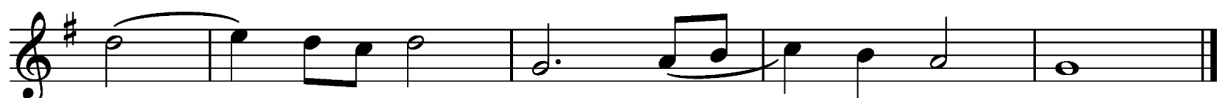


thee_____ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;_____

We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet
Steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, And



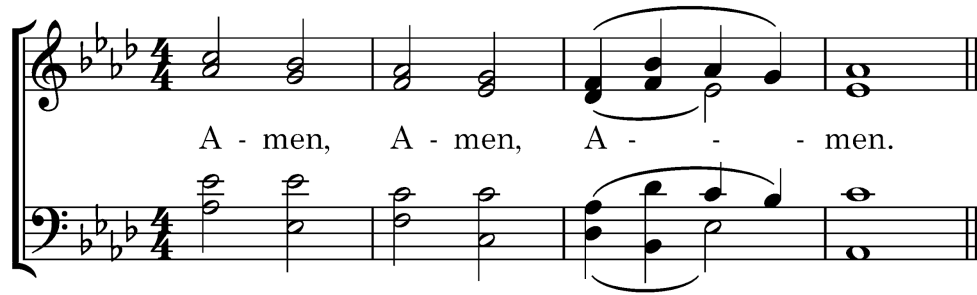
name O_____ Je - sus, be for - ev - er_____ blest.
Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one_ true_ light.
all are_____ one in thee, for all_ are_ thine.
hearts are_____ brave a - gain, and arms are_ strong.



Al - - le - lu - ia! Al - - le - lu - ia!

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in B Major Op. 7, No. 1
Kevin Dzerzawski, organ

Marcel Dupré

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

- Childcare is available for babies and toddlers up to age 5 during worship from 10 to 11 a.m. downstairs in the Nursery and Toddler Room.
- Activity “busy bags” are available in the Narthex for children to use during the service.
- SUNDAY SCHOOL and CONFIRMATION classes are in session. Students are dismissed with their teachers during the worship service and parents pick up children in their classrooms after the service.
- HIGH SCHOOL class meets on alternating Sundays of the month. Check the High School Group on Church Center for dates. High schoolers meet immediately following the service in Pastor Matt’s office.
- New visitors with children interested in participating are invited for a meet and greet before worship begins to preview their classroom and meet teachers. Find Erin Fitzgerald or Danielle Mayfield in the main office for a brief tour and to answer any questions you may have.

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. 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!

THE TOTENFEST ROLL

*Members of St. Pauls who died this church year, and friends
at whose services a St. Pauls pastor officiated*

Linda Shields-Farrington
January 28, 2024

Linda was born and raised in the Jefferson Park neighborhood of Chicago. In her twenties, she moved to Atlanta and remained there working as a health care executive before retirement. She was baptized at Saint Pauls as an infant. Over the entire course of her life, she carried fond memories of her childhood experience of Saint Pauls and asked her caretaker and best friend to arrange for a Saint Pauls burial.

Kathleen D. Reinhardt-Mullins
November 1, 2024

Kathleen was baptized at Saint Pauls in 1951 and was confirmed here in 1964. She was a member of one of the old Saint Pauls German families.

Marcia Knudson
March 11, 2025

A humorous truth-teller, Marcia was a longtime lay leader at Saint Pauls. She moved to Chicago with her father and stepmother in the 1960s and married her husband Wes Salsbury in 1989. She was a clinical social worker working with children, families and teenagers. Marcia taught Confirmation classes at Saint Pauls for nearly ten years. Marcia served as the Secretary of the Church Council, formed two needlework groups, and founded our retirement group. For 32 years, Marcia faithfully prepared bread for our communion services.

Anthony Rodriguez
April 11, 2025

Anthony was born in Chicago, grew up in Puerto Rico and moved back here when he was seven. He spent most of the rest of his life in Logan Square. A graduate of the University of Michigan, he worked as an educator at St. Anne in Pilsen and his alma mater, St. Ignatius College Prep. He then became a principal at El Cuarto Año High School, moving on to administration at Youth Connection Charter School. He was married to his husband Steve Ochs for more than thirty years. He loved the beach, the Cubs, and Michigan football.

Mike Stensaas
May 2, 2025

Mike grew up in South Dakota and served as an officer in the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers in Germany. A graduate of Harvard Business School, he worked in consulting and professional coaching. Mike joined Saint Pauls in 1996. He was one of our Stephen Ministers for several years, bringing his good listening skills and compassionate heart to Saint Pauls members going through difficult times.

Carole Crowley
May 30, 2025

A longtime member of Saint Pauls, Carole was a talented painter who exhibited her work in Michigan and Chicago. For ten years, she was the Executive Director of the Park West After School program, based here at Saint Pauls.

Toby Rogers
May 31, 2025

A longtime lay leader at Saint Pauls with a keen eye for numbers and a warm, friendly and honest presence, Toby was raised in Michigan. He was an active member of the Faith and Public Issues Group, served as Saint Pauls Treasurer, and was a faithful member of our Finance Committee for many years. Toby and his ex-wife Jennifer raised their three children Cameron, Mackenzie and Harrison here at Saint Pauls. Toby worked in healthcare and was an early leader in the development of telehealth platforms.

Annette Robinson
June 25, 2025

Born in Northeast Alabama south of Chattanooga, she was at the head of her school and attended the University of Alabama on scholarship during turbulent times. After law school, Annette came to Chicago where she worked for a bank trust company, married Layton Olson, and began spending summers at a cottage on the Michigan Dunes. Joining Saint Pauls in the early 1980s, she especially enjoyed music, religion and the arts performances, book discussions, and conversations with members on humans, society building and joyful work.

Evert Martin
July 11, 2025

Evert joined St. Pauls in 1999 and served in our congregation in many ways before returning to Michigan. He was active in our outreach ministries, especially with the Night Ministry, and was a Sunday School teacher. Prior to moving to Chicago and joining Saint Pauls, Evert served for more than 30 years as an elementary school teacher in the St. Joseph, Michigan public school system, where he was beloved by both his students and his fellow teachers.

Mead Gifford
August 4, 2025

Mead was a lifelong resident of Chicago. He worked for the Union Pacific Railroad for many years and was also employed by the Federal Bankruptcy Court. Mead served in the U.S. Army and was a longtime active member of Saint Pauls. Mead made many friends at church. He was the last of our ushers to wear white gloves while serving communion, asked memorable questions at our Annual Congregational Meetings, served faithfully as a Connector, and was a strong advocate for Saint Pauls House.

Patricia Miller
August 9, 2025

Pattie Miller loved to sing. She was a graduate of The Biennen School of Music at Northwestern University. Pattie and her husband Jim cherished their shared memories of singing here at Saint Pauls in the Chancel Choir. Pattie and Jim raised a blended family together. They retired to Lake Leelanau, Michigan, in 2022 after working together running Murphy Miller, a company founded by Jim's dad. Before their move, Pastor Jeff led the renewal of their wedding vows on their 25th anniversary in our chapel.

Clayton Root
October 25, 2025

Clayton found Saint Pauls in the 1980s. He was moved to join the church after hearing Tom Henry's homily at the funeral of a close friend. Clayton was born in Crown Point, Indiana, and moved to Chicago after law school. He loved to sail, the theater, his family, and his friends. Pastor Matt will serve at Clayton's memorial service next Saturday, November 29, at the Chicago Yacht Club.

TOTENFEST MEMORIALS

Kendal Baughman from Ben Baughman
Leroy Dykstra and Henrietta Scholten Dykstra from Andrew and Lynn Davis
Lee Kenton Dykstra from Andrew and Lynn Davis
Edward Seely Davis from Andrew and Lynn Davis
Jonathan "Kurt" Marrs from Ben Baughman
Art & Roberta Davis from Ben Baughman
Marcia Knudson from Candi Huber
Reverend John Fitzgerald from Nancy Fitzgerald
Marcia Knudson from The Sopiartz Dunham family
Evert Martin from The Sopiartz Dunham family
Kathleen O'Connor Faulkner from David Faulkner
Al Cerkam from Pat Ruch
Kaye Tighe from Pat Ruch
Ann McMullen Hull from Pat Ruch
Marcia Knudsen from Pat Ruch
Rex Wilbanks from Craig Wilbanks and Monty Kehl
Paula Kearns from Winnie and Larry Kearns
Edward Zasadil from spouse Larry Simpson
Philip Hannema from Larry Simpson
Nels Nelson from Larry Simpson
Marcia Knudson from Larry Simpson
Ben Ryan Diserod from Larry Simpson
Lori Cannon from Larry Simpson
Aylmer Mead Gifford from Larry Simpson
Clayton Root from Larry Simpson
David Good from Sarah Good and Mark Mosley
Samuel Good from Sarah Good and Mark Mosley
George and Shirley Mosley from Sarah Good and Mark Mosley
Charles and Marion Joachim from Maxine Joachim

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Liz Nickerson, Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson

Music Director: Kurt Hansen

Organist: Kevin Dzierzawski

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

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Scripture Reader: Mark Sancya

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: David Faulkner, Fred Pearson

Greeters: Nathan Chamberlain, Elliott Maschmeyer

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

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

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Peg Wander with deep gratitude and in celebration of 40 years of St. Pauls membership.

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

BORN THIS WEEK IN NOVEMBER

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

Nov. 23 Andrew Broderick, Cale Roschen, Tom Hanson

Nov. 24 Austin Luciano Mirabal Hernández, Hannah Mutch, Pierce Prangle

Nov. 25 Daniel Lias

Nov. 26 Carrie Bettler

Nov. 27 Bennett England, Gustavo Mirabal

Nov. 28 Barbara Arsenault, Lisa Patterson Raterman, Luisa Graciela Navarro

Nov. 29 Lily Mooney

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.

You may also share your request at tinyurl.com/3j6sayku.

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.

- Families undergoing treatments for infertility.
- Barbara Benjamin's husband, Tom Coffield, for an upcoming surgery on December 4.
- Prayers for Rick Sensenbrenner's mother, Marie, as she navigates various health conditions.
- The Camp Mystic families who are suffering unimaginable loss from the July 4th floods.
- Peace for all of God's children.
- Jeffrey Whitridge and Greg Clemons at the death of Jeffrey's brother, Mark.
- Lorri Wirsum's daughter, Ruby, facing health concerns, and her daughter-in-law, Trish, on the death of Trish's mother, Sandy Henderson.
- A neighbor of St. Pauls struggling with fibromyalgia.
- Ally S., a college student with double vision and neurological problems.
- Kate and Angus Atkins-Trimnell, Pastor Liz's sister and brother-in-law, for Angus' father, Ralph, who has entered hospice.
- Karlynn Anderson, a friend of Pastor Liz, who had a heart transplant.
- Donn Schimp and his family as Donn continues cancer treatment.
- Dianne Witkowski, as she deals with cancer chemotherapy.
- That we each find our role, our voice, in bringing peace forward.

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.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT ST. PAULS

- SUN, NOV 30 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, *LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE*
10 a.m. - Worship
- SUN, DEC 7 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, *LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF LOVE*
10 a.m. - Worship, Christmas Cantata: John Rutter's *Magnificat*
- WED, DEC 10 LITTLE LIGHTS CHRISTMAS SHOW
5 p.m. - Concert, Sanctuary
- SAT, DEC 13 COOKIES WITH SANTA
10 a.m. - Cookies, crafts and pictures with Santa, Gym
- SUN, DEC 14 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, *LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY*
10 a.m. - Worship, Readings & Carols with youth choirs and brass
11:30 a.m. - Advent Market
- TUES, DEC 16 FOOD FOR THE SOUL
12 p.m. - Christmas Party with carol sing-a-long
- THURS, DEC 18 TAIZÉ WINTER SOLSTICE ♦
7 p.m. - Service, Labyrinth Walk, Gym
- SUN, DEC 21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, *LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE*
10 a.m. - Worship
- WED, DEC 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
5 p.m. - Family Service, Sanctuary
9 p.m. - Candlelight Service, Sanctuary
Christmas story, carols, candles, and choir

*Scan here for more
information about
Advent events*

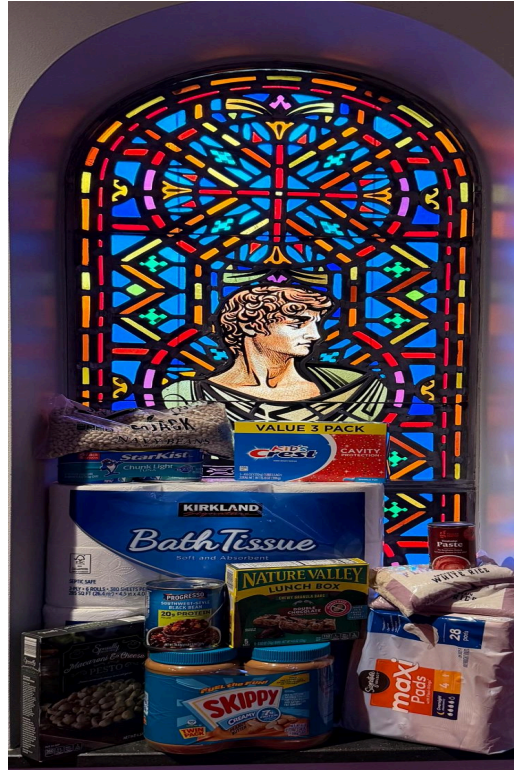
♦RSVP for childcare



THROUGH THE HOLIDAY SEASON

We are going to “Fill the Sills” throughout the holiday season. Common Pantry has requested:

- ✓ protein
- ✓ diapers (adult and child)
- ✓ wipes
- ✓ feminine hygiene products
- ✓ shopping bags with handles
- ✓ cooking oil
- ✓ dish soap
- ✓ bath soap
- ✓ coffee
- ✓ kids snacks
- ✓ spices & herbs
- ✓ salt and pepper



To donate directly to the Common Pantry, go to www.commonpantry.org/.

UCAN HOLIDAY GIFT TRAIN

This holiday season, the Advocacy and Activism committee is gearing up to help St. Pauls join UCAN's Gift Train once again. Starting November 2, stop by our table during Social Hour to sign up and shop from a wish list. But you don't have to wait, as donations can now be made now by mail. Once we receive your gift card, we'll match it with a name from the wish list. This is a wonderful way for virtual and long-distance members to get involved.

This year, we're requesting \$75 gift cards. Accepted cards include Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Target, or Walmart. Please send your gift cards to the church by December 1 at 2335 N. Orchard Street, Chicago, IL 60614. Thank you for helping make this holiday season special for those in need!

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 24 & 25 – THANKSGIVING BREAK PLAY DAYS - 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Gym
No school? No problem! We've got you covered. Little Lights teachers are hosting Play Days on Monday and Tuesday mornings during Thanksgiving Break. Open to the community: siblings, alumni, friends, etc. \$55/day, snack provided, 10% sibling discount. Advance registration required. For more details and to register visit here: tinyurl.com/4dpxrajk.

NOVEMBER 26 – VOLUNTEER AT UCAN FAMILY THANKSGIVING- 3-7 p.m., UCAN
3605 W. Fillmore Street, Chicago
St. Pauls members are invited to help UCAN celebrate Thanksgiving with its staff and residents. We'll meet at UCAN on Wednesday, November 26 from 3-7 p.m. Volunteers will decorate, serve food, play games and clean up. Our support of the event will help UCAN's staff relax and make the event more special. Moreover, it will be a wonderful opportunity to connect with the youth they serve. All ages and abilities are welcome. If you are interested, please contact Pauline Taylor at Paulinetaylor933@gmail.com.

NOVEMBER 27 – FRIENDSGIVING - 3-6 p.m., Social Hall
Everyone is invited to St. Pauls' first all-inclusive "Day of Friendsgiving" on Thanksgiving Day! Food ~ Fellowship ~ Games! Chiefs/Cowboys on TV, Optional all-age games including Gobble Up Mad Libs, Roll-a-Turkey, Gratefulness Game, Count Your Blessings, Thanksgiving Pictionary, Football Bingo, and Pass the Turkey. St. Pauls will provide the turkey, coffee, lemonade and attendees provide the rest of the meal. Sign up on Church Center at tinyurl.com/3fafmd9t. Wendelin will follow up about your potluck item to avoid duplicates. Questions? Contact Wendelin(Lin) at wendelin@wendelindunlap.com.

DECEMBER 7 – BIBLE OFF BROADWAY INFO SESSION - 11:30 a.m., Social Hall
Join us on December 7 at 11:30 a.m. in the Social Hall to learn about this year's theme, schedule and ways for your kids to participate! Director Jana O'Brien will help share ways that your youth and family can help make this year the best ever!!!

DECEMBER 10 – LITTLE LIGHTS CHRISTMAS CONCERT - 5 p.m., Sanctuary
Our Little Lights students take the spotlight on Wednesday, December 10 as each class performs two songs. This brief show concludes with a group sing-a-long and a hot cocoa bar to celebrate. Get ready to see some stars in action as our littlest ones embody the heart of the Christmas spirit.

DECEMBER 13 – COOKIES WITH SANTA - 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Gym

Join us at St. Pauls for our annual Cookies with Santa event. It is a festive time full of music, cookie decorating, crafts, hot chocolate, and pictures with Santa! This event features live music provided by the Windy City Winds that is guaranteed to get everyone in the holiday spirit! To help plan our cookie count, please register here for this free event: tinyurl.com/3mkn4k53.

DECEMBER 14 – LUNCH MAKING FOR LPCS - 11:15 a.m., Kitchen

Right after church, come to SPUCC's kitchen and help make sack lunches for the residents of Lincoln Park Community Services. We provide all the needed food, but volunteers are asked to contribute \$25 each to help cover food costs for the lunches. Donations can be made via cash, Venmo, or Zelle. We're typically done by 12:15 p.m.

If you're interested, please use Church Center to sign-up: tinyurl.com/e4m9v9zz

DECEMBER 14 – DINNER MAKING FOR LPCS - 4 p.m., Kitchen

Join us in preparing and delivering dinner for residents of the Lincoln Park Community Shelter. We meet at SPUCC 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 \$25 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/5dmys5hc

DECEMBER 16 - FOOD FOR THE SOUL CHRISTMAS PARTY/SING-A-LONG- 12-1:30

p.m., Social Hall - Bring whatever food you would like to share. Dress in your Christmas gear if desired. Join the caroling with Pastor Jeff at the piano. Sponsored by St. Pauls Social. Adults of all ages are invited. Childcare provided.

DECEMBER 16 – JANE AUSTEN 250 READING GROUP - 7 p.m., Zoom

December 16, 2025 is the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen's birth. We'll be discussing her last-published novel, *Persuasion*. Discussion over Zoom. Sign up to participate here: tinyurl.com/yez6ejw6. Contact: Pastor Jeff.

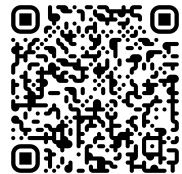
DEDICATION/OKTOBERFEST THANKS!

Thanks to all who helped make the November 9 Phase II Dedication a huge success, from our pastors and staff to Alderman Timmy Knudsen to Rev. Mary Stainton to the streaming/audio experts to the Chancel Choir to the volunteers who led us and fed us so well. Shout-outs to Lorne Frank and Greg Basil for leading the lunch team that included Scott Banjavcic, Lois Basil, Deborah Bayly, Andrew and Adrian Broderick, Carrie Bruggers, Nathan Chamberlain, Todd Coe, Char Damron, David Faulkner, Brandon Fletcher, Marcia and Margot Frank, Ninon Landaverry Freeman, Jeff Johnson, Barb Kaiser, Jen Kew, Pat Kirby, Kelly Martin, Jana O'Brien, Wayne Parman, Pat Ruch, Ashley Saluga, and Michael Sanders. And endless thanks to the Capital Campaign Committee and Council members from 2016-25, Wheeler Kearns Architects, Bulley & Andrews and the nearly 400 generous donors who shepherded Phase II to a wondrous reality!

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!



ADVENT MARKET ITEMS NEEDED

This year's Advent Market is on Sunday, December 14, and will help fund our outreach and benevolence to provide legal support for our migrant family friends and church members. We need new or gently used items such as jewelry, candles, frames, handmade items, Christmas decorations, toys, etc. (Please, no clothing unless it is holiday specific.) Drop-off dates are **December 6:** 9 a.m. -12p.m., **December 7:** 9 a.m.-12 p.m., **December 12:** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., and **December 13:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Questions, please text or email Carrie Bruggers at (773) 294-4446 or crbruggs@gmail.com.

HARVEST RECIPES

The Green Team invites St. Pauls to taste vegetarian recipes suitable for the holidays. Recipes will be provided.

NEW MEMBER CLASS – FEBRUARY 1, 2026

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

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.



NOVEMBER BLAST FROM THE PAST

Did you know that the people of St. Pauls have founded several other organizations doing good work in our city? Many of you know UCAN, which St. Pauls founded to care for Civil War orphans and is still working for today's youth. The next generation, wanting to do something for the elderly, founded St. Pauls House, "A Churchly Home for the Aged." Our members were there for the founding of the Common Pantry, the Night Ministry and Lincoln Park Community Services, organizations we continue to support today with our time, talent and treasure. What's next?

PALESTINE STUDY GROUP

Join us as we discuss the new book *One Day, Everyone Will Always Have Been Against This* by Omar El Akkad. In this accessible and powerful work, a novelist examines the West's response to the destruction of Gaza. Contact David Burnett at burnett.db@gmail.com.

YOUTH CHOIRS ARE BACK!

Does your child like to sing? Sign them up for one of our youth choirs! We rehearse Sunday mornings: Kinderchapel Singers (preschool) 9:50-10 a.m., Social Hall. Children's Choir (K-3rd) 9:30-9:55 a.m., Chapel. Paul's People (4-8th) 9:30-9:55 a.m., Parlor. Reach out to Tom Clancy (KS) tm.ferrin@gmail.com, Breanna Coe (CC) breannacoe@gmail.com, or Kecia Waldschmidt (PP) keciagerman@hotmail.com for more information. Come make a joyful sound in the city with us!

CHILDREN/YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are many ways you can serve as a volunteer with the children and youth ministry at events, with Sunday School, and in the nursery. If you love nurturing children, this is a fun way to make a difference! Volunteers complete a background check and always serve in pairs of two, following our child safety policy. 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 nursery childcare slot here: tinyurl.com/2j5dy6fp or contact Pastor Liz at lnickerson@spucc.org to learn more about other opportunities to help.

VOLUNTEER AS A SOCIAL HOUR HOST

Visiting a new church can feel intimidating—especially walking into Social Hour without knowing anyone. We're looking for volunteers to serve as Social Hour hosts. The role is simple: be on the lookout for people you don't know, greet them, and help them feel welcome. They might be new to St. Pauls or simply someone you haven't yet met. Either way, you'll brighten their day and make new friends. You can volunteer once a month, once a quarter, or whenever it works for you. Sign up to host on an upcoming Sunday here: tinyurl.com/3f384fcm.

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.

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 such tasks as 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.

"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 Saint 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.

LITTLE LIGHTS ENROLLMENT 2025-2026

We are accepting applications for the fall! Flexible class options and days available. 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.

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

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

The Original 1621 Thanksgiving

The first "Thanksgiving" was a three-day celebration in 1621 between the Wampanoag first peoples and the English settlers of Plymouth Colony.

The menu most probably involved roasted or boiled wild birds (goose, duck, turkey, pigeon) and venison. Also prominent were shellfish, including lobster, clams and mussels.

The English settlers had large gardens with root vegetables, while the Wampanoag grew multi-colored corn, beans and a variety of pumpkins and squash. Both groups dried fish, gathered berries and nuts and had poultry and eggs.

The 1621 offerings were broad enough so that those who did not enjoy turkey or who preferred a vegetarian-forward celebration could still be "authentic."

Historical information adapted from *Smithsonian Magazine* by Megan Gambino

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.

St. Pauls UCC
Giving Campaign 2026
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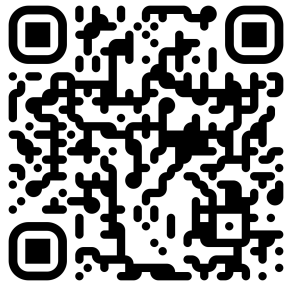
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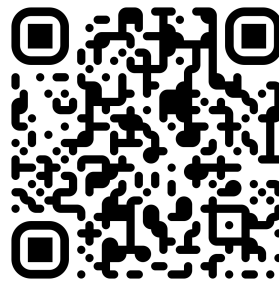
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Scan the QR codes to discover ways to connect with others.

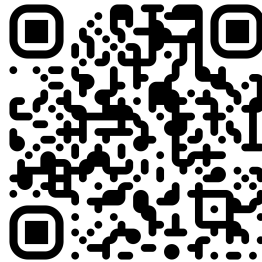
JOIN A GROUP



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



SUBMIT AN ANNOUNCEMENT



For St. Pauls sponsored events, please fill out the new form **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

Both the text and tune of ***Just a Closer Walk With Thee*** are of unknown origin. It appears in 99 hymnals and was first published in the mid-1940s. On a train trip to Chicago from Kansas City, Kenneth Morris (1917-1989), an African American gospel music composer, heard a porter singing this song. He asked the porter to sing it again so he could write down the melody and words. When it was published, Morris added some of his own words. It is likely that it dates back to as early as post-Civil War days in African American churches. The arrangement we hear today was made by Brendan Henry.

The text for ***Christ the Victorious*** was written in 1982 for the Episcopalian 1982 *Hymnal* by Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944). The text is a paraphrase of a portion of the Easter Orthodox memorial service. Daw was born in Louisville, Kentucky, the son of a Baptist minister. He holds a Ph.D. in English literature, taught at the College of William and Mary, and, in 1981, became an ordained priest in the Anglican Church. The RUSSIAN HYMN was composed in 1833 by Alexei F. Lvov (1799-1870). He was Russian born and educated and composed this hymn in one evening. Many will recognise the melody as part of the close of Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture*, which celebrates the victory over the forces of Napoleon.

Lift High the Cross - George William Kichen (1827-1912) was the original author of the text, but there is a second "contributor" referred to as an "alterer," Michael R. Newbolt (1874-1956), who added to and improved the Kichen text. The tune, CRUCIFER, was composed in 1916 at the height of The Great War by Sydney H. Nicholson (1875-1947). He was Organist/Choirmaster at Westminster Abbey in the 1920s and had a deep influence on English hymnody.

Yours Is the Glory, *A toi la gloire, ô Resussité*, is an example of a hymn with a varied background. The melody is from the chorus, *See the Conquering Hero Comes*, in the oratorio *Judas Maccabeus* (1746) by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759), the famous Baroque composer of *Messiah* (1741). The tune, JUDAS MACCABEUS, obviously gets its name from the Handel oratorio. Edmond Louis Budry (1854-1932) composed the French text to Handel's music in 1904. Budry was a Swiss writer and pastor who wrote a number of hymn texts in French. Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939) translated the French into the English text with which we are familiar. Although Hoyle was born, educated, and died in England, he spent two years both as clergy and professor at a seminary in Pittsburgh.

The text for ***Abide With Me*** was written by Henry F. Lyte (1793–1847) in the last year of his life. After preaching the last sermon of his career, Reverend Lyte gave a copy of this hymn text to a relative and died two months later. The familiar hymn tune is by William H. Monk (1823-1889).

Goin' Home is an anthem based on a beautiful theme in the “*Symphony From a New World*,” *Symphony No. 9* by Antonin Dvořák (1841-1904). Dvořák was a Czech composer, who spent a very important part of his career in the United States. He was deeply affected by folk music of his Bohemian heritage, so it is not surprising that during his time in our country he was also moved by the African American spirituals he heard. The famous African American composer Harry Thacker Burleigh worked with Dvořák, so for many years it was assumed that the tune we associate with *Goin' Home* was a spiritual Dvořák had heard. The problem is that there is no record of a spiritual with that title or melody. It is a tribute to Dvořák that he created a melody that was an homage to a musical genre that was foreign to him, but also tugged at the roots of his love for Bohemian folk music. The words were added in 1922 by one of his American students, William Arms Fischer, who expressed the hope and belief of life beyond death just *close by, through an open door*.

The author of the text of ***For All the Saints*** was William Walsham How (1823-1897). He penned the poetry we love so much in 1864. How was an Oxford graduate and served many parishes in England throughout his life. Just to demonstrate that there can be a sense of humor even in hymn tune names, SINE NOMINE, means “no name” in Latin. The stirring music was written in 1906 by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). He is one of the greatest English composers of the post-Victorian era. He composed music for nearly all genres of performance.

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971) was one of the preeminent organists and composers for that instrument of the first half of the 20th century. He was the organist for many years at St. Sulpice in Paris and followed Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937) in that position. His ***Prelude and Fugue in B Major Op. 7, No. 1*** is part of a set of *Three Preludes and Fugues* composed in 1912. Widor, who was also Dupré's teacher, declared that this work was unplayable. We are happy that Kevin Dzierzawski is proving Widor's assessment to be incorrect.

Joyful Sounds

Enjoy another year of special music during worship services.

Advent/Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 7, 2025

***Magnificat* - John Rutter**

with orchestra in worship

Lenten Cantata

Sunday, March 8, 2026

***Jesu meine Freude* - Bach**

June 13, 2026 - 7 p.m.

***Gospel Mass* - Robert Ray**

A benefit for the National Gospel Music Museum
with Pilgrim Baptist Church, UCAN and St. Sabina Church.
Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church
5141 South State Street
Chicago, IL

Mark these dates in your calendar!

ABOUT ST. PAULS

Making a Joyful Sound in the City!

St. Pauls UCC has a vibrant history in the city of Chicago. Founded in 1843, we are one of the city's oldest churches. In 1989, we became one of America's first congregations to declare ourselves "Open and Affirming" of LGBTQ+ people.

From founding Chicago's largest provider of social services to at-risk children to starting a home for the elderly, from housing protestors at the 1968 Democratic Convention to hosting Lincoln Park's first MLK day march against violence on Chicago's streets, we are proud to make a joyful sound in the city.

Most important, during the past 182 years we are glad to have introduced thousands of children and adults to the amazing, inclusive, life changing, uplifting love of God. We do so in worship that is traditional, but far from conventional.

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WELCOME TO SAINT PAULS UCC!

Welcome to those whose hearts are on fire with faith,
and to those who bring their doubt inside our doors.

Welcome to our first time guests and
our longtime members.

Welcome to single people, tiny children,
grandparents and families of all configurations.

Welcome to those who rejoice and to those who grieve.

Welcome to LGBTQ+ people.

Welcome to each and to everyone.

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