



November 9, 2025
Dedication Sunday

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

Please silence cell phones.

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

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"I know that we have sometimes been termed an *Allerwelts Kirche*. I am glad of it. To me there can be no prouder name, no more desirable title. If I have done anything, even the smallest part, to make St. Pauls an *Allerwelts-Kirche*, a church that wants to serve the world, then I shall die a proud and happy man."

Pastor Rudolph John, 1918

PRELUDE	<i>The Peace May Be Exchanged</i> Kevin Dzierzawski, organ	Daniel Locklair
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INTROIT	<i>How Lovely Is Your Dwelling</i> Chancel Choir
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CHIMES

WELCOME	Matt Fitzgerald
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* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 84)

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord.

All: My soul longs to be in your house.

One: Even the sparrows have built a nest here to be close to your altar.

**All: A single day is better in God's house
than a thousand spent somewhere else.**

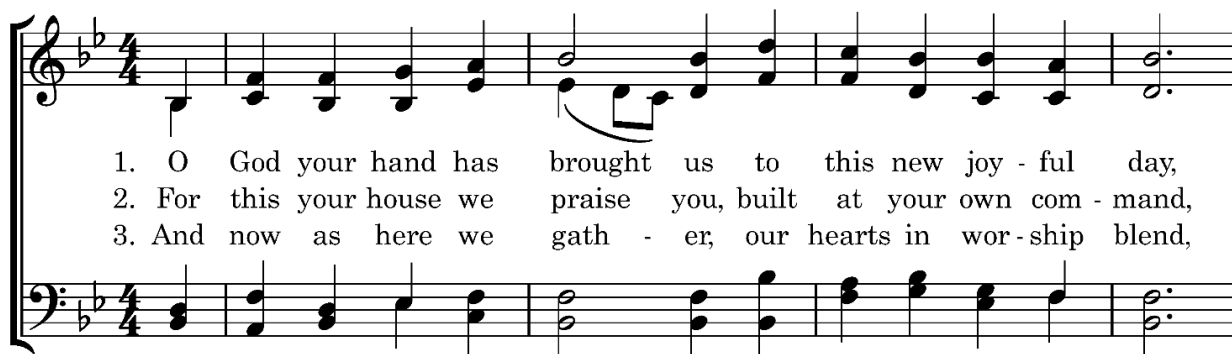
One: Lord, you have always been our home.

All: Happy are those who trust in you.

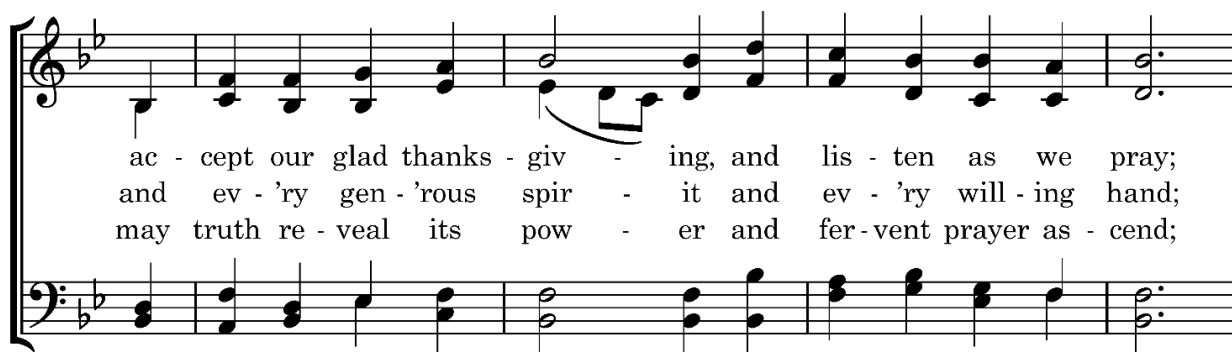
* *Please stand if you are able to do so.*

* HYMN

O God Your Hand Has Brought Us



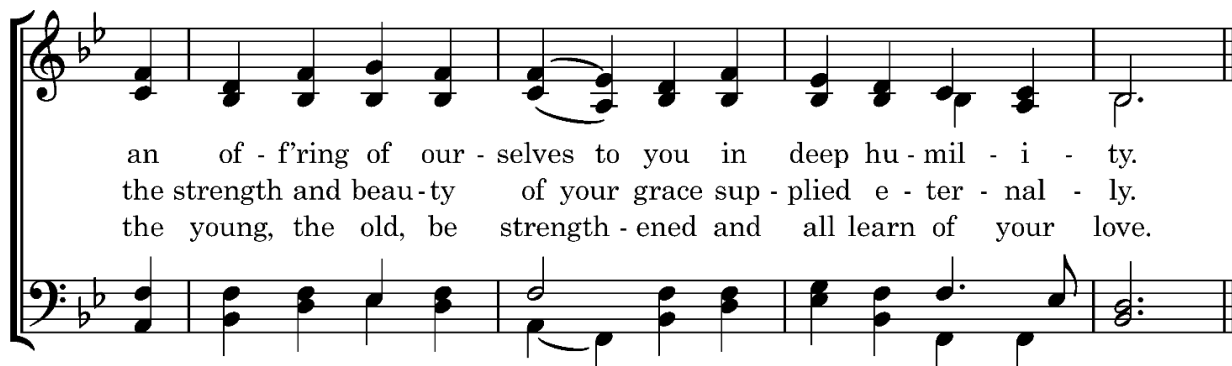
1. O God your hand has brought us to this new joy - ful day,
2. For this your house we praise you, built at your own com - mand,
3. And now as here we gath - er, our hearts in wor - ship blend,



ac - cept our glad thanks - giv - ing, and lis - ten as we pray;
and ev - 'ry gen - 'rous spir - it and ev - 'ry will - ing hand;
may truth re - veal its pow - er and fer - vent prayer as - cend;



and may our prep - a - ra - tion for this day's serv - ice be
and now with - in your tem - ple your glo - ry let us see,
here may the bus - y work - er rise to the things a - bove,



an of - f'ring of our - selves to you in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
the strength and beau - ty of your grace sup - plied e - ter - nal - ly.
the young, the old, be strength - ened and all learn of your love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeff Carlson

Gracious God,

for building walls that separate rather than shelter,

for making room for some but not for all,

for shutting the doors that you have opened,

for closing our ears when you call,

Forgive us.

May your loving embrace so shape us,

That we will welcome each other just as Christ has welcomed us.

Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Sunday School students are invited to go to their classrooms.

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

RESPONSE

All Are Welcome

Verses 1-2



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly__
2. Let us build a house where pro - phets speak, and words are strong and
3. Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
4. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vis - ions



live, a__ place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to__ seek to__ dream God's
stone to__ heal and strength-en, serve and teach, and live the
heard and loved and treas - ured, taught and claimed as__ words with -



to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of
reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as
Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the strang - er bear the
-in the Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of



faith and vault of grace: here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
im - age of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and dan-ger:
faith and songs of grace, let this house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:



All are wel-come, all are wel-come, all are wel-come in this place.__

SCRIPTURE

Audrey Bettner

Haggai 1-2, excerpts

In the second year of King Darius, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest:

“Thus says the Lord of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the Lord’s house. Is it a time for you yourselves to live in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored, says the Lord.”

Then all the remnant of the people obeyed the voice of the Lord their God and the words of the prophet Haggai, as the Lord their God had sent him, and the people feared the Lord. Then Haggai, the messenger of the Lord, spoke to the people with the Lord’s message, saying, “I am with you, says the Lord.” And the Lord stirred up the spirit of all the remnant of the people, and they came and worked on the house of the Lord of hosts, their God.

Then the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: “Speak now to the remnant of the people, and say: Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land, and I will shake all the nations, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts, and in this place I will give peace, says the Lord of hosts.”

*** 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**

All Are Welcome
See the previous hymn

Verses 3–4

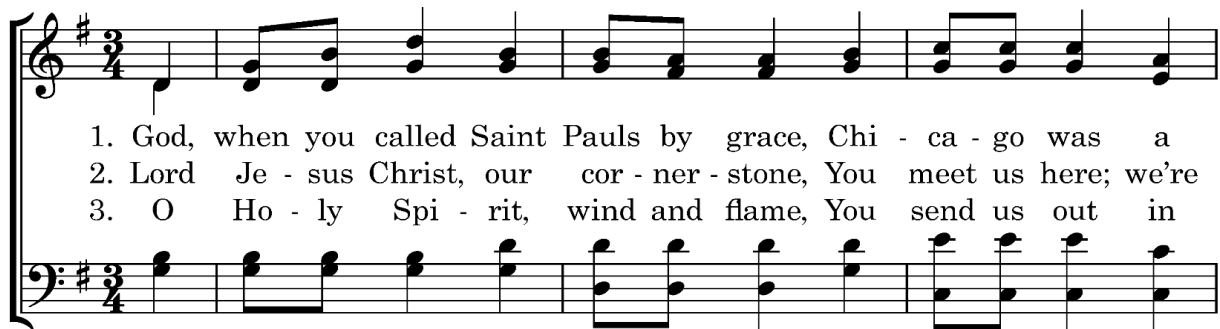
SERMON

“Love It or List It”

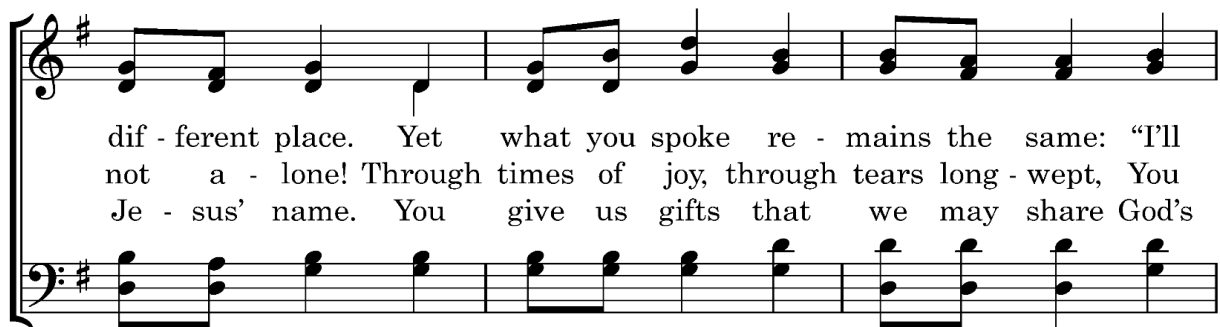
Jeff Carlson

* HYMN

God When You Called St. Pauls by Grace



1. God, when you called Saint Pauls by grace, Chi - ca - go was a
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, our cor - ner - stone, You meet us here; we're
3. O Ho - ly Spi - rit, wind and flame, You send us out in



dif - ferent place. Yet what you spoke re - mains the same: "I'll
not a - lone! Through times of joy, through tears long - wept, You
Je - sus' name. You give us gifts that we may share God's



be with you! Go in my name!"
are God's love, God's pro - mise kept. *Your prom-ise is for ev-ery-one:*
love and jus - tice ev - ery - where.



You call us here; your word is true! We'll be a faith - ful church for you!

GIVING MOMENT: What More is Saint Pauls Building?

Nancy Godinez

OFFERTORY

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place
Chancel Choir

Johannes Brahms

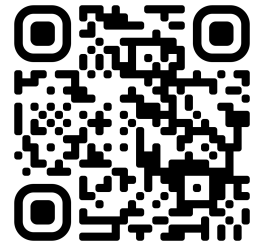
How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts
For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord;
My soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God
How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts
Blest are they that dwell within Thy house;
They praise Thy name evermore,
How lovely is Thy dwelling place.
from Psalm 84

You can give to St. Pauls electronically:

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.



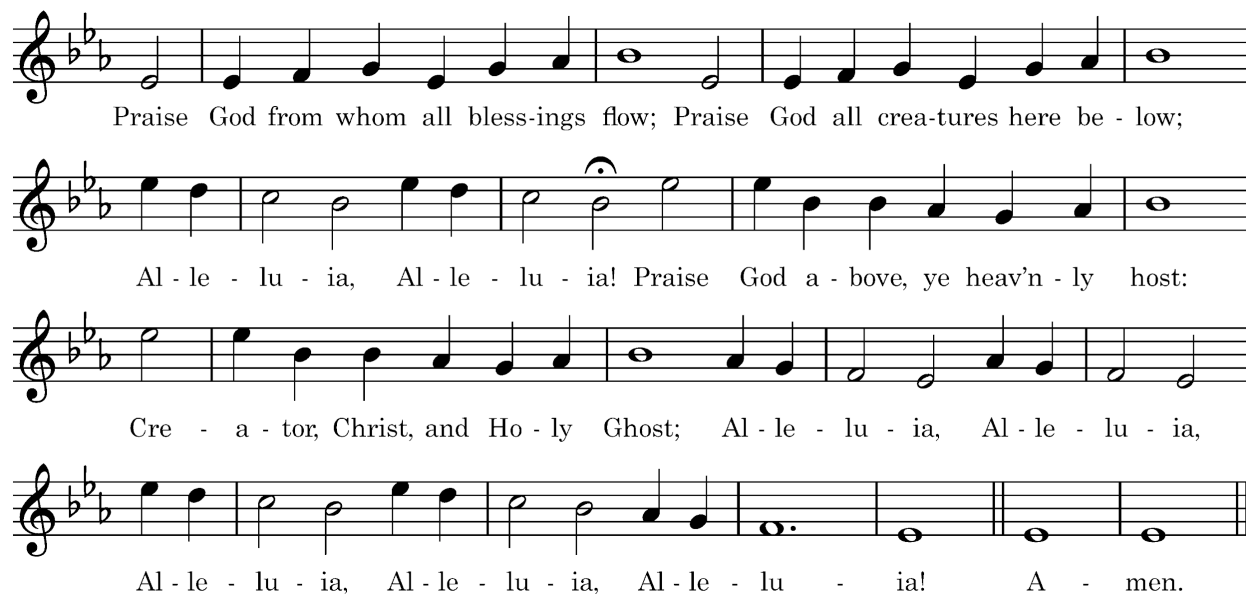
WELCOME CARD

*If you are a visitor, welcome! Thank you for
worshiping with us today!*

*If you would like to learn more about the church, please
scan the QR code.*



* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here be - low;
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:
Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Matt Fitzgerald

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

God You Have Set Us

1. God, you have set us in this time and place,
2. We ded - i - cate this work of hu - man hand;
3. Let doors and hearts pro - vide a wel - come here.
4. Call youth and age in - to these halls for praise.
5. So may the world, be - come our neigh - bor - hood,

Called us as stew - ards of your love and grace.
Built for your glo - ry, may it firm - ly stand.
Let walls and voic - es ring with songs of cheer.
Then send us out for ser - vice all our days,
Each wish - ing each the right, the true, the good,

O keep us faith - ful, set our souls a - fire,
Let truth be preached and jus - tice right - ly done.
Let win - dows speak of beau - ty and of light.
Your word of peace and chal - lenge here made real
Word, font, and ta - ble call - ing us to be

And by your Spir - it all our work in - spire.
In Christ our Sav - ior make us tru - ly one.
Let smile and ges - ture show your love a - right.
Spurs us to act with en - er - gy and zeal.
Bound up in Christ, in Christ set bold - ly free.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

I'm Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table African American Spiritual
Chancel Choir arr. Moses Hogan

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table
One of these days. Hallelujah!

We're gonna welcome all our neighbors
One of these days. Hallelujah!

POSTLUDE

I Saw the Light
St. Arbucks Quartet

Hank Williams



Ceremony of Dedication
Phase II Capital Construction Project
November 9, 2025

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain."

Psalm 127:1

INTROIT

I'm Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table African American Spiritual
Chancel Choir arr. Moses Hogan

God's gonna lift our joy up higher
One of these days. Hallelujah!

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table
One of these days. Hallelujah!
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table
This is the day!

WELCOME

Lydia Murray
President of the Congregation

INTRODUCTORY SCRIPTURE

Pastor Jeff Carlson

1 Corinthians 3: 9-15

For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

STATEMENT OF CONGRATULATIONS

Alderman Timmy Knudsen
Chicago 43rd Ward

MESSAGE OF DEDICATION AND GRATITUDE

Sr. Pastor Matt Fitzgerald

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Mary Stainton

HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God
("Nun Danket Alle Gott")

Verse 1

Attendees may sing in English or German



1. Nun dank - et al - le Gott, mit Herz - en, Mund und Händ - en,
2. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voic - es,
3. All praise and thanks to God Our Mak - er now be giv - en,

der gro - sse Ding - e tut an uns und al - len End - en;
Who won - drous things has done, In whom this world re - joic - es,
To Christ, and Spir - it, too, our help in high - est heav - en,

der uns von Mut - ter - leib und Kind - es - bein - en an
Who, from our par - ents' arms, Has blessed us on our way
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore,

un - zäh - lig viel zu gut bis hier - her hat ge - tan.
With count - less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

SCRIPTURE

Pastor Liz Nickerson

2 Ephesians 2: 19–22

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

INVITATION TO LUNCHEON

DEDICATION BLESSING

Sr. Pastor Matt Fitzgerald

*In the spirit of the open-armed welcome of St. Pauls Church,
all are invited to the post-dedication celebration lunch in the church gymnasium,
which is free of charge.*

*In keeping with our German heritage,
today's lunch features traditional German Oktoberfest food and beverages.
Attendees may enter through the new north courtyard entry lobby, the central
courtyard doors, or the Memorial Garden door at the south end of the courtyard.*

THE ST. PAULS CHURCH
“CAMPAIGN TO EXPAND AND ELEVATE OUR OPENNESS” ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE (2016 - 2025)

Nate Combs	Allen Heinemann	Frank Mynard
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Char Damron	Karen E. Johnson	Wayne Parman (Co-Chair)
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Sr. Pastor Matt Fitzgerald	Jack Lyons	Donn Schimp
Sally Fletcher	Tara Magner	Mark Weglarz
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Marcia Frank	Tom Murray	

THE PHASE I AND II CONSTRUCTION LEADERSHIP

Wheeler Kearns Architects	General Contractor Bulley & Andrews
Larry Kearns, Principal	Christopher Bruns
Thomas Boyster	Michael Cottick
Site Design (landscaping)	Ray Puntillo

THE ST. PAULS CHURCH STAFF

Sr. Pastor Matt Fitzgerald	Erin Fitzgerald
Assoc. Pastor Jeff Carlson	Ramiro Gonzalez
Assoc. Pastor Liz Nickerson	Kurt Hansen
Aubraea Cleveland	Maddy Lockhart
Fernando Diaz	Vince Luri
Kevin Dzierzawski	Danielle Mayfield

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COORDINATION AND BOOKKEEPING

Claire Haraburda	Melissa Miller Furgeson
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CAMPAIGN MARKETING PARTNERS

Jim Courtright (Video)	Donell McNairy (Video)	Sherri Lasko (Print)
Mary Beth Hughes (Video)	David Hewlett (Street Banners)	

AND DEEP GRATITUDE TO THE 2016-25 ST. PAULS PRESIDENTS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
AND COUNCIL MEMBERS, THE DOZENS OF STRATEGIC PLANNING AND CAPITAL CONCEPT
DISCERNMENT PARTICIPANTS, THE LUNCH PREPARERS, ALDERMAN TIMMY KNUDSEN,
AND – MOST OF ALL – OUR GENEROUS AND FAITHFUL DONORS.

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.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson, Liz Nickerson

Music Director: Kurt R. Hansen

Organist: Kevin Dzierzawski

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

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Scripture Reader: Audrey Bettner

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: David Baker, Doug Clark, David Faulkner, Jen Luerssen, Fred Pearson

Greeters: Doug Dunham, Andrea Koepke, Elliott Maschmeyer, Mercedes Ridao

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 in celebration of David Faulkner and Megan Pawlak's wedding anniversary

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. 9 Ava Grosshans, Catherine Demery, Kristy Tavas

Nov. 10 Daniel Pechnyo, Joel Chaiken

Nov. 11 Hazel Grachan, Isabelle DeMonte, Mira McElhinney

Nov. 12 Eileen Felson, Robert Manrique

Nov. 13 Terry Brancaccio-Hansen

Nov. 14 Amy Jaji, Jenna Beeson, John Nickerson, Pauline Taylor

Nov. 15 Ann Christophersen, Jon Ekdahl, Tom Murray

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.

- 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.
- Steve Garrett, who had knee surgery on October 15.
- Lorri Wirsum's daughter, Ruby, facing health concerns, and her daughter-in-law, Trish, on the death of Trish's mother, Sandy Henderson.
- Meg Tazelaar at the death of her grandmother.
- A neighbor of St. Pauls struggling with fibromyalgia.
- Ally S., a college student with double vision and neurological problems.
- Liode, a single mom with two children and a former student of Deb Bayly, in need of stable housing and a job.
- 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY – PHASE II DEDICATION CELEBRATION–PLEASE RSVP-11:15 a.m.,
Courtyard & Gym

Please join us after worship today for our dedication and luncheon celebrating the completion of our bold capital construction project that has made our entire public church complex accessible and created an open-air plaza for church events and gatherings.

NOVEMBER 11 – 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. This month: *Northanger Abbey* Monthly discussions are over Zoom the second Tuesday of the month. Sign up to participate here: tinyurl.com/yez6ejw6.

Contact: Pastor Jeff. December 16 - *Persuasion*.

NOVEMBER 11 – ST. PAULS GAME NIGHT TUESDAY, 6–8:30 p.m., Oscar Mayer Room

Join us for an easygoing evening of laughter, snacks, and great company! Bring your favorite game or try one from our collection—it's all about fun and connection. Drop in anytime, stay as long as you like, and don't forget a snack to share and your favorite beverage to enjoy. Invite a friend (or a few!) and make it a night to remember. Everyone's welcome—no experience or poker face required!

Please RSVP at tinyurl.com/mzc8nm9u so we can have enough chairs. Questions? Text Wendelin (Lin) at (773) 304-6734 or email wendelin@wendelindunlap.com

NOVEMBER 13 – FILM: “THE STORY OF PLASTIC”- 6:30 p.m.

Plastics in our environment is one of the most compelling issues of our times, particularly as we try to protect the Great Lakes and our communal health from increasing plastics pollution. The Green Team at St. Pauls cooperates with Green Teams in Lincoln Park to support environmental education. Please join us in watching and discussing this award winning documentary.

- Date and Time: Thursday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m.
- Location: Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church, 600 West Fullerton.
- Format: Film and Discussion with Brian Sauder of Faith in Place and Carter O'Brien, Commissioner of the Environment.
- Refreshments and snacks will be provided. For additional information contact Ninon Freeman at (312) 447-1330.

NOVEMBER 15 – FRIENDSGIVING FAMILY BRUNCH - 9:30-11:30 a.m., Social Hall
Let's celebrate and give thanks. You're invited to a potluck style brunch for families and kids hosted by Little Lights. Classrooms open for play during the meal. Let us know what you're bringing here: tinyurl.com/2w3kub43.

NOVEMBER 15 – WINDY CITY WINDS CONCERT SATURDAY EVENING - 7:30 p.m., Gym

Windy City Winds, "Chicago's Community Band", will present its 10th Anniversary Concert in the St. Pauls UCC gymnasium on Saturday evening, November 15 at 7:30 p.m. St. Pauls members Mark and Sarah Mosley will conduct an exciting program of music by Beethoven, John Philip Sousa, British composer Haydn Wood, and American composers Alfred Reed and Fisher Tull. To help celebrate this milestone, 20 former WCW members will join the band for the second half of the concert. Admission is free! Looking ahead, please save Friday evening March 13 and Friday evening May 15 for WCW concerts later this season.

NOVEMBER 16 – SAVE LIVES - DONATE AT ST. PAULS BLOOD DRIVE– 8 a.m., Gym
Save the Date to save more lives! St. Pauls will be sponsoring another blood drive on November 16 and hope you can sign up to donate! And bring friends! Appointments are encouraged. Your life-saving gift of blood can save up to THREE lives! The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime. Sign up in advance by reserving a time slot via the QR code:



NOVEMBER 16 – NEW MEMBER CLASS, 11 a.m.

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.

NOVEMBER 18 – FOOD FOR THE SOUL - 12-1:30 p.m., Social Hall

Discussion facilitated by Pastor Liz Nickerson; 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. Bring your own lunch. Childcare provided.

NOVEMBER 26 – VOLUNTEER AT UCAN FAMILY THANKSGIVING- 3-7 p.m., 3605 W. Fillmore St.

St. Pauls members are invited to help UCAN celebrate Thanksgiving with its staff and residents. We'll meet 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, and 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! We need five or more people to register at tinyurl.com/3fafmd9t in order to have the feast. New in town? Family went on vacation but you had to work? Want to double dip on turkey? It doesn't matter—you and your guests are welcome. St. Pauls will provide the turkey, coffee, lemonade and those who attend will provide the rest. Sign up and indicate what potluck item you will bring.

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!



TOTENFEST MEMORIALS – NOVEMBER 23

Totenfest will be Sunday, November 23. During worship, we will give thanks for the lives of the members and friends of our congregation who died during the past year. Totenfest is a German word meaning "Festival of the Dead." You can make a memorial gift honoring a loved one online at the link below, or by any of our other giving methods. Please complete the Totenfest Dedication Form at spucc.org/totenfest-form and submit your gift using the link provided in the form **by Monday, November 17**.

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.



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!

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?

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SERVICES: TASTE OF FALL

Brush off those shoulder pads and leg warmers to join Lincoln Park Community Services to party with a purpose! The annual Taste of Fall will be held on Thursday, November 13 at Ovation Chicago in the West Loop. This year we are throwing it back to the year LPCS was formed: 1985. Sample items from local restaurants, bid on auction packages, and dance the night away to the hits of the '80s, all while helping support LPCS's programs! Dress code: '80s attire encouraged, business casual or cocktail. Interested in becoming a vendor, sponsor or donating an auction item? Please email hhedstrom@lpcschicago.org.



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.

CTS CELEBRATES 170 YEARS OF ACTION

In 1855, the United Church of Christ-related Chicago Theological Seminary (CTS) was established by Congregationalists in the boomtown of Chicago. Innovative and activist from the beginning, it was formed to bring and support churches in the “west” and to promote the abolition of slavery. In recent years, distinguished CTS graduates from St. Pauls include Revs. Tom Henry, Avena Ward and Jeff Carlson, as well as Colleen Henry. St. Pauls members who have served as trustees include Dave Bueschel, Jana O’Brien, Rick Peterson and Ted Tetzloff. St. Pauls continues to support CTS financially with an annual gift from our Activism and Advocacy Ministry. Congratulations to CTS as it continues to reimagine and transform religious education and society in the real world.

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.

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.

“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.

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

Persevering and Being Counted

We have re-entered the Dark Ages of environmental regulations and programs since so many policies are being diminished by the Trump Administration's more transactional approach to ecology.

Personally and collectively, these rollbacks have been demoralizing. They have required an unprecedented personal and collective commitment to action by writing to law makers, continuing to volunteer, educating oneself, and participating in collective action.

Perseverance takes energy and faith and the impact of individual and collective actions are not always obvious. The Green Team has made a commitment to keep St. Pauls aware of important ongoing legislation. Please look at the Green Team's bulletin board to see whether you are interested in any legislative issues for follow-up. It DOES make a difference and your opinion DOES count!

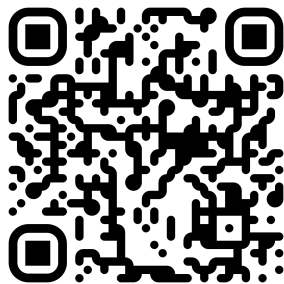
STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. PAULS

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.

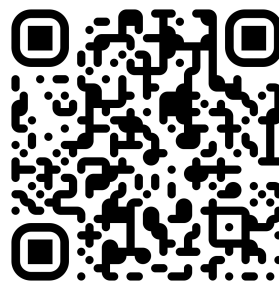
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Scan the QR codes to discover ways to connect with others.

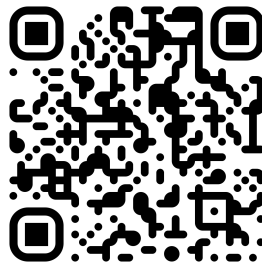
JOIN A GROUP



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

Our Prelude, ***The Peace May Be Exchanged***, was composed by American composer Daniel Locklair (b. 1949). He received his Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Eastman School of Music and currently holds the position of Composer-in-Residence and Professor of Music at Wake Forest University. Locklair became a professional organist at age 14.

Canadian born Jean Wiebe Janzen (b.1933) is a poet on the faculty of Fresno Pacific College. She created this text, ***How Lovely Is Your Dwelling***, in 1992 for a Mennonite hymnal. ES IST EIN' ROS was first published in 1599 in the Cöln Gesangbuch. The text most often associated with this tune is *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*.

The text for ***O God Your Hand Has Brought Us*** was written in 1879 by Frederick W. Goadby (1845-1880) the year before he died. He was a member of the Baptist clergy in England, as was his father before him. This is one of only three hymn texts he wrote. The tune, SAINT THEODULPH, was dedicated to Theodulph (760-821) at a later date. Theodulph was a native of Italy and became Bishop of Orleans in 785. The tune was composed by German composer Melchior Teschner (1584-1635). One of the places he studied was Wittenberg, the birthplace of the Lutheran faith. This hymn was used to open the 1952 dedication of the office, gym, chapel, and parlor wing of St. Pauls.

All Are Welcome is a recently composed hymn and one of our favorites from a past hymn fest. The tune is TWO OAKS. It dates from 1994 and the words and music were both created by Marty Haugen (b. 1950), an American composer of numerous hymns and liturgical music. This hymn was shared with Kurt R. Hansen by a college friend, Alisa Kasmir, and it has quickly become an anthem of St. Pauls' Open and Affirming ministry.

God, When You Called St. Pauls is a text created in 2018 by Pastor Matt Fitzgerald for our celebration of 175 years as a church. SOLID ROCK was composed in 1863 by the prolific hymn writer, William Bradbury (1816-1868). Raised on his father's farm in Maine, he developed a love for music as a child and began playing the organ in church by age 15. Among his best known hymns is the children's hymn, *Jesus Loves Me, This I Know*.

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897) was one of the pillars of the Romantic music period. He was influenced by Beethoven and steeped in the harmonic tradition of Bach. Some, especially Wagner, thought him to be artistically too conservative. His *German*

Requiem (1869) is unusual in that it does not use texts from the Latin burial rite. It was written in memory of his mother. ***How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place*** is based on Psalm 84, which couldn't be a more appropriate text for our celebration and dedication of the completion of our Expanded and Elevated Openness. The Brahms *German Requiem* stands in between those of Berlioz and Verdi as choral and musical masterpieces of the age.

The text for ***God You Have Set Us*** was written in 1984 and revised in 1993 by Jane Parker Huber (1926-2008). She was one of the most prolific and forward thinking hymnodists of the last half of the 20th century, having authored more than 30 hymns. Our *New Century Hymnal* includes 10 of her hymn texts, and we regularly sing *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*, one of her contributions to our hymnal. She advocated for women in her Presbyterian USA denomination. In 2002, she received the Woman of Faith Award from her denomination. The tune NATIONAL HYMN was composed in 1876 by George Willian Warren (1928-1902). He was a largely self-trained musician born in Albany, New York, and became the organist at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in New York City. The very nationalistic and militaristic text many of us associate with this stirring hymn, *God of Our Fathers*, was authored in 1876, the same year as the hymn tune, by Daniel C. Roberts (1841-1897). It was written in celebration of our nation's centennial. Roberts served in the Union Army in the Civil War before becoming an Episcopal priest.

Moses Hogan (1957-2003) is a favorite composer of both the Chancel Choir and our congregation. In 1995, he composed this anthem, *God's Gonna Set This World on Fire*, based on an African American Spiritual. St. Pauls commissioned an anthem by Mr. Hogan in 2001 to honor 25 years of service of Ron McCowan as a member of our Chancel Choir. Mr. Hogan's compositions always highlighted great rhythmic and spiritual energy. Edwin B. Hogan (1940-2016), uncle of Moses Hogan, was a composer, attorney and committed community activist. Jana O'Brien penned new lyrics for ***I'm Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table*** to celebrate the completion and dedication of our building-wide work to Expand and Elevate Our Openness.

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, 11 of those reaching No. 1 on the Country & Western charts.

Now Thank We All Our God is a translation by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) of the original German by Martin Rinkart (1586-1649) written in 1636. Although born in England, Winkworth spent many years in Dresden, which is why she was so adept at translating German chorales. She was also a tireless fighter for women's

rights. Rinkart became a scholar at St. Thomas School in Leipzig where Bach would later be Kapellmeister. The tune, NUN DANKET, takes its name from the first words of the German text. It is most often attributed to Johann Crüger (1558-1662), who in reality was the publisher of the psalter where this hymn tune first appeared. This hymn was also part of the 1952 dedication service at St. Pauls. The German stanza honors our founders and heritage.

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.