November 8, 2026

How Sweet the Sound

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

"Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and charm and gaiety to life and to everything. It raises man's mind to all that is good and just and beautiful."

— Plato

"Music was my refuge. I could crawl into the space between the notes and curl my back to loneliness."

— Maya Angelou

"My music is the way I express my hope, my pain, and my worship. It's not about entertainment; it's about touching the heart, reaching into the soul, and letting God's presence heal the places that feel broken."

— Richard Smallwood

PRELUDE *Morning Sun* Melody Gardot
St. Arbucks

CHIMES

INTROIT *Hear My Prayer* Moses Hogan

Chancel Choir

Oh Lord, please hear my prayer in the morning when I rise
It's your servant bound for glory. Oh dear Lord, please hear my prayer.
Oh Lord, please hear my prayer, keep me safe within your arms.
It's your servant bound for glory. Oh dear Lord, please hear my prayer.
When my work on earth is done, and you come to take me home,
just to know that I am bound for glory, and to hear you say, "Well done."
Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy. Amen.

ANTHEM *Amazing Grace*

Mark Mosley - saxophone

WELCOME Stephen C Edwards

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Make a joyful noise!
All: Our hearts burst with praise!
One: Serve with gladness!
All: We enter with laughter and song!
One: Know that Love claims us!
All: We are held! We are healed! We are whole! Let us worship God!

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

* HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Jeff Carlson

Gracious God, Psalm 100 calls us to enter your gates with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise, yet we confess how often we bring only quiet cynicism, weary hearts, and performative routine into your presence.

We sing songs of love while guarding our own comfort, ignoring the marginalized and turning a deaf ear to the quiet cries of our neighbors.

It is easy to claim that we are your people and the sheep of your pasture, but far harder to live as though we truly belong to one another in radical grace and shared struggle.

Forgive us for the moments we tune out your invitation to joy and choose self-preservation over genuine community.

Retune our hearts, strip away our pretense, and restore in us the honesty to praise you with our whole, imperfect lives.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Shall We Gather at the River*

UCAN MISSION MOMENT: Tatanina Kelly and Christa Hamilton

ANTHEM *Little David Play on Your Harp* arr. Andy Beck

Children's Choir
Breanna Coe - director • Scott Banjavcic - pianist
Charlie Coe, Sean Banjavcic, Catalina Smedley,
Josiah Smedley, Juniper Fletcher - soloists

Little David, play on your harp, hallelu.
Little David, play on your harp, hallelu, hallelu.

David was a boy so small.
Goliath was a giant so mighty and tall.
Other men were sore afraid,
But David fought Goliath and a hero was made!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Little David, play on your harp.

David was a shepherd boy,
He conquered Goliath and shouted for joy.
David soon became a king,
And all of God's people David's praises did sing!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Little David, play on your harp.

<u>Children's Choir</u>

Sean Banjavcic
Willow Clancy
Charlie Coe
Holly Emmrich
Wynne Emmrich
Juniper Fletcher
Nora Penniman
Catalina Smedley
Josiah Smedley
Spencer Ward

SCRIPTURE David Faulkner

NRSV Psalm 100

A Psalm of thanksgiving.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
Serve the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;[a]
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him; bless his name.

For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.

* STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in God who has created and is creating,
who has come to us in Jesus Christ to reconcile and make us new,
who works in us and others by the Holy Spirit.
We trust God. God calls us to be the Church,
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to care for creation,
to seek justice and to resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life and death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

(adapted from the United Church of Canada)

ANTHEM *Can I Ride?* Donald Moore and Kirby Shaw

Paul's People

Kecia Waldschmidt, conductor

Mabel Fletcher, Toby Smedley, and Warren Bettler - soloists

If I got my ticket, Lord, can I ride?
Can I ride? Can I ride?
Ride away to heaven in the mornin'

I heard the sound of the gospel train
Now don't you want to get on board?
Yes, that's my aim.
Standing at the station and I'll patiently wait
To see the train a-comin' and she's never late

If I got my ticket, Lord, can I ride?
Can I ride? Can I ride?
Ride away to heaven in the mornin'

Lord I've been running and my race is won
Lord, I got my ticket and my work's all done
I'm waitin' at the station for that heavenly song
Time to get on board or you'll be left behind

If I got my ticket, Lord, can I ride?
Can I ride? Can I ride?
Ride away to heaven in the mornin'

<u>Paul's People</u>

Warren Bettler
Myers Emmrich
Mabel Fletcher
Jane Mix
Thomas Mix
Toby Smedley
Lee Waldschmidt

* HYMN *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

GIVING MOMENT: "Setting a Bigger Table for our Nation and World" Rick Peterson

OFFERTORY *Elijah Rock* Moses Hogan

Chancel Choir

Elijah rock shout shout
Elijah rock comin' up Lord
Elijah rock shout shout
Elijah rock comin' up Lord
Satan ain't nothin' but a
snake in the grass
He's a conjur', he's a liar
Hallelujah, Lord.
If I could I surely would
Stand on the rock where Moses stood
If I could I surely would
Stand on the rock where Moses stood
Hallelujah Jesus, Hallelujah Jesus
Comin' up Lawdy, Comin' up Lawdy
Oh Elijah
Elijah rock Elijah rock shout
comin' I'm comin' I'm comin' up Lord

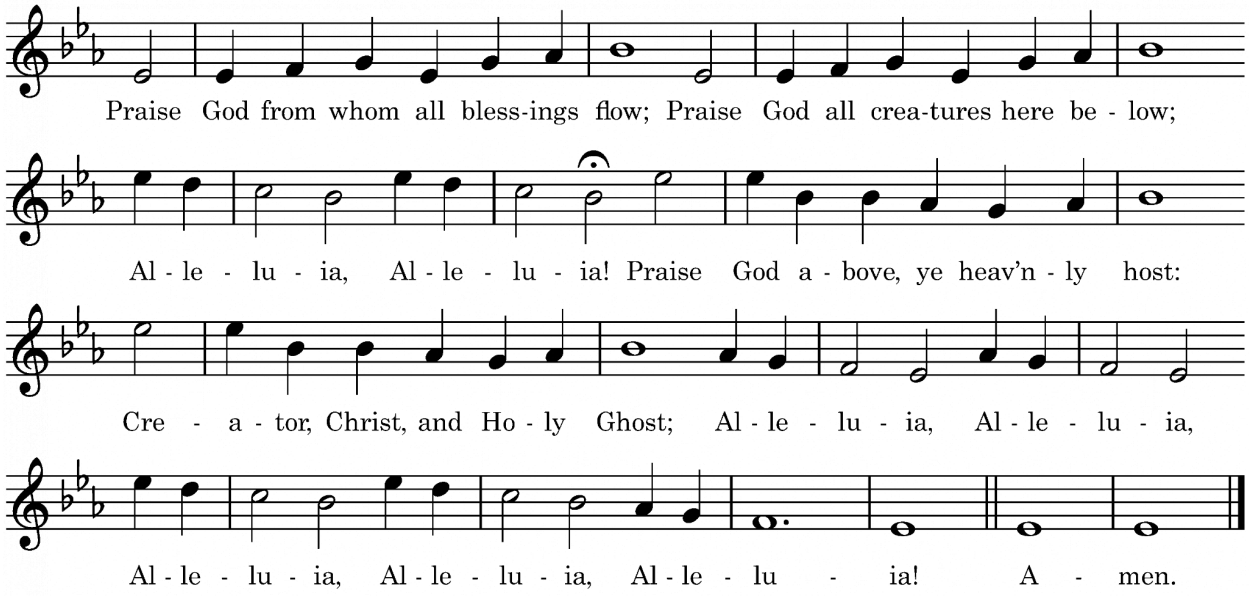
ELECTRONIC OFFERING OPTIONS

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.

* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



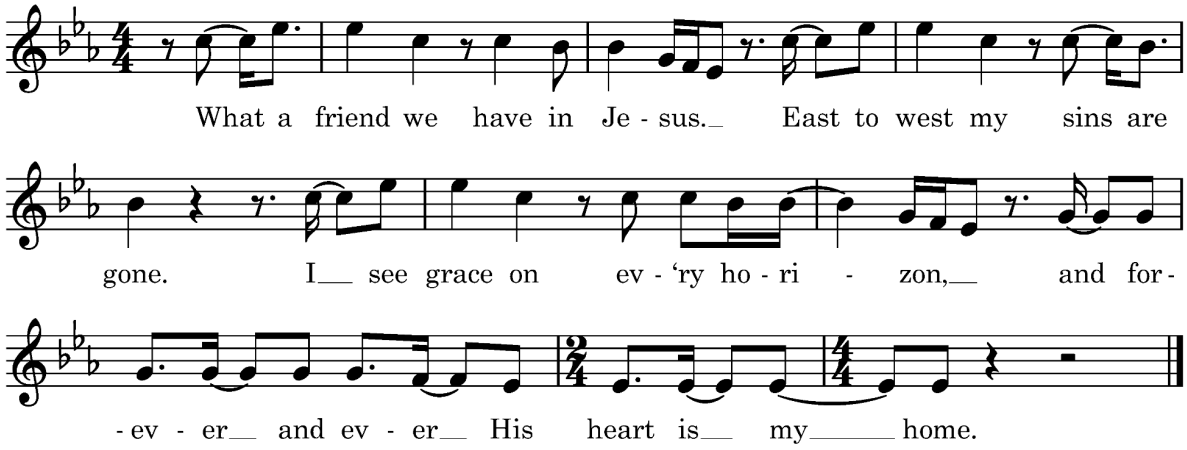
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH Matt Fitzgerald

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 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* v. 1

What a Friend



* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE *This Little Light of Mine* African American Spiritual

Kris Hansen, soloist Arr. Sam Hill

Combined Choirs and St. Arbucks

This Little Light Of Mine

(Refrain) This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3 times)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel, No! I'm gonna let it shine. (3 times)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
All around the neighborhood. I'm gonna let it shine. (3 times)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
(Verse) On Monday he gave me the gift of love,
On Tuesday peace came from above,
On Wednesday he told me to have a little more faith,
On Thursday gave me a little more grace,
On Friday he told me to watch and pray,
On Saturday told me just what to say,
On Sunday he gave the power divine,
Just to let my little light shine.
Let it shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine. (3 times)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

(Verse) Some say the time's too late,
This old world's in a sorry state,
We've got another story;
We say the world is bound for glory.
There's a little white dove, a-flying in the blue,
Gonna show what power of love can do.
Where there's a dark corner in this world,
I'm gonna let my little light shine.
Refrain...

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

Are you going through a crisis, such as the death of a loved one, a diagnosis, a divorce, a job loss, etc? Extensively trained in Christian caregiving, Stephen Ministers are also available to listen, support and offer confidential caring on a weekly basis to our members at a mutually agreeable time. If you wonder whether this may be helpful to you, please contact Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org

Following worship all are invited for coffee and snacks in the Social Hall downstairs, directly beneath the sanctuary. If you're visiting, please stop by the Welcome Table so we can greet you.

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 "Worship Bags" are available in the Narthex for children to use during the service.
- SUNDAY SCHOOL and CONFIRMATION K-6 students are dismissed with their teachers during the worship service, and parents pick up children immediately after the service in their classrooms.
    - K-2nd grade Room #17 (Lower Level, next to nursery)
    - 3-4th grade Room #204 (Upper Level)
    - 5-6th grade Room #28 (Lower Level)
    - Confirmands Room #211 (Upper Level)

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Stephen C Edwards, Jeff Carlson, Matt Fitzgerald
Music Director: Stephen C Edwards
Organist: Kevin Dzierzawski
St. Arbucks Quartet: Brendan Henry, piano; Alex Austin, bass; Matt Plaskota, drums; Kris Hansen, trumpet & vocals
Scripture Reader: David Faulkner
Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji
Greeters: David Baker, Fred Pearson, Kathryn Jansma
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 to celebrate Dick Simpson's 86th Birthday.
Love, Margaret, Kate, Jeff, Lilian and Polly.

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.

November 8 Dick Simpson, Tara Stephenson
November 9 Ava Grosshans, Catherine Demery, Kristy Tavas
November 10 Daniel Pechnyo, Joel Chaiken
November 11 Hazel Grachan, Isabelle DeMonte, Mira McElhinney,
November 12 Eileen Felson, Robert Manrique
November 13 Terry Brancaccio-Hansen
November 14 Amy Jaji, Jenna Beeson, John Nickerson, Pauline Taylor

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.

- Family and friends of Georgia Smith at her death. A celebration of her life will be at a local restaurant on 11/14. Please contact Pastor Liz for information on attending. An interment service in the Memorial Garden will be held after worship on 11/22.
- Nelson Vera at the death of his father José Vera.
- Prayers for Sue Coe, recovering from knee surgery.
- Prayers for 4-month-old Hallie Nguyen, waiting on tests for a rare genetic condition, and for her parents Alayna and Tommy, friends of the Worby family.
- Cres Roewer at the death of her brother Willie.
- John DeCoster, husband of Michael Mosley, battling leukemia now from home.
- Nicholas Lloyd Rehwaldt, who passed on September 6, has found the peace and repose he sought for so very long.
- Friends and loved ones of David Folkes. His memorial service will be held in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 21st.
- Jennifer Kew's father, recovering from pneumonia.
- Mark Albright, a Little Lights father, after a bone marrow transplant

Continue to hold these loved ones in prayer:
Donn Schimp, Beverley Petrunich, Doug Dobmeyer

The sanctuary is reserved monthly on the fourth Tuesday
from 1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. for prayer.

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 - UCAN GIFT TRAIN – Social Hour After Worship
This holiday season, the Advocacy and Activism committee is gearing up to help St. Pauls join UCAN's Gift Train once again. Stop by our table during Social Hour to sign up and shop from a wish list. Donations can also be made 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 4th at: 2335 N. Orchard St.,Chicago, IL 60614. Thank you for helping make this holiday season special for those in need!

TODAY - INTRODUCTION TO THE LABYRINTH - 11:30 a.m., Room 028, then Gym
Join us to learn about the ancient walking meditation of the labyrinth. Learn how this practice can help you feel God's presence more deeply, and bring peace, calm, and relaxation to your body. After talking about the labyrinth, we will move to the gym and walk it. Walking takes about 20 minutes. Be prepared to leave relaxed and renewed.

TODAY - MEAL-MAKING FOR LPCS - 11:15 a.m. & 4 p.m., Kitchen
Join us in the kitchen to prepare meals for the residents of Lincoln Park Community Services. We have two opportunities to serve:

- Lunch-making: 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Help us assemble sack lunches right after church. Sign up for Lunch: tinyurl.com/e4m9v9zz
- Dinner-making: 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Prepare dinner at the church and help deliver the meal to LPCS (600 W. Fullerton). Sign up for Dinner: tinyurl.com/5n92ywpk

NOVEMBER 5 AND 19 (THURS) - THURSDAY LUNCH-MAKING FOR LPCS - 10:30 a.m., Kitchen
Join us in preparing lunch for the Lincoln Park Community Services (LPCS) afternoon drop-in program! Volunteers will gather in the St. Pauls Kitchen from 10:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. to prepare the meal. Learn more at tinyurl.com/3tuzzmtw.

NOVEMBER 10 (TUE) - AFTER SCHOOL LEGO CLUB - 4:15–5:15 p.m., Room 017
Young builders aged 5 –13 and their parents or guardians are invited to use their imaginations to build and create together with LEGO bricks. This free club builds creativity and community connection in a fun environment. Join us anytime during the hour to participate. Register: tinyurl.com/nhj6m8nj

NOVEMBER 10 (TUE) - FALL READING GROUP - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., ZOOM
Congregation President Lydia Murray will lead our discussion of *The Book of the Dun Cow* by Walter Wangerin, Jr. This allegorical fantasy, which won the National Book Award, was written by the pastor who confirmed Lydia. He was a master storyteller and

had a national and international reputation as both a writer and a preacher. Discussion is over ZOOM at 7 p.m. Join us! Sign up here: tinyurl.com/yjutaszj

NOVEMBER 12 - DECEMBER 18 (THUR/FRI) - JUMPSTART GYM – 9-10 a.m., Gym
Children ages 5 and under with a caregiver are invited Thursdays and/or Fridays to run, jump, and climb in St. Pauls' beautiful full-sized gym and tumbling mat area! Sign up for a small fee, combo discount for both days. Register here: tinyurl.com/4zph5muw

NOVEMBER 13 - DECEMBER 18 (FRI) - STAY & PLAY – 10-11:30 a.m., Rainbow Room
Our toddler playgroup meets on Friday mornings for parents/caregivers to meet and build community together. Children accompanied by an adult get to play and preview a preschool class setting for a small fee. Discount code available in the registration to sign up for free, if needed. Spots are limited and registration is required. Select your date(s) here: tinyurl.com/3bhcd6vy

NOVEMBER 13 (FRI) - ST PAULS FRIENDSGIVING - 5:30-7:30 p.m., Oscar Mayer Room
The holidays are right around the corner! Celebrate as a faith family while joyfully sharing a Friendsgiving potluck together. Please sign up with a dish to share tinyurl.com/486xcknx. Stick around afterwards to see the Windy City Winds perform in the sanctuary!

NOVEMBER 13 (FRI) - WINDY CITY WINDS FALL CONCERT - 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Please join us for "American Dreams", an inspirational program of hope, performed here in the sanctuary on Friday, November 13th, at 7:30 pm. Dr. Elizabeth Peterson, director emeritus at the University of Illinois, will conduct "Sweet Chariot" by Carlos Simon and "Aurora Awakes" by John Mackey, and an octet from our Chancel Choir will join the band to perform John Williams' "Hymn to the Fallen" from the film *Saving Private Ryan*. WCW is a 60-piece wind orchestra that includes several St. Pauls members, including conductors Mark Mosley and Sarah Good Mosley. Admission is free and the concert will be Livestreamed.

NOVEMBER 15 (SUN) – MOMS' GROUP - Sunday, 11:30 a.m., Room 028
Pastor Liz is looking forward to a meaningful discussion with you! Come meet other moms, make new friends, learn from each other, get advice, pray, and get renewed! Each month has a relevant theme on an issue you face as a mom. Free professional childcare is available. Babies can stay with their moms. R.S.V.P. to lnickerson@spucc.org.

NOVEMBER 15 and 22 (SUN) - 1930'S ST. PAULS HISTORY PRESENTATION - 11:30 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room Sundays
In the fall of 2021, the Church Council commissioned an authoritative history to be written about St. Pauls in the 1930s. The paper covers a disturbing period during which senior pastor, George Scherger, and other members of the congregation supported the rise to power of the Nazi party in Germany. The paper's author, Nicholas Manser MA DePaul University, will present his findings at two sessions in the

Oscar Mayer Room following worship November 15th and November 22nd. Please join this important discussion of our congregation's history, and what it means for our church's present. Any questions may be directed to event organizer, David Burnett, at burnett.db@gmail.com.

NOVEMBER 17 (TUE) - RETIREMENT GROUP MEETING – 10:00 a.m., Parlor
Please join other retirees to discuss our transition paths, what's meaningful, what's on our minds, what brings (and has brought) us joy and sorrow, what's keeping us occupied, and what's next. For more information, contact Jana O'Brien at janaobrien1@gmail.com.

NOVEMBER 17 (TUE) – FOOD FOR THE SOUL - 12:00 - 1:30 p.m., Social Hall
Discussion facilitated by Pastor Liz Nickerson. Adults of all ages are invited. Connect with new and old friends with lunch (please bring your own), fellowship, fun and discussion.

After lunch, all are welcome to continue the afternoon with a Labyrinth Walk in the gym from 1:30–2:30 p.m. Take a few quiet moments to walk, reflect, and recharge. Childcare provided; register at tinyurl.com/une5bdd9

NOVEMBER 23 & 24 – THANKSGIVING BREAK PLAY DAYS - 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
We are hosting half-day play days on Monday and Tuesday mornings during Thanksgiving Break to keep your kid's brain and body active. Open to the community: $55/day, snack provided, 10% sibling discount. Advance registration required. Registration closes November 19. Register here: tinyurl.com/24yczer2

NOVEMBER 25 (WED) - FRIENDSGIVING AT UCAN – 4:00p.m., Off-site
UCAN Friendsgiving: Volunteers needed to serve and share dinner with the residential youth at UCAN. We are looking for 15-20 volunteers for Wednesday Nov. 25th. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with young people who are separated from their families. We will assemble centerpieces, serve, eat, play games and have some impactful conversations with young people who will love that we care enough about them to be there! Please sign up at tinyurl.com/4tmbxm9w. Please bring a pie and juice for your table and plan on being at UCAN from 4:00 until 7:00.

NOVEMBER 26 (THURS) THANKSGIVING AT ST. PAUL'S - 2:00 p.m., Oscar Mayer Room
St Pauls invites its members and their friends and family to a traditional Thanksgiving on November 26th, beginning at 2 pm. Turkey and fixings will be provided, as well as an alternative for vegans. Participants will be asked to provide drinks, sides and dessert. If you are interested, please contact Ninon Freeman at nlanda05@yahoo.com in addition to signing up through Church Center: tinyurl.com/6xtdxuzv

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOTENFEST MEMORIALS

Totenfest will be Sunday, November 22. 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 submit your memorial dedication for the bulletin to tinyurl.com/4tfw6ddj by Monday, November 16.

SUPPORT FOR THE REINSTATEMENT OF FUNDING FOR LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SERVICES

Members of St. Paul's are asked to send letters of support to Mayor Brandon Johnson for restoring the $400,000 cut from Lincoln Park Community Services to expand the drop-in services and community outreach to the homeless in our community by November 3rd. You can find a sample letter here: tinyurl.com/yc44zfnm

FILL THE SILLS

During the months of November and December we will be collecting more holiday-specific items for the Common Pantry. Examples of popular items are:
Canned corn
Boxed cornbread or roll mix
Cranberry sauce or relish
Cooking oil
Vegetable broth or better than bouillon
Dried seasonings/herbs: black pepper, garlic powder, onion powder, thyme, rosemary, sage, oregano, paprika
Pumpkin pie mix or filling
Pie crusts

Thank you for your continued support for our neighbors in need. Donations can be placed on the sanctuary window sills any Sunday. If you would like to donate directly to the Pantry you may use the QR code to the right.

MEAL-MAKING FOR LPCS

Every month, we have five opportunities to make meals for the guests of Lincoln Park Community Services. You don't need to plan the meal; just sign up and pitch in to help.

To volunteer for an upcoming meal, sign up at the links:

- Second Sunday of the Month - Make lunch right after church. tinyurl.com/4s7ybs2c
- Second Sunday of the month - Make dinner from 4-6. tinyurl.com/yhc2t82b
- Second Thursday of the Month - Make dinner from 4-6. tinyurl.com/mvjnrnrb

- First and Third Thursdays - Make lunch from 10:30-12:15. tinyurl.com/mr3fbfrv

If you'd like to contribute to the cost of the meals, you can donate here and select "community meals fund" from the menu: https://spucc.churchcenter.com/giving.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGE REMINDER AND INFORMATION
This December will mark the end of the three-year pledge/giving window for the *Campaign to Expand and Elevate Our Openness*. To save on our bridge credit interest, please try to complete your planned giving by that time. Some important info to note:

- If you give by check, please note the capital campaign in the memo line.
- If you give by securities, contact Claire Haraburda (capcamcoordinator@spucc.org) for instructions.
- If you have already or plan to set up an automatic deduction for your campaign giving, be sure to contact Claire at the email above to tell her to stop these payments once your capital campaign pledge or giving commitment is fulfilled.
- We welcome new campaign giving from our new or non-pledged members to help fully pay for our beautiful new courtyard and now fully accessible St. Pauls!

Bless you for your generosity, and thank you for completing by December your planned giving to this truly transformative St. Pauls endeavor!

REFUGEEONE: THANK YOU!
A message from RefugeeOne: Thank you so much for your help in making RefugeeOne's 2026 Winter Coat & Boot Drive such a success! Thanks to over 40 dedicated volunteers and many generous donors, we were able to collect and distribute warm winter coats, boots, scarves, gloves, and hats to over 400 clients in just a few days. At a time of rising attacks against our refugee and immigrant neighbors, we're grateful we were able to provide warmth and welcome.

Your support receiving, organizing, and distributing donations was fundamental to ensuring everything went smoothly and our clients could select the gear they wanted in a supportive environment. We truly couldn't have done it without you!

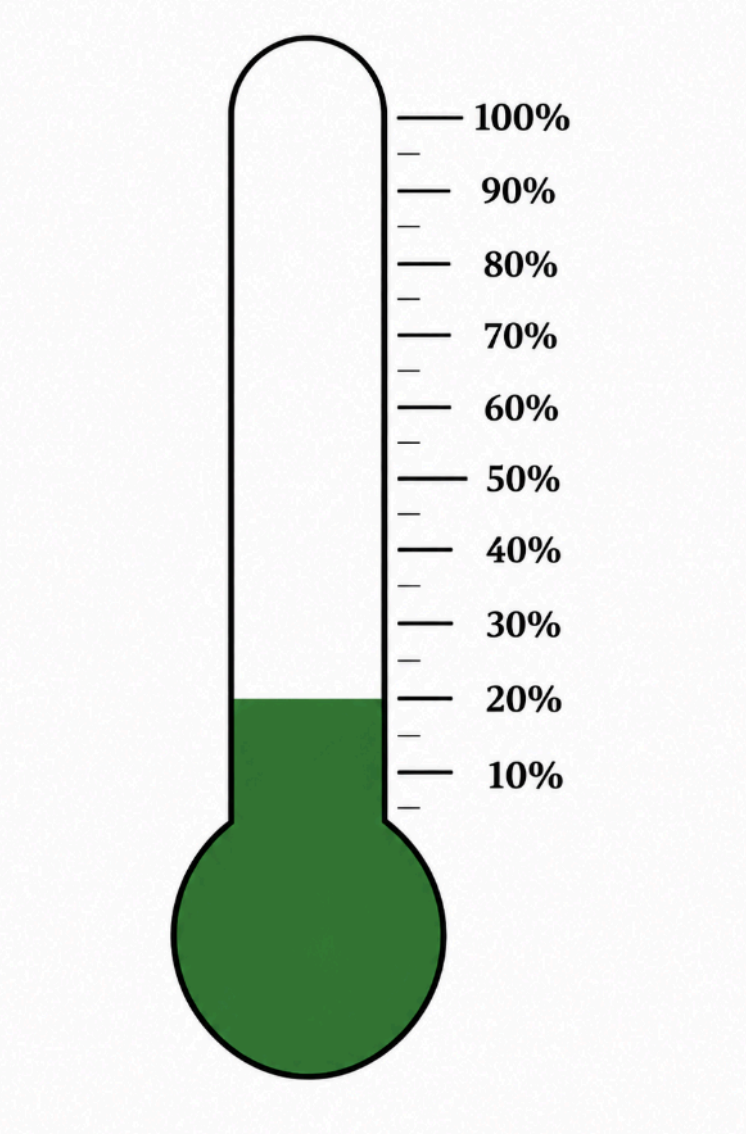
CREATION CORNER by Green Team
Composting Pumpkins: If a pumpkin goes into a landfill, it will take up space and also release methane as it decomposes without oxygen. Methane is one of the gases contributing to global warming. Take out the seeds so you will not create a pumpkin patch in a compost heap. Chop or smash the pumpkin and find a compost pile or bin.

The City of Chicago has 33 locations for food scrap collection and many neighborhoods advertise pumpkin smashing activities. To find a food scrap collection bin near you, key in "pumpkin composting" plus your neighborhood or city.

St. Pauls UCC
Giving Campaign 2027

Total: $278,475

Total households pledged: 34



Setting a Bigger Table

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

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

CONNECT & GROW

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SPECIAL SERVICES

KIDS ACTIVITIES

NEW MEMBERS

HOLIDAYS

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 the next Sunday bulletin**. Share personal announcements/events on our Facebook group page, St. Pauls Together.
Please limit announcements to 100 words. Thank you.

NEW! OPT-IN TO TEXTING FROM ST. PAULS
Want to receive reminders and announcements via text?
Simply scan the QR code to the right and fill out the form!

ABOUT ST. PAULS

Making a Joyful Sound in the City!

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

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

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

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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.