



October 22, 2017



\*HYMN

*Morning Has Broken*

Red Hymnal, No. 29

Morning has broken like the first morning blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing!  
Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall Sunlit from heaven, like the first dew fall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung completeness where his feet  
pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation!  
Praise every morning, God's creation of the new day!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**While we may yearn to be saints  
we know that in our selfish choices, our frantic lives,  
we are more often sinners.  
We puff ourselves up with pride or  
we overburden ourselves with guilt.  
We sit at the head tables of the world,  
while you are at the back door.  
We applaud those who win the race,  
while you are cheering on those in last place.  
It's not money, but our generosity with it;  
it is not power, but our willingness to humble ourselves;  
It is not our efforts but your grace  
That redeems and sustains us.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*Children are now invited to go to Sunday School. Teachers will lead them to their classrooms. If you would like to walk your kids to class you are welcome to go and come back.*

\*RESPONSE

*Praise to the Living God*

Black Hymnal No. 8 v. 3

Praise to the living God, who knows our joy and pain,  
Who shares with us our common life, the sacred and profane.  
God toils wher-e'er we toil, in home and mart and mill;  
And deep within the human heart God leads us forward still.

ANTHEM

*I'll Fly Away*

Albert E. Brumley

Pauls People

Kecia Waldschmidt, director

Some bright morning when this life is over  
I'll fly away  
To that home on God's celestial shore  
I'll fly away  
I'll fly away, oh glory  
I'll fly away in the morning  
When I die, Hallelujah by and by  
I'll fly away  
Just a few more weary days and then  
I'll fly away  
To a land where joys will never end  
I'll fly away  
I'll fly away, oh glory  
I'll fly away in the morning  
When I die, Hallelujah by and by  
I'll fly away

THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THIS DAY

Carrie Bruggers

Ecclesiastes 7:15-20

In my vain life I have seen everything; there are righteous people who perish in the middle of doing good, and there are wicked people who live long lives doing sheer evil. Do not be too righteous, and do not act too wise; why should you destroy yourself? Do not be too wicked, and do not be a fool; don't be reckless. Why die before your time? It is good that you should take hold of the one, without letting go of the other; for the one who fears God shall succeed with both. Surely there is no one on earth so righteous as to do good without ever sinning. It's best to stay in touch with both sides.

\*A 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.**

\*RESPONSE

Praise to the Living God

Black Hymnal No. 8 v. 4

Praise to the living God, around, within, above,  
Beyond the grasp of human mind, but whom we know as love.  
In these tumultuous days, so full of hope and strife;  
May we bear witness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

SERMON

"Burdened or Relieved?"

Sarah Garcia

\*HYMN

*God Reigns Over All The Earth*

Black Hymnal No. 21 v. 2 & 4

God reigns o'er human life!  
Through youth and aging years, in death, in birth, in grief, in mirth, in all our hopes  
and fears.  
God reigns o'er human life! Our inspiration still.  
Through all our schemes, in all our dreams, we see God's reigning will.  
  
God reigns! Emmanuel! God with us every day, in all our past and to the last,  
Our comfort and our stay.  
God reigns! Emmanuel! Let praise to Christ be sung!  
God's presence here make all things dear. Let joyful bells be rung!

REFORMATION MOMENT

Tom Henry

OFFERTORY

*Jubilate Deo*  
Chancel Choir

Benjamin Britten

Oh be joyful unto God, all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness, and enter into  
His presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord, He is God: it is He that has made us and not we  
ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Oh go your ways, into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with  
praise; be thankful unto Him.

And speak good of His name: for the Lord is gracious; His mercy is everlasting,  
and His truth endureth from generation to generation

Glory be to the Father and to the son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the  
beginning. Is now and evermore shall be; world without end.

Amen. *Psalm 100*

\*FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,

Praise God all creatures here below,

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host,

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen!

THE PRAYERS OF THE DAY

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

*Oh When the Saints Go Marching In*

O when the saints go marching in,  
O when the saints go marching in;  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in!

O when the sun begins to shine,  
O when the sun begins to shine,  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
When the sun begins to shine.

O when they sing the Savior's praise,  
O when they sing the Savior's praise,  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
When they sing the Savior's praise.

O when the saints go marching in,  
O when the saints go marching in;  
O Lord, I want to be among the number  
When the saints go marching in.

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Amen, amen, amen*

POSTLUDE

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*  
St. Arbucks Trio, Brendan Henry, piano

Ludwig van Beethoven  
arr. Craig Curry

***Following Worship, all are invited to join us for coffee and snacks***

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

**Head Usher:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** Bruce Voice, Layne Lebahn, Lauren Vega

**Head Greeter:** Greg Mooney

**Gatekeeper:** Dodd Brown

**Acolytes:** Greta Schmahl, Rosa Schmahl

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR:** Donated by Mary and Dave Campbell in celebration of their son Trip's Birthday!

BORN THIS WEEK IN OCTOBER

**Donations to the Birthday Fund support A Just Harvest**

*We celebrate and give thanks for your life at St. Pauls. A perfect way to celebrate and help St. Pauls: give one dollar for each year of your life to our Birthday Fund.*

Oct. 22 Jerry Glashagel, Trip Campbell, Carolyn Grunst, Jennifer Heiney

Oct. 23 Henry Winking, Jack Kahan, Colin O'Brien, Wendy Love,  
Troy Meinders

Oct. 25 Patricia Ruch, Nancy Davidson, Mary Winking

Oct. 26 Logan Frank, Kaitlyn Nowack

Oct. 27 Susan Hayes, Eva Mack, Claudia Walvoord

Oct. 28 Tommy Yore, Alan Burrall

Oct. 29 Emily Berghoff, Pam Woll, Sarah Kinsella

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Our St Pauls portal/database has gone live!** If you are an active member at St. Pauls, you should have received an email announcing the launch of the database which included instructions on how to obtain your username and password. If you did not receive an email, please check your spam mailbox. Otherwise, please contact Angie Miller ([amiller@spucc.org](mailto:amiller@spucc.org)) in the office for help with the database. We are excited that the database is now available to all members. If you would like to submit a photo to be included in the photo directory, please send it to [media@spucc.org](mailto:media@spucc.org). It should be a color photograph. Thank you!

### **CELEBRATING OUR 500th ANNIVERSARY**

This year marks the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. We're celebrating in a number of ways!

#### **\*BRACE YOURSELF: A SERMON SERIES TO DIE FOR**

The first four Sundays of October will feature a sermon series rooted in the most thrilling and controversial ideas to come out of the Reformation. People died for these truth claims and they changed the world.

#### **\*REFORMATION BEER AND SING - Will be rescheduled for a later date.**

#### **\*REFORMATION MOMENTS**

During worship each Sunday in October leading up to Reformation Sunday on October 29, Senior Pastor Emeritus Tom Henry will share a story from Saint Pauls history, highlighting ways in which the Reformation shaped our church.

#### **\*REFORMATION INTROITS**

Each Sunday this fall the Chancel Choir will begin worship with a Choral Introit based on a Reformation hymn. These hymns reach back into our deep German heritage.

#### **\*REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29**

It all leads up to a glorious celebration in worship on Sunday, October 29. Don't miss our annual, soul-stirring celebration of Reformation Sunday.

**SUNDAYS 9-9:45 a.m.** - THE WORD OF THE DAY - God is still speaking, and the primary way God speaks to us is through scripture. In this adult faith formation class, we take a dive into the Bible passages that our pastors will preach on, because reflecting on scripture with a group enriches our worship and understanding. No Bible experience necessary. Your questions are welcome. Childcare is provided in the Nursery.

**FIFTH ANNUAL BOOK SALE:** Please buy one or more books for \$12 for the students at Lincoln Park High School after this worship service. St. Pauls sponsors this sale to supplement the high school's limited book budget. The LPHS teachers have chosen "A Thousand Splendid Suns," a 2007 novel by Afghan-American author Khaled Hosseini. It is his second, following his best selling "The Kite Runner." It continues his familiar theme of family, but focuses primarily on female characters and their roles in Afghan society. At the same time, it chronicles thirty years of Afghan history.

**OCTOBER 26, 7 p.m.** - FAITH IN ACTION INTERFAITH DIALOGUE EVENT ON PEACE Do you have an interest in learning about other religions? Confused about it all, in general? The Faith in Action committee is hosting an interfaith dialogue event on PEACE on Thursday, October 26 at 7 p.m., to hear scriptures dealing with peace from diverse religious leaders. We will also dialogue with their congregants about our unique experiences as diverse people living out our faiths in Chicago. Contact Jack Knight [jackknightmsw@gmail.com](mailto:jackknightmsw@gmail.com) to register.

**OCTOBER 28 - HALLOWEEN PARTY** 10 a.m. to noon in the Gym. St. Pauls Parents of Little Ones hosts its annual bash with bounce house, games, and festive fun.

**OCTOBER 28 - SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY** 10 - 11:45 a.m. Current study: Ezekiel. Contact: Pastor Jeff [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

**OCTOBER 29 - HAITI ADULT MISSION TRIP INFO SESSION** 11:15, Parlor. Find out from the first hand experience of seasoned volunteers about what to expect on the adult mission trip to volunteer with Three Angels Orphanage and School in Haiti. We have reserved the week of February 17-24. Contact: [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org)

**OCTOBER 29** , 3:30 p.m. - A REFORMATION VESPERS AT GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, River Forest. Please join others planning to attend this free event to extend our 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. The Bach Cantata "Ein feste Burg, BWV 80," based on "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," will be presented as part of the Vespers service. Contact Kurt R. Hansen at [KurtSingsBach@gmail.com](mailto:KurtSingsBach@gmail.com) if you want to join the car caravan or need a ride.

**NOVEMBER 2**, 7:30 pm - WINE AND DESIGN - Parents of Little Ones please join us for our own "wine and design" event. We will be painting the Chicago flag on a pallet board. The cost will be between \$10 and \$15. Let Corie know if you can come - [corie.gallemore@gmail.com](mailto:corie.gallemore@gmail.com)

**NOVEMBER 6** - CHRISTIANITY 101, 7:30 p.m. Parlor. Join Pastor Jeff and fellow young adults for a lively discussion of the real-life questions we face in our daily lives. There is no need to prepare in advance. Please contact Hannah Basil at [youngadults@spucc.org](mailto:youngadults@spucc.org) with questions and to RSVP.

**NOVEMBER 12** - 3RD AND 4TH GRADER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS SERVES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROJECT 3-5 p.m. in the church kitchen.

**NOVEMBER 19** - FRIENDSGIVING, 7 p.m. Social Hall. Celebrate Thanksgiving with your friends from the St. Pauls Young Adults Group and St. Pauls Social. Everyone brings one appetizer, side dish or dessert AND a bottle of wine or other beverage to share with the group. RSVP to the Punchbowl invitation coming soon for the food sign up.

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

**ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP** - If you would like to purchase flowers for the altar please go to our link at <http://tinyurl.com/h55pl82> and sign up. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

**ADULT MISSION TRIP 2018** - We have reserved the week of February 17-24 for an adult mission trip to volunteer with Three Angels Orphanage and School in Haiti. Contact Pastor Jeff if you're interested in going next year: [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org)

**AMAZON SMILE** - Use <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2179808> , if you would like to support St. Pauls when buying Amazon products. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from eligible purchases to St. Pauls.

**BIG AND LITTLES-** A caregiver and tot class for ages 12-24 months. Join us Wednesday mornings from 9-10:30 a.m. in the Nursery as we help your young ones get acclimated to a social environment through play, music, and storytime, while also providing support and connections for parents and caregivers. The classes will run from October 25 -December 20 and will cost \$60 per child. Email Virgie Berry [vberry@spucc.org](mailto:vberry@spucc.org)

**COLLEEN HENRY WRITING CENTER: We urgently need more tutors at lunchtime to help students learn to write clearly and convincingly.** This program at Lincoln Park High School was initiated by St. Pauls and developed in connection with the English and Social Studies Departments. Tutors volunteer once a week, Monday through Thursday. Training and mentoring are available. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Nancy Brandt - [nhbrandt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nhbrandt@sbcglobal.net).

**CONNECTORS** reach out providing networking and support for members and friends of St. Pauls Membership is open to all who have the time and the inclination to help. Contact Marcia Volk - [marcia@volkonline.com](mailto:marcia@volkonline.com)

**CONSIDER THE LILIES** - Deliver our Sunday Altar Flowers to members and friends who need to know St. Pauls is thinking of them. If you would like to be part of this initiative, please contact Maureen Grunst at [mvgrunst@aol.com](mailto:mvgrunst@aol.com) . Join us!

**FAITH IN ACTION/FAITH AND PUBLIC ISSUES** - Whether you're interested in supporting women or GLBTQ persons or immigrants and refugees, or interested in planning programs on critical issues, you can find St. Pauls people involved and join them NOW. Contact Rachel Adams at [dams.rachellynn@gmail.com](mailto:dams.rachellynn@gmail.com) for more information.

**FEED THE HUNGRY** - Each week St. Pauls welcomes homeless and hungry people to Sunday dinner. To volunteer to prepare and serve dinner to guests of the Lincoln Park Community Shelter, contact Brent Carstensen at [bcarstensen@ameritech.net](mailto:bcarstensen@ameritech.net) .

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT** - Visit our Food for Thought blog <http://www.spucc.org/blogs/food-for-thought> .

**GET YOUR NEW NAME TAG!** - Email Virgie at [vberry@spucc.org](mailto:vberry@spucc.org) .

**LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER NEEDS OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEERS -**

To sign up: [volunteer@lpcsonline.org](mailto:volunteer@lpcsonline.org) 773-549-6111.

**LITTLE LIGHTS** is a St. Pauls preschool program with classes for 2 and 3-year-olds in our church nursery with options for two or three mornings per week. Our standard application deadline has passed . However, we are still working with applicants on a rolling basis . If you are interested email Virgie Berry- [yberry@spucc.org](mailto:yberry@spucc.org) .

**LONG CLASSIC NOVEL READING GROUP** is discussing Tolstoy's "Anna Karenina," this fall. To join in on the discussion contact Pastor Jeff Carlson, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org) Meets in the Parlor. Upcoming Discussion Date: Dec. 5, Parts 5-8.

**NEW OR EXPECTING PARENTS** - If you have a new baby or are expecting a baby, please let Corie know so that we can find ways to support you (meals, prayer, etc.) and so that we can inform you of opportunities in our Parents of Little Ones (POLO) group. Also let us her know if you have small children and are new to the church. [corie.gallemore@gmail.com](mailto:corie.gallemore@gmail.com)

**SARAH'S SISTERS** gather every Wednesday morning to make 40 bag lunches to be distributed to homeless people. Come to the church kitchen at 9:30 a.m.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. PAULS** - If you're in need of support through a tough time and would like to be matched with someone who would support you with companionship and prayer, or you're feeling called to offer support, speak to Pastor Jeff Carlson [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org) , Marti Pechnyo [mpechnyo@gmail.com](mailto:mpechnyo@gmail.com), or Diana Laskaris [dianaminlead@gmail.com](mailto:dianaminlead@gmail.com) .

**SAINT PAULS BASKETBALL WEDNESDAYS AT 7 p.m.** Our weekly pickup game is co-ed. Ages range from young and fast to old and not as fast. Skill levels range from enthusiastic to "I think he played in college, you guard him." All are welcome! Contact [pastormatt@spucc.org](mailto:pastormatt@spucc.org)

**ST. PAULS PLAY GROUP** for children from birth to 3 years old in the church Nursery. Drop in anytime from 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Wednesdays. Corie Gallemore at [corie.gallemore@gmail.com](mailto:corie.gallemore@gmail.com)

**ST. PAULS SOCIAL** - Get better acquainted with other adults at St. Pauls. If interested in hosting please contact Jen Luerksen, [jenluerksen@yahoo.com](mailto:jenluerksen@yahoo.com) and stay tuned for future events.

**UCC DAILY DEVOTIONAL** - To register: [http://www.ucc.org/daily\\_devotional](http://www.ucc.org/daily_devotional) .  
WANT MORE VARIETY AT COFFEE HOUR ?- Sign up to bring it at  
<http://bit.ly/1RtSUuh>

**YOUNG ADULTS** - A group for fun and fellowship for folks in their twenties and thirties. All are welcome! Volunteers needed! Any ideas for future events? Email [youngadults@spucc.org](mailto:youngadults@spucc.org).

**YOUTH GROUP** for kids in 3rd-8th grade will meet each Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. with pizza dinner, fun and Christian fellowship. Meet in the gym. Resumes in September, most Tuesdays, grades 3-8 from 4-6 p.m. Contact [sgarcia@spucc.org](mailto:sgarcia@spucc.org) .

### **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please send any announcements you would like in the following week's Friday email to [announcements@spucc.org](mailto:announcements@spucc.org) no later than 10 a.m. on Tuesday . Please limit announcements to 70 words. Thank you.

## SAINT PAULS PRAYS

- Dale Martin and his family
- Cindy Ball, mourning the death of her brother Rick.
- Gay Kelly's mother, Lee, nearing the end of life.
- OSandra Benedict and family at the death of Ann Benedict. A memorial service will be held in the Sanctuary this afternoon at 3 p.m.
- Ed Zasadil, with several ailments.
- Kevin Seibel, recovering from surgery.
- Bobbi Gannello, diagnosed with lymphoma.
- Amy Newman starting radiation therapy & sister Linda, being treated for cancer.
- Sandra Benedict, recovering from surgery.
- Jan Exworthy and her mother Lucille.
- Rosemarie Hau being treated for a heart condition.
- Carole Knuti undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Carole Crowley recovering from a stroke.
- All those struggling to conceive.
- Sylvia Pine's grandfather, Terry Barton, recovering from strokes.
- Candi Huber's niece, Kathryn, continuing treatments for cancer.
- Michelle's friends Michael, Chris and Jerry, all sick with chronic illnesses.
- Lorri Gunn Wirsum, for her husband, Karl Wirsum, and her brother, Jim.
- Mary Train and her nephew Carl and family.
- Jonah, Sean, and Kevin and all homeless individuals with mental illness living in this city.
- For those struggling with mental health issues.
- For all those touched by violence in Chicago.
- Steve Warsh, undergoing chemotherapy.
- Tom Palkon being treated for cancer.
- Those killed and injured in terrorist attacks around the world and all refugees.

NEARLY 1 IN 5 ADULTS STRUGGLE WITH A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE .Contact one of the pastors today form information about mental health care advocacy and resources that can help you and your loved ones. Contact information for the pastors is at the back of this Bulletin.

ABOUT ST. PAULS  
*Making a joyful sound in the city*

Saint Pauls UCC has a vibrant history in the city of Chicago. Founded in October 1843, we are one of the city's oldest churches. In 1989 we became one of America's first congregations to declare ourselves "Open to and Affirming of" LGBT women and men.

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 importantly, over the past 173 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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Free Parking is available on Sundays 9-1pm at Children's Memorial Hospital  
2300 Block of North Lincoln Ave. – Vouchers Not Needed

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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 door.

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 each and to everyone.

We are an Open and Affirming church.

We welcome all.