



Epiphany  
Communion Sunday  
January 6, 2019

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.*

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| PRELUDE        | <i>Prélude sur l'Introït de l'Épiphanie</i><br>Kevin Dzierzawski, organ | Maurice Duruflé |
| INTROIT        | <i>Ding, Dong, Merrily On High</i><br>Chancel Choir                     | French Carol    |
| WELCOME        |                                                                         |                 |
| MISSION MOMENT | Polar Peace March                                                       | Jan Bail        |

\* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rise and shine, for our light has come!

**All: The glory of God has risen upon us!**

One: Darkness had covered the earth, thick darkness the peoples.

**All: But God's glory has risen upon us!**

One: And God will be our everlasting light.

**All: Rise and shine, for our light has come!**

**The glory of God has risen upon us!**

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

\* HYMN

*Rise, Shine, You People!*



1. Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered our  
2. See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing; he  
3. Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing, your  
4. Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us. Tell



hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
brings us free - dom, light, and life and heal - ing. All men and  
songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion a new cre - a - tion.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of gold, we are distracted by shiny objects and fooled by what is fake.  
Enlighten us with your vibrant truth.**

**God of incense, our prayers rise to you: spoken and unspeakable longings,  
Help us to carry our questions and frustrations.**

**God of myrrh, we cry out to you in the pain of rejection and the ache of  
grief,  
Heal the brokenness of our hearts.**

**God of Jesus Christ, we embrace you: in our need, in our yearning, in our  
anger and loss.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy  
upon us**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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.**

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*Please come forward for communion.*

*Take the bread and eat it. Then take the cup and drink.*

*Deposit the cups in the baskets on the way back to your seat. The outer ring of cups  
contains grape juice. The inner rings contain wine.*

*A gluten-free bread option is wrapped and available on a separate tray.*

*Return to your seat by the side aisles. All are welcome.*

COMMUNION HYMN

*I Wonder as I Wander*

Red Hymnal No. 119

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,  
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die  
For poor ord'nary people like you and like I;  
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall,  
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.  
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,  
The promise of ages it did then recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,  
A star in the sky or a bird on the wing,  
Or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing,  
He surely could have it, 'cause he was the king.

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,  
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die  
For poor ord'nary people like you and like I;  
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

ORGAN MEDITATION      *Of The Father's Love Begotten*      arr. Wilbur Held

CHOIR      *Of The Father's Love Begotten*      Medieval Plainsong

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Glorious God, thank you for the presence of Emmanuel, God-with-us, in the sharing of the bread and the cup with your people. In this season of Epiphany, and throughout the New Year ahead, may our lives shine with the radiance of your love, though Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

\* RESPONSE

Red Hymnal No. 115, v. 1

What star is this, with beams so bright,  
More lovely than the noonday light?  
'Tis sent to announce a newborn king,  
Glad tidings of our God to bring.

*At this time Sunday School students are invited to go to the Social Hall to begin preparing for the 175th Musical Review.*

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

## Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

## \* 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!**

*(adapted from the United Church of Canada)*

\* RESPONSE

Red Hymnal No. 115, v. 2

'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed:  
"From Jacob shall a star proceed."  
And lo! The eastern sages stand,  
To read in heav'n the Lord's command.

SERMON

\* HYMN

*What Star is This?*

Red Hymnal No. 115, vv. 3-4

O Jesus, while the star of grace  
Impels us on to seek thy face,  
Let not our slothful hearts refuse  
The guidance of the light to use.

To God the Father, Heav'nly Light,  
To Christ, revealed in earthly night,  
To God the Holy Ghost we raise  
An endless song of Thankful praise!

OFFERTORY

*The Three Kings*

Healey Willan  
Chancel Choir

Who knocks tonight so late?  
The weary porter said.  
Three Kings stood at the gate,  
Each with a crown on head.  
The serving man bowed down;  
The inn was full, he knew.  
Said he, In all this town  
Is no fit place for you!

A light the manger lit:  
 There lay the Mother meek.  
 Said they, This place is fit:  
 Here is the rest we seek!  
 They loosed their latchet strings;  
 So stood they all unshod.  
 Come in, come in, ye Kings!  
 And kiss the Feet of God.

\* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,  
 Praise God all creatures here below,  
 Alleluia, Alleluia!  
 Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts,  
 Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.  
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

\* HYMN

*On This Day Earth Shall Ring*

Red Hymnal No. 108



1. On this day earth shall ring With the song  
 2. His the doom, ours the mirth; When he came  
 3. God's bright star, o'er his head, Wise men three  
 4. On this day an - gels sing; With their song



chil - dren sing To the Lord, Christ our King, Born on earth to  
 down to earth, Beth - le - hem saw his birth; Ox and ass be -  
 to him led, Kneel - ing low by his bed, Lay their gifts be -  
 earth shall ring, Prais - ing Christ, heav - en's King, Born on earth to



save us; Him the Fa - ther gave us.  
 - side him From the cold would hide him. *Id - e - o - o - o,*  
 - fore him, Praise him and a - dore him.  
 save us. Peace and love he gave us.



*Id - e - o - o - o,* *Id - e - o glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!*





## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

**Head Usher:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** Brian Hafner, Fred Pearson, Doug Clark

**Head Greeter:** Greg Mooney

**Gatekeeper:** Dodd Brown

**Communion Coordinators:** Jana O'Brien, Kevin O'Brien

**Communion Servers:** Bob Ball, Pat Ruch

*Communion Bread baked by Marcia Knudson*

## BORN THIS WEEK IN JANUARY

### **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.*

Jan 6 Elizabeth Harper

Jan 7 Evelyn Rosebrock, Jeffrey Wagner, Courtney Sensenbrenner

Jan 8 Kathy Freise, Don Curtis

Jan 9 Gisele Jozwiak

Jan 10 Matt Crowley, Bethany Grachan, Elsa Haarlow, Adrienne Lundquist

Jan 11 Julianne Prangle

Jan 12 Serena Garcia Knotts, Petrine Ashley, Susan Rodriguez, Lauren Fangman

Jan 13 Phil Canfield, Ginger Hecht, Sune Millard, Molly McGrath



**ST PAULS 175 BLOG** Visit our anniversary blog. We'll update it regularly throughout the coming year. You'll find anecdotes, trivia and fun facts about our 175-year history. It's on our website at <https://spucc.org/blogs/st-pauls-175>.

### TODAY

**WATCH FOR THE LIGHT** - Join Pastor Matt for the third and final session of our Advent series today after worship at 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A MATCHING GRANT FOR THE POLAR PEACE MARCH** - This year, every donation will be doubled with a matching grant! We have an anonymous donor who is going to match funds raised at the Polar Peace March - \$2 for every dollar we raise!! Our goal is to raise \$50,000 for UCAN and, with our matching grant, that means \$150,000 for UCAN - a great way to celebrate UCAN's 150th birthday! If you are not able to join us at the march, please support your fellow St. Pauls marchers.

**SAINT PAULS 175th ANNIVERSARY MUSICAL REVUE** - Feb. 3 at 10 a.m. We will be spending the month of January preparing to bring significant historical moments in the life of Saint Pauls to the stage. Each Sunday school class will be using their creative talents to capture moments in Saint Pauls' past. Adults who would like to be involved are also welcome to be part of the production. Rehearsals will take place on Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. If you don't want to be onstage, we need help offstage with costumes, sets and makeup design. To get involved, email [Pastor Sarah sgarci@spucc.org](mailto:Pastor Sarah sgarci@spucc.org).

**CLASSIC NOVEL READING GROUP 2019** - This year we'll be reading four novels. *Silence* by Shusaku Endo, discussion March 18th; *The Idiot* by Dostoevsky discussion June 17th; *Don Quixote* by Cervantes discussions in fall and winter. To join the group and receive updates, email Pastor Jeff, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

**JANUARY 7 - 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. Email Hannah at [youngadults@spucc.org](mailto:youngadults@spucc.org) with RSVP or questions.

**JANUARY 13 - VIOLENCE INTERRUPTION AND PREVENTION: MENTORING AT-RISK YOUTH** - 11:30 a.m. Oscar Mayer Room.  
Join St. Pauls member Steve Patton and Norman Kerr, VP for Violence Prevention at UCAN, for this special Faith Formation/Faith and Public Issues presentation and learn about the good work that our Polar Peace March is supporting.

**JANUARY 20 - POLAR PEACE MARCH** - 11:15 a.m.  
March to support UCAN's work for non-violence, and honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on this 1.5 mile walk. This family friendly event will start after the 10 a.m. worship service and conclude with soup in the Gym. Invite your friends and family to be a part of your team. Register now. YOU CAN be part of the solution to a more peaceful Chicago.

**JANUARY 27 - MONTHLY BRUNCH** - 11:30 a.m.  
Join the Young Adults Group for brunch after worship. We will gather during Social Hour and walk somewhere close. Have a suggestion of where we should go? Email Hannah at [youngadults@spucc.org](mailto:youngadults@spucc.org) with your idea and RSVP.

**JANUARY 27 - FAITH AND PUBLIC ISSUES ROUNDTABLE** - 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Oscar Mayer Room  
We have an opportunity to do something concrete about segregation and inequality in Chicago. Patricia Fron from the Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance will discuss their research into aldermanic prerogatives and how they influence the siting of affordable housing.

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

**ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP** - Providing flowers for the altar is a great way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or honor someone special in your life. You can sign up in the Social Hall or online at <http://tinyurl.com/h55pl82>. There are many Sundays available, but be sure to sign up early so you can bring flowers on your preferred date. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

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

### **COLLEEN HENRY WRITING CENTER - Tutors Needed**

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 two hours 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 at [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@gmail.com](mailto:mvgrunst@gmail.com).

**FAITH IN ACTION** - Saint Pauls Strategic Plan calls us to be “Increasingly bold and active as we try to live out our faith in an age of rising injustice.” If you would like to receive advance notice of protests and actions that call for our faithful witness, join the Faith in Action email list by contacting Claire Higgins at [chiggins@spucc.org](mailto:chiggins@spucc.org).

**FAITH AND PUBLIC ISSUES** - Whether you're interested in supporting women or LGBTQ 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 Toby Rogers at [toby@rogers-home.com](mailto:toby@rogers-home.com) for more information.

**FEED THE HUNGRY** - We need volunteers for March 17, March 24, and March 31. Each week St. Pauls welcomes homeless and hungry people to Sunday dinner as part of the Community Engagement Program (CEP). Volunteers prepare and serve dinner. To sign up, contact Jennifer Kew at CEPsupper@gmail.com

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

**LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER NEEDS OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEERS**  
To sign up: volunteer@lpcsonline.org or call 773-549-6111.

**LITTLE LIGHTS** is a St. Pauls early childhood program with classes for 2, 3, and 4-year-olds. We are now accepting applications for 2019-2020. Check out [www.littlelightslp.org](http://www.littlelightslp.org). Email Virgie Berry at vberry@spucc.org.

**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.) Corie Gallemore at corie.gallemore@gmail.com

**PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES - POLO** has playdates, Moms night out, family pizza parties, prayer groups and more activities to support families with little ones between the ages of 0 to 5. If you have young children and you would like to get involved please contact Molly McGrath mollymcgrath906@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.

**ST. PAULS BASKETBALL WEDNESDAYS** - 7 p.m. Our weekly pick-up game is co-ed. Ages range widely and skill levels go from from enthusiastic to "I think she played in college, you guard her." All are welcome! pastormatt@spucc.org

**ST. PAULS PLAYGROUP - NOW ON FRIDAYS** - For children from birth to 3 years old and their parent or caregiver in the church Nursery. Drop in anytime from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Friday mornings. Corie Gallemore at corie.gallemore@gmail.com.

**ST. PAULS SOCIAL** - Get better acquainted with other adults at St. Pauls. If interested in hosting, please contact Jen Luerssen at jenluerssen@yahoo.com and stay tuned for future events.

**SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY** - One Saturday a month, 10-11:45 a.m. Newcomers are always welcome. Increase your faith and your knowledge of the Bible in this monthly study. Next meeting: January 26. RSVP: Pastor Jeff [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

**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 Barb Kaiser ([bkaiser2213@gmail.com](mailto:bkaiser2213@gmail.com)).

**WANT MORE VARIETY AT COFFEE HOUR?** - Sign up to bring it by emailing Claire Higgins at [chiggins@spucc.org](mailto:chiggins@spucc.org).

**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 them at [young\\_adults@spucc.org](mailto:young_adults@spucc.org).

**YOUTH GROUP** - For kids in 4th-8th grade. Meets each Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. in the Gym. Pizza dinner, fun, and Christian fellowship. Contact Pastor Sarah for more details at [garcia@spucc.org](mailto:garcia@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

*Please clip this page and pray for those who are named below. We only print requests we receive. To make a request, simply ask a pastor in person, on the phone or by email. Our practice is to run each prayer request for four weeks and then remove it. If you would like to continue a prayer request after four weeks, let a pastor know.*

- Karen Hein's mom, Christine Schmidt, recovering from a stroke.
- Carole Knuti gives thanks for a completely clear MRI brain scan.
- Friends and family of Gordon Fishburn mourning his death. A service is being planned for January 12.
- The thousands who lost homes and jobs due to the floods and fires this fall, and to those who gave them shelter.
- Liz Rein at the death of her sister, Becky.
- The family of Stacie B., sister of Mark P., at the death of her sister-in-law.
- Michael, nephew of Juanita Barlow, for his recuperation from surgery.
- Kathie Castle, in hospice care for Alzheimer's disease.
- Jessica Ashley and family during her boyfriend Darren McGraw's one-year deployment with the Army National Guard.
- Mary, a beloved friend of Stacy and Brent, and her doctors and children, as she recovers from a brain aneurysm and is still at great risk.
- Toby Knott's aunt, Diane Smith, fighting cancer
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.
- Karl Wirsum, in rehabilitation for mini-strokes.
- Dede Koldyke, beating cancer.
- Amy Newman's sister, Linda, being treated for cancer.

**You are beloved** - to others, to the world you live in, and most important, to God. God knows your struggles and failures, as well as your joys and triumphs. Even when you walk through the valley of shadows, God is with you. If you or someone you love has lost hope, is feeling completely alone or like life doesn't matter, reach out for help. Contact one of the pastors today for 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.



## NOTES

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

Saint 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 to and Affirming of" LGBTQ 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 175 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 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Lincoln Avenue Parking Garage,  
2300 block of North Lincoln Ave. - Vouchers Not Needed



## 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 each and to everyone.  
We are an Open and Affirming church.  
We welcome all.

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