

December 13, 2020
Third Sunday of Advent
Service of Readings and Carols
Virtual Worship

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

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"Joy is the simplest form of gratitude."

Karl Barth

PRELUDE

In the Bleak Midwinter
St. Pauls Brass

Gustav Holst

CHIMES

WELCOME

Matt Fitzgerald

CHORAL INTROIT

Of the Father's Love Begotten
Kurt Hansen, tenor; Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

arr. W. Held

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Candle of Joy

Walvoord Family

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice!

**All: Behold, I bring you good news of great joy
which shall be for all people.**

One: Day will dawn upon us!

All: A child shall be born unto us!

One: Christ the Lord, the light of the world!

All: It is almost Christmas! The candle of joy has been lit!

HYMN

Once in Royal David's City

Solo: Eleanor McGuire



Solo 1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a
Choir 2. He came down to earth from heav - en, who is
All 3. Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern, dai - ly
All 4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
God and Lord of all, And his shel - ter was a
like us lived and grew, Je - sus, lit - tle, weak and
own re - deem - ing love; And that child so dear and



ba - by, in a man - ger for his bed: Mar - y
sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; With the
help - less, tears and smiles and com - fort knew. Je - sus
gen - tle is our Lord in heav - en a - bove; And he



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
poor and mean and low - ly, lived on earth this Sav - ior low - ly.
feels our pain and sad - ness, and the joy - ous lift of glad - ness.
leads his chil - dren on to the place where he has gone.

ANTHEM

Do You Hear What I Hear?
Pauls People
Kecia Waldschmidt, director

Noel Regney &
Gloria Shayne

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The first system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The second system also ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light;

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.

STORY

“Bells Ringing”

Sarah Garcia

CAROL

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

1. It came up - on_ a mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,_
 2. And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,

from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold;_
 who toil a - long the climb - ing way, with pain - ful steps and slow,_

“Peace on the earth, good will to all, great news of joy_ we bring.”
 Look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on_ the wing;_

The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing._
 O rest be - side the wea - ry road, and hear the an - gels sing!_

ANTHEM

Jesus, What a Wonderful Child

Traditional

Pauls People

arr. Mark Hayes

Miles Davidson, Lucy Bashiti, Annabel Jackson, & Ivy Combs; soloists

Kecia Waldschmidt, director

Jesus, Jesus

Oh what a wonderful child

Jesus, Jesus

So lowly meek and mild

New life, new hope, new joy He brings

Won't you listen to the angels sing

Glory, glory, glory

To the new born King

He was herald by the angels

Born in a lowly manger

The virgin Mary was His mother

And Joseph was his earthly father

Three wise men came from afar

They were guided by a shining star

To see King Jesus where He lay

In a manger filled with hay

Jesus, Jesus

Oh what a wonderful child . . .

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:8-14

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

CAROL

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, — “Glo - ry to the new - born King;
Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild — God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!”
Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, — Join the tri - umph of the skies;
With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, “Christ is — born in Beth - le - hem!”
Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, — “Glo - ry — to the new - born King!”

STORY

“An Unfinished Story”

Jeff Carlson

CAROL

What Child Is This?



1. What child is this, who laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
 2. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, rich and poor, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels sing with an - thems sweet While
 own him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
 lov - ing hearts en - throne him. Raise, raise the



Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing; Haste, haste to
 song on high, The moth - er sings her lul - la - by; Joy, joy, for



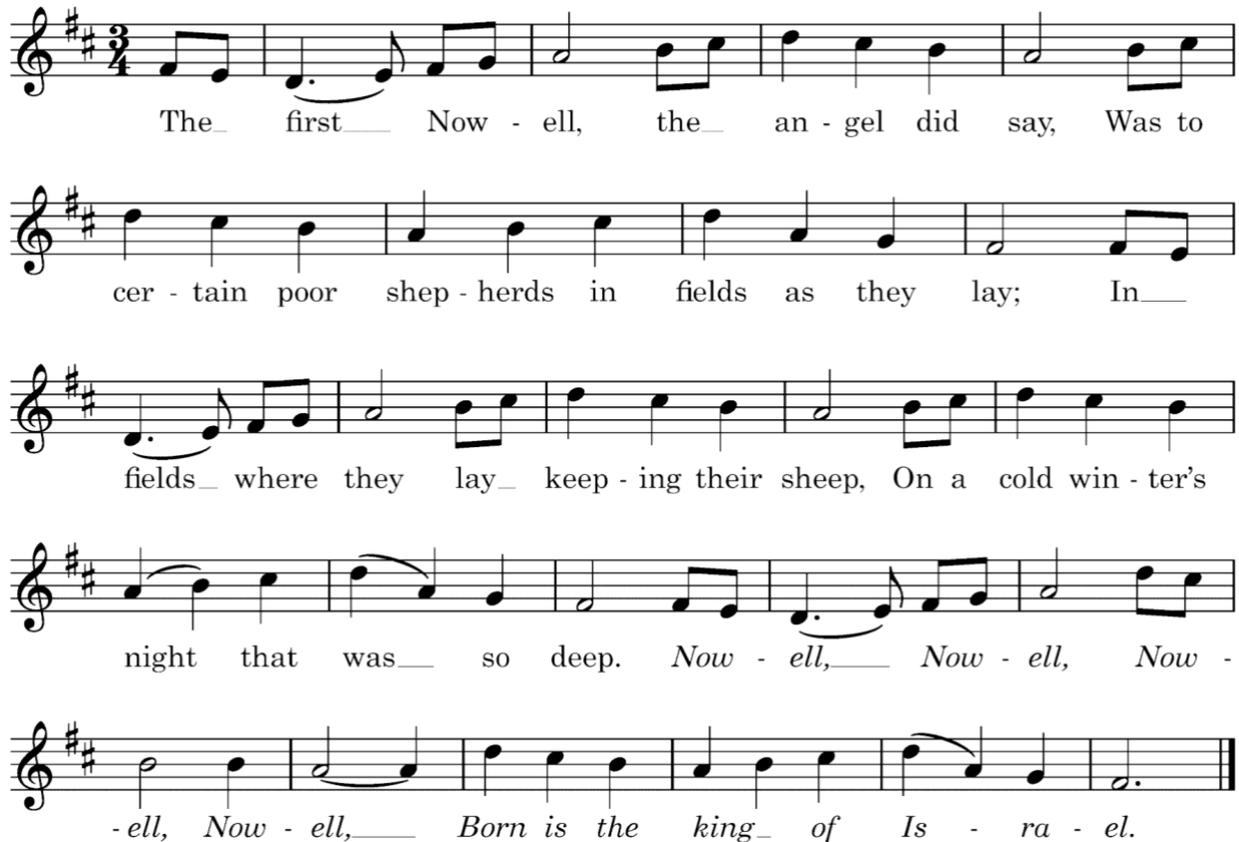
bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:15-20

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

CAROL

The First Nowell


The first Now - ell, the an - gel did say, Was to
cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In
fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's
night that was so deep. Now - ell, Now - ell, Now -
ell, Now - ell, Born is the king of Is - ra - el.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men 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 wise men 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.

CAROL

O Christmas Tree



O Christ - mas Tree, O Christ - mas Tree, Your boughs can teach a les - son.

O Christ - mas Tree, O Christ - mas Tree, Your boughs can teach a les - son.

That con - stant faith and hope sub - lime Lend strength and com - fort through all time.

O Christ - mas Tree, O Christ - mas Tree, Your boughs can teach a les - son.

STORY

“A Particularly Joyful Christmas”

Matt Fitzgerald

OFFERING INVITATION

Kecia Waldschmidt

OFFERTORY

Go Tell It On the Mountain! African-American Spiritual
Children's Choir
Nancy Voigts, director; Karen Johnson, piano

Go tell it on the mountain!
Over the hills and everywhere!
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born.
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn!

Go tell it on the mountain!
Over the hills and everywhere!
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Benny Vanderburgh

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

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Led by the Chancel Choir



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
3. Hail the heav'n born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!



Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild God and sin - ners rec - on-ciled!"
Late in time be - hold him come, Off-spring of the Virgin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, Risen with heal - ing in his wings,



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



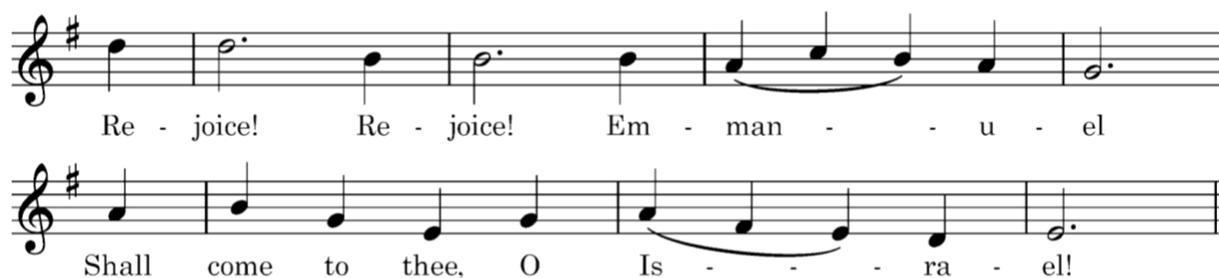
With the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le-hem!"
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec-ond birth.



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION



Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - man - u - el
Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - man - u - el" on the first line, and "Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!" on the second line. The music is written in a simple, clear style suitable for a choral setting.

POSTLUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High
St. Pauls Brass; Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

Coffee Hour is on Zoom!

*Please join our pastors and other members after worship for this hour of fellowship. Using a computer or smartphone app, use Meeting ID: **882 5733 7213**, Pswd: **Coffee** By phone, dial **(312) 626-6799**, Meeting ID: **882 5733 7213**, Password: **530750**.*

To help contain the spread of COVID-19, worship at Saint Pauls will be streamed online until further notice. Worship services are streamed on Sundays at 10 a.m. Central, and re-streamed every day at 10 a.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Central, on Saint Pauls website, spucc.org/streaming.

*You can also call in to listen to our services at **(312) 626-6799** at 10 a.m. Central on Sundays and use Meeting ID: **856 9946 6288**, Password: **2335***

If you would like someone to pray with you this week, Clergy and Stephen Ministers are available for phone calls.

ADVENT WREATH

Each week during Advent, we light another candle in our Advent wreath to anticipate the coming of Christ, the light of the world. These candles symbolize the gifts of hope, love, joy, and peace that Christ's coming brings.

PINK CANDLE, WHY?

This is *Gaudete* (Rejoice) Sunday. Both Advent and Lent are considered penitential seasons, but the early church leaders decided that each of those seasons needed an uplifting break. That is why on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, the liturgical color changes from purple to pink or rose.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT ST. PAULS

All events will be virtual, due to COVID-19.

WEEKLY ADVENT WORSHIP

*Sundays at 10 a.m. Central
on spucc.org/streaming*

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13

*Lighting the Candle of Joy
Readings and Carols*

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20

Lighting the Candle of Love

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

December 24

5 p.m. Family Service

9 p.m. Candlelight Service

on spucc.org/streaming

SPECIAL EVENTS

See announcements for details

Tuesday Evening Prayer

December 15, 22

8 p.m. Weekly prayer with pastors

Advent/Christmas Bible Study

December 16, 23, 30 & January 6

12 p.m. with Pastor Jeff

Stories of Advent

Virtual Polar Peace March

Sunday, January 17, 2021

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Virtual Peace March

*Record and share a video of your
mini-march, support UCAN, and
honor Dr. King*

ST. PAULS BRASS

Richard Peterson, horn; Nancy Pifer, horn;
Jake Nitzsche, trumpet; James Brandt, trumpet; Kristofer Hansen, trumpet;
Lorne Frank, trombone; Mark Swanson, trombone

VIRTUAL WORSHIP PRODUCTION TEAM

Chuck Kent
Mary Beth Hughes, Big Thinking By The Hour
Jim Courtright, Big Thinking By The Hour

VIRTUAL MUSIC PRODUCTION TEAM

Kevin Dzierzawski
Breanna Coe
Kristofer Hansen

BORN THIS WEEK IN DECEMBER

*We celebrate and 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.*

- Dec 13 Finn Granzetto, Holland Emmrich, Jenny Perricone, Julia Mercer, Tom Palkon
- Dec 14 Candy Lohnes, David Baker, Thomas VandenBerk
- Dec 15 Amy Hofer
- Dec 16 Carrie Bruggers, Karen Cardarelli, Samuel Gibson, Tyler Raiman
- Dec 17 David Mussatt, Tiscia Eicher
- Dec 18 Brooke McGuire, Clark Tavas, Irene Beck, Joyce Groth, Michelle Jarzebowski, Susanne Baker
- Dec 20 Kirsten Simonton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORS' VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS

Want to talk? Ask for a prayer? Share an idea? Be consoled? Seek forgiveness? Think through a problem? Hear a word of hope? Start a church program? Find a referral to a therapist? Think about the future? Search for God? We are here for you! You can always reach out to one of our pastors, but we are also offering regularly scheduled virtual office hours, beginning next week. To “drop in” during virtual office hours, contact a pastor to make an appointment.

Benny, Pastoral Intern: Mondays, 3-5 p.m.

Pastor Matt: Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Pastor Jeff: Fridays, 3-5 p.m.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM (CEP) - CEP meals in the St. Pauls courtyard are being discontinued until warmer weather returns. If you are looking for another way to help our neighbors experiencing homelessness, please contact Jennifer Kew at CEPsupper@gmail.com. We are currently seeking several sets of new sweatsuits or scrubs in sizes M, L, XL, and XXL for street-based guests to change into while they launder their clothing.

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SERVICES NEEDS YOUR HELP! - This St. Pauls founded organization provides comprehensive social services to our neighbors experiencing homelessness. LPCS is looking for individuals to provide meals during this time, and Saint Pauls has signed up to provide lunches on the following Wednesdays: **January 6, 20 and 27th**. Please contact Sally Fletcher to sign up at sfletcher1443@gmail.com, or (312) 848-5400. Needed are 20 lunches, including 3 vegetarian, at the 600 W. Fullerton location on each of these days. For other LPCS volunteer opportunities, visit their website at lpcschicago.org to get involved, or contact volunteer coordinator Jameela Chaudhry at volunteer@lpcschicago.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DEC 14 - LONG, CLASSIC NOVELS READING GROUP - 7 p.m., Zoom

Join us to discuss our fourth and final book of the year from our readings in the Zora Canon, *A Mercy* by Toni Morrison (2008). Please RSVP to Pastor Jeff for the Zoom link, jcarlson@spucc.org.

DEC 15, 22 - TUESDAY EVENING PRAYER - 8 p.m., Zoom

Join with other members, friends, and a pastor each Tuesday of Advent for an evening time of prayer. The Zoom link will be sent to RSVPs each Tuesday afternoon. RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/p6id7bwGjGiLJUhd9>.

DEC 16, 23 - WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Stories of Advent - 12 p.m., Zoom

To prepare for Christmas, we'll look at the stories in Matthew and Luke that anticipate the birth of Christ. You can participate online, or call in from your phone. Email Pastor Jeff with questions or to get the meeting invitation and instructions, jcarlson@spucc.org.

JAN 17, 2021 - 7TH ANNUAL POLAR PEACE MARCH - 10 a.m.

Our streets are all connected. As Christians, we are called to love and take care of our neighbors. Help us connect with our neighbors on the south and west sides of Chicago by generously supporting the work that UCAN does every day to prevent violence and to support those who have been affected by it. This year's virtual march will be held immediately following worship. Your gifts will be matched 4 to 1, up to \$100,000 by an anonymous family foundation. To set up your fundraising page or to just donate, please visit polarpeacemarch.org.

OPPORTUNITIES

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.

EMAIL LIST SIGN-UP - Are you new to St. Pauls and want to get more connected, or have you been a longtime friend and missed signing up for our email? Either way, you can go here: spucc.org/connect-learn/signups to fill out our virtual fellowship card to begin receiving our weekly email and special congregational emails, introduce yourself and receive a call from a pastor, and request more information about Children and Youth Programming and more!

FAITH IN ACTION – Some people call it showing up for a protest. Others call it public witness for the values inherent in our faith. Most of us appreciate being able to do both with like-minded congregational members. We are continually building a Faith-in-Action list of people who wish to receive notice of such protests and gatherings – frequently on short notice due to swift governmental action. Please join this email list by contacting Claire Higgins at chiggins@spucc.org.

FAITH AND PUBLIC ISSUES – Help us connect our faith to critical public issues. Do you wish you knew more from a faith perspective about current issues that are important to our public life? Racism, climate change, immigration, to name a few? FPI programs provide opportunities to ask questions, help us understand issues in depth, and discuss possible action. The FPI Task Force plans these programs and we could use your ideas. Contact Toby Rogers at toby@rogers-home.com for information about meetings.

GIFTS, PASSIONS, SKILLS – If you have not already completed our GPS Survey, we still need to hear from you. Please go to forms.gle/jK54YezLs8Ea27uW8 to fill it out. This is an important component of our overall member engagement initiative, as mentioned in the November 10, 2019 congregational meeting. If you prefer to complete a paper document, they are available on the front counter of the office next to the labeled return box. Thank you in advance for your participation.

LITTLE LIGHTS is a St. Pauls early childhood program with classes for 2-, 3-, and 4-year olds. We are now accepting applications for 2020. Check out www.littlelightslp.org. Email Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at littlelights@spucc.org.

**LONG, CLASSIC NOVELS READING GROUP –
2020 Selections are Four Novels by African American Women**

This year, the “Long, Classic Novels Reading Group” is reading books from the Zora Canon. Our fourth and final book is: *A Mercy* by Toni Morrison (2008) - Discussion Date: December 14, 7 p.m. via Zoom. Anyone is welcome to join us. Please RSVP to Pastor Jeff for email updates: jcarlson@spucc.org.

NEW OR EXPECTING PARENTS – If you have a new baby or are expecting a baby, please let Corie Gallemore know so that we can find ways to support you (meals, prayer, etc.). Email Corie at corie.gallemore@gmail.com.

OUTREACH AND BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE – Do you have a passion for reaching out to others? The St. Pauls O&B Committee would love to have you join us in keeping our church engaged in community outreach. For more information contact Pauline Taylor, paulinetaylor933@gmail.com, or Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org.

PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES (POLO) has play dates, Moms night out, Dads night out, family pizza parties, prayer groups, and more activities to support families with little ones between the ages of 0 and 5. If you have young children and would like to get involved, please contact Joanne Tong at jctong@yahoo.com.

SAINT PAULS SOCIAL – Get better acquainted with other adults at St. Pauls. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Jen Luerksen at jenluerksen@yahoo.com. Subscribe to the distribution list at eepurl.com/gQ4Eg1, or look out for future events announced in the bulletin calendar.

SAINT PAULS TOGETHER – Our Facebook Group, “Saint Pauls Together,” is for St. Pauls Members and Friends to connect and share uplifting thoughts and stories. Check out our Facebook Page to request an invitation if you’re a member or friend!

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), Marti Pechnyo (mpechnyo@gmail.com), or Barb Kaiser (bkaiser2213@gmail.com).

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – Now meeting every Wednesday at noon via Zoom. Newcomers are always welcome. Increase your faith and your knowledge of the Bible. RSVP: Pastor Jeff at jcarlson@spucc.org to get the Zoom link.

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 youngadults@spucc.org.

ZOOM MEETINGS – The St. Pauls Zoom account is available to start or continue groups. Email Claire Higgins at chiggins@spucc.org to schedule your meeting.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send any announcements you would like in the following week's bulletin or Friday email to chiggins@spucc.org no later than 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

Verbal announcements are due by Wednesdays at noon.

Please limit announcements to 100 words. Thank you!

SAINT 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.

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.

- Carrie Brugger's brother, Steve, and family at the death of his wife Barb.
- Juanita Barlow's sister, Maria Dolores Guadalupe, recovering from a stroke.
- The Rieck family at the death of Shirley.
- The Nitzsche family at the tragic death of Dan.
- Jenny Benefield, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Kristin Mack and family at the deaths of her grandfather, Dennis Carlson, and granny, Charlotte.
- Ninon Freeman at the death of her mother, Alba Young.
- Jan Bail's sister, Marty, diagnosed with cancer.
- Michael VanZeyl's Aunt Betty, hospitalized, and Laura VanZeyl's parents, Lionel and Donna, coping with isolation.
- Molly Dierks, in the hospital.
- Erick, an Army friend of Bruce Voice.
- Bruce Voice, recovering from surgery.
- A mother and her two children going through a very difficult time.
- Patty, friend of Petrine and Garold Ashley, as she undergoes a third knee transplant.
- Mark Huddle at the death of his father, Mike.
- Sheryl Mooney, who is receiving treatment for leukemia.
- Mary Train, recovering from a broken wrist.
- Amy Newman, being treated for cancer.
- Rob and Shannon Castle's friend, Mike, in treatment for cancer.
- Pat Ruch's sister, Aline, beginning treatment for brain cancer.
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.
- Karl Wirsum, in rehabilitation for mini-strokes.

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.

ABOUT ST. PAULS
Making a Joyful Sound in the City!

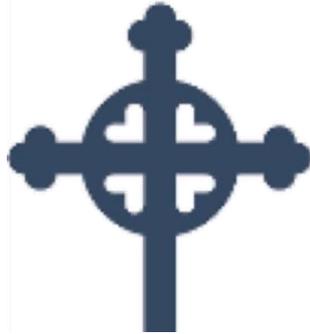
Saint Pauls UCC has a vibrant history in the city of Chicago. Founded in 1843, we are one of the city's oldest churches. In 1989, we became one of America's first congregations to declare ourselves "Open and Affirming" of LGBTQ women and men.

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 important, over the past 177 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 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.