

December 6, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent
Communion Sunday
Virtual Worship

ANTHEM

La Anunciación (The Annunciation)
from Navidad Nuestra (Our Christmas) Sung in Spanish
Chancel Choir

Ariel Ramirez

Nathan Streeter and Lee Lichamer, soloists
Brandon Acker, guitar; Sarah Good Mosley and Mark Mosley, percussion;
and Kevin Dzierzawski, piano

A rider like a ray of red lightning,
The angel Gabriel comes flying,
With a star-tipped sabre.
He was elegant in his silver spurs.

God save you, Mary,
The prettiest young woman.
The flower is blooming.
The baby is growing in your blood.

I am the servant of the Lord.
The Lord bringing his heart,
His will be done.
The bud turns into a flower,
And it will open at Christmas.

The Angel Gabriel returns
To the place where God is found.
Where have you been little angel
That has made you so happy?

I've seen the queen of the world,
The most beautiful young woman.
Her eyes are two stars.
Her voice is the song of a turtledove.

I am the servant of the Lord.
His will be done.
The bud turns into a flower,
And it will open at Christmas.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Benny VanDerburgh

**God of creation, we pray for those, and we are many,
who find it hard to accept ourselves the way we are
and choose to hide behind the masks of possessions and power.
Help us to risk living with a little less of these
and to look at ourselves without fear through your eyes of love.
we pray for your world, teetering on the brink of a long bitter winter
brought about by human neglect.
Help us to work to restore a balance.
Help us to rediscover and observe the rhythms of creation
which you wisely put into place.
Help us to run the risk of losing things which we hold as precious
so that we are more able to reach others with your good news.
Help us to be wise in deciding what, if anything, to discard,
what new vision, if any, we should pursue.
Help us trust you for the new spring life which can flow out into our
community.
Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Barbara Kaiser

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and proclaim to her
that her hard service has been completed,
that her sin has been paid for,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice of one calling:

“In the wilderness prepare
the way for the Lord;
make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be raised up,
every mountain and hill made low;
the rough ground shall become level,
the rugged places a plain.

And the glory of the Lord will be revealed,
and all people will see it together.

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out.”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

“All people are like grass,
and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field.

The grass withers and the flowers fall,
because the breath of the Lord blows on them.

Surely the people are grass.

The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God endures forever.”

You who bring good news to Jerusalem,

lift up your voice with a shout,
lift it up, do not be afraid;

say to the towns of Judah,

“Here is your God!”

See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power,
and he rules with a mighty arm.

See He tends his flock like a shepherd:

He gathers the lambs in his arms
and carries them close to his heart;

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)

SERMON

"Comfort!"

Sarah Garcia

MEDITATION

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 . . .

OFFERING INVITATION

Jana O'Brien

OFFERTORY

Los Pastores (The Shepherds)
Todd Coe, Nathan Streeter, Lee Lichamer
Jennifer Kew, Breanna Coe, and Nancy Pifer, soloists

Come shepherds of the field
The king of kings has been born
Come before the sun rises
It's already light and the night will soon fade

Chorus:

Basil and lemon verbena
Thyme and laurel
The child sleeps
As the sun rises

They come from Pinchas and Chuquis,
From Aminga, San Pedro, Arauco and Pomán
Before anyone else pays tribute
We will bring quesillos (puddings) and flowers. *Chorus*

Ask Julio Romero
For Peruvian horses and his pack mule
With cajas (hand drums) and guitars
We'll sing through the olive groves. *Chorus*

Oh, Christmas in Aimogasta (NW Argentina)
Aloja (liqueur) and añapa (dessert) are plentiful
The Riojan moon
Is just dying to join in. *Chorus*

Los Reyes Magos (The Three Wise Men)

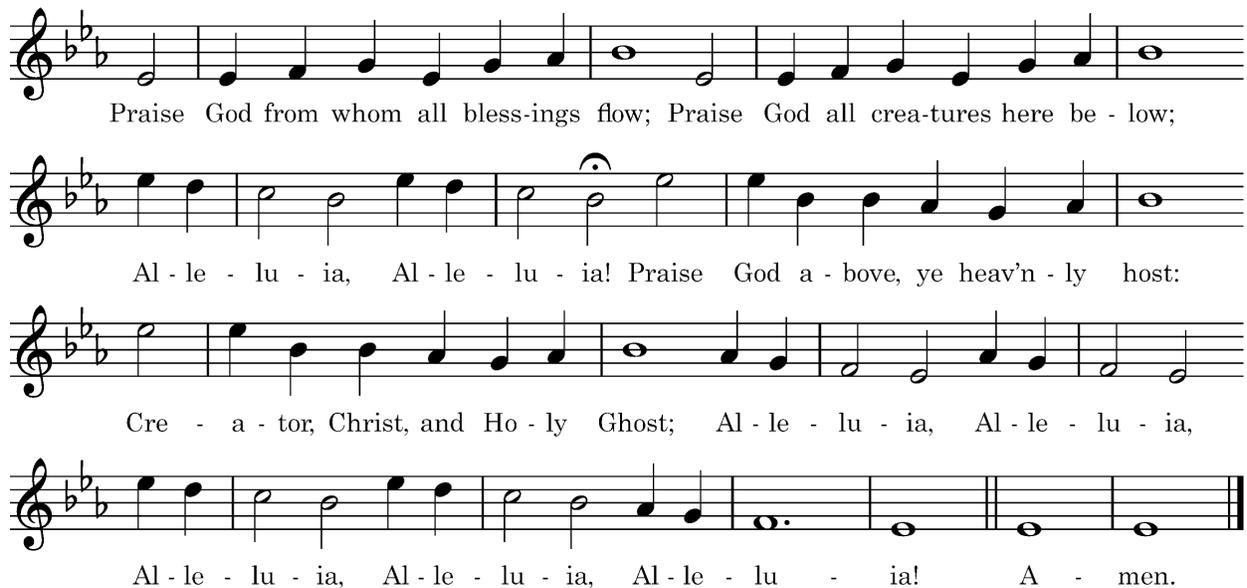
They arrived, the kings, and they were three:
Melchior, Caspar and the dark-skinned Balthasar.
Syrup and honey they will bring him
And a white poncho of regal alpaca.

Fall asleep little boys and girls
For Melchior, Caspar and Balthasar
Will leave out all the gifts
For you to play with when you awake

The God Child was very pleased.
He ate the honey and wrapped himself in the poncho.
And afterwards he saw them
And the sun shone at midnight.

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FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



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

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Jeff Carlson

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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 ready your bread and wine or juice.

Wait to partake until all are invited. We will eat and drink together.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN

God Is Working His Purpose Out

Led by Kurt Hansen



1. God is work - ing his pur - pose out As year suc -
 2. From ut - most east to ut - most west, Wher - e'er man's
 3. March we forth in the strength of God With the ban - ner of
 4. All we can do is noth - ing worth Un - less God



-ceeds to year; God is work - ing his pur - pose out, And the
 foot hath trod, By the mouth of man - y mes - sen - gers Goes
 Christ un - furled, That the light of the glo - rious gos - pel of truth May
 bless - es the deed; Vain - ly we hope for the har - vest - tide Till



time is draw - ing near; Near - er and near - er draws the time, The
 forth the voice of God; Give ear to me, ye con - ti - nents, Ye
 shine through - out the world; Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin To
 God gives life to the seed; Yet near - er and near - er draws the time, The



time that shall sure - ly be, When the earth shall be filled with the
 isles, give ear to me, That the earth may be filled with the
 set their cap - tives free, That the earth may be filled with the
 time that shall sure - ly be, When the earth shall be filled with the



glo - ry of God As the wa - ters cov - er the sea.
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BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune on Sussex Carol
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

D. Lasky

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.

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

Memorial gifts for Shirley Rieck and Dan Nitzsche have been made by Liz Raiman.

A gift to the Sam Hill Music Fund in memory of Shirley Rieck has been made by Juanita Barlow.

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 6 Cherilynn Panko, James Hayes, Margery Johnson, Shannon Castle
- Dec 8 Greta Schmahl, Maria Schmahl
- Dec 9 Jennifer Earl, Shanna Due, Vanessa Eldridge
- Dec 10 Chris Dierks, Judy Dorrell
- Dec 11 Cindy Ball, Hugo Osorio, John Gallemore
- Dec 12 John Crouch

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*

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6
Lighting the Candle of Peace

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 8, 15, 22
8 p.m. Weekly prayer with pastors

Advent/Christmas Bible Study

December 9, 16, 23, 30 & January 6
*12 p.m. with Pastor Jeff
Stories of Advent*

Christmas Poetry Open Mic

December 10
*7 p.m. Share and listen
with Benny & Saint Pauls Social*

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*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UCAN's ANNUAL GIFT DRIVE

Toys, games, gift cards, and more can be purchased through their Walmart Gift registry, www.ucanchicago.org/gift-drive. All items will be shipped directly to UCAN's headquarters and distributed to participants in programs such as Foster Care, Violence Intervention and Prevention Services, Counseling and Youth Development Services, and Teen Transitional Services. Each child, teen and young adult will receive \$50 worth of gifts or a \$50 gift card. Please make your donation **by tomorrow, Monday, December 7**, so UCAN staff have enough time to organize and distribute the gifts.

NIGHT MINISTRY STOCKINGS

Sign up to fill a stocking for people served by The Night Ministry. The stocking stuffing lists can be found on the sign-up information page. Please make your purchases **by December 11** so The Night Ministry has time to distribute the gifts. www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084baaac2daaf94-night

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.

Pastor Sarah: Stay tuned!

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 or slightly used sweatsuits or scrubs in sizes M, L, XL, and XXL for street-based guests to change into - this will enable them to launder the clothing they are wearing. In addition, LPCS continues to need 20-25 lunches and dinners dropped off at 600 W. Fullerton every day. To provide a meal, sign up at lpcschicago.org or contact volunteer coordinator Jameela Chaudhry at volunteer@lpcschicago.org.

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: **December 9 and 23, January 13, 20, and 27.** 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 8, 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 9, 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.

DEC 8 - BOOK DISCUSSION OF BEST SELLER, *CASTE* - 6:45 p.m., Zoom

Join us for our second discussion on *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*. No need to have attended the first session to participate! In *Caste*, Isabel Wilkerson examines the often unspoken caste system that has shaped America and shows how our lives are still defined by a hierarchy of human divisions. Beautifully written and published in August 2020, *Caste* is a best seller and a 2020 selection of Oprah's Book Club. As part of St. Pauls ongoing discussions of white privilege and racism, St. Pauls members are leading three structured Zoom discussions of the book. December 8, pages 165 - 278; and January 12, pages 279 to the end. Please contact Rick Peterson, rnpeterson2017@gmail.com, for further information.

DEC 10 - CHRISTMAS POETRY NIGHT - 7-8 p.m., Zoom

Join St. Pauls Social and Pastoral Intern Benny VanDerburgh (and friends) for a Christmas-centered poetry night! This event is for serious poets and poetry curious folks alike! You are encouraged to bring your favorite piece of writing about the season, yours or another's, to read aloud to us. Perhaps you would like to share something that speaks to the meaning of your favorite week in Advent. We will mimic an "open mic" format and read to each other to get into the spirit, but if you would rather just listen, that is beautiful as well. To RSVP, please email Benny at bvanderburgh@spucc.org. No need to let us know what you would like to share ahead of time.

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.

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

As we honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., let us remember that his work continues today and that UCAN serves as a powerful example of how his legacy has inspired so much of the work that UCAN does. Our beloved city is experiencing another year of increasing violence, but thanks to the work of UCAN, youths in our city have a place to find support, counseling and mentorship. Participate prior to Sunday, January 17, by walking in your own neighborhoods and submitting photos/videos to be included in the virtual march, which will take place immediately following worship. Visit polarpeacemarch.org for further details. Pick up your signs, masks and t-shirts on Saturday, December 5, in the church parking lot between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Sandoval at rebecca.Brown@ucanchicago.org, or Pauline Taylor at paulinetaylor933@gmail.com.

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.

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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 Luerssen at jenluerssen@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.

- 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.
- Peter Doerr at the death of his father, Alan.
- Patty, friend of Petrine and Garold Ashley, as she undergoes a third knee transplant.
- Mark Huddle at the death of his father, Mike.
- Sarah Good's brother, David, being treated for throat cancer.
- 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.