

February 9, 2020  
Communion Sunday

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.*

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

“To become a friend of Jesus is to become a friend of the excluded. As we learn to be a friend of the excluded, we enter into this amazing relationship that is friendship with God.”

Jean Vanier

PRELUDE

Prélude Modal  
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

J. Langlais

INTROIT

*Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face*  
Chancel Choir

Plainchant

WELCOME

Matt Fitzgerald

\* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: May God be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

One: Lift up your hearts!

**All: We lift them up to God!**

One: This is the day that our God has made!

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

*\* Please stand if you are able*

\* HYMN

*I Come With Joy*



1. I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
4. And thus we meet, and bet - ter know the Pres - ence, ev - er  
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, in friend - ship we will



free, \_\_\_\_\_ The life of Je - sus to re - call, in  
fed, \_\_\_\_\_ The new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
ends, \_\_\_\_\_ The love that made\_ us, makes us one, and  
near, \_\_\_\_\_ And join our hearts and sing with joy that  
stay, \_\_\_\_\_ And go with joy \_\_\_\_\_ to love the world and



love laid down for me, \_\_\_\_\_ in love laid down for me. \_\_\_\_\_  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ's com - mu - nion bread. \_\_\_\_\_  
strang - ers now\_ are friends, and strang - ers now\_ are friends.  
Christ is ris - en here, \_\_\_\_\_ that Christ is ris - en here. \_\_\_\_\_  
live the way\_ we pray, \_\_\_\_\_ and live the way\_ we pray. \_\_\_\_\_

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess that we are afraid to confess the truth.**

**We are prone to self-deception.**

**We clothe ourselves in false piety.**

**We do not want to reveal our insecurity or sin.**

**We are comfortably hidden behind our masks.**

**Yet, thank God, you know us completely, as we truly are, and you love us.**

**Meet us in our weakness and sin,**

**And feed us with the love and grace of Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

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

*Christ is the host at this table. All are welcome. Communion will be served in the pews.*

*The outer ring of cups is grape juice; the inner rings are wine.*

*A gluten-free option is wrapped and available on each tray.*

*Please hold each element until all are served so that we may eat and drink together.*

COMMUNION HYMN

*Taste and See*

Soloist: Meg Tazelaar

Congregation, please join in singing the refrain:

The musical notation is written on three staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. O, taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord." The melody consists of quarter and half notes, with a final cadence on the third staff.

ORGAN MEDITATION

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Generous God, thank you for the gift of your presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Fed by Christ's body and blood, let us live as the Body of Christ, with our eyes freshly opened to your presence in the world and in the people we meet. Fill us with your Spirit, that we might be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world. Amen.**

\* RESPONSE

*You Walk Along Our Shoreline*

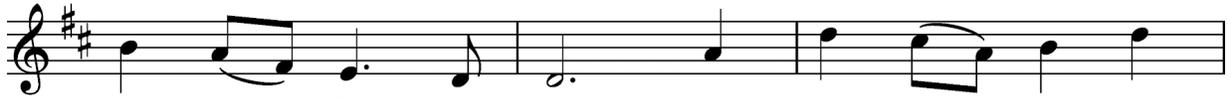
vs. 1-2



1. You walk a - long our shore - line where land meets un - known  
2. You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple of the  
3. We cast our net, O Je - sus; we seek your prom - ised



sea. We hear your voice of pow - er; "Now  
earth. We can - not fish for on - ly those  
reign; We work for love and jus - tice; we



come and fol - low me. And if you still will  
lives we think have worth. We spread your net of  
learn to hope through pain. You call on us to



fol - low through storm and wave and shoal, Then  
gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face, Our  
gath - er God's daugh - ters and God's sons, To



I will make you fish - ers, but of the hu - man soul."  
boat a com - mon shel - ter for all found by your grace.  
let your judg - ment heal us so that all may be one.

*During this time, Sunday School students are invited to go to their classrooms.*

*If you would like to accompany your child, you are welcome*

*to drop them off and return to worship.*

THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THIS DAY

Todd Coe

*Matthew 5:1-16*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted on account of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

\* 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

*You Walk Along Our Shoreline*

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*See previous insert.*

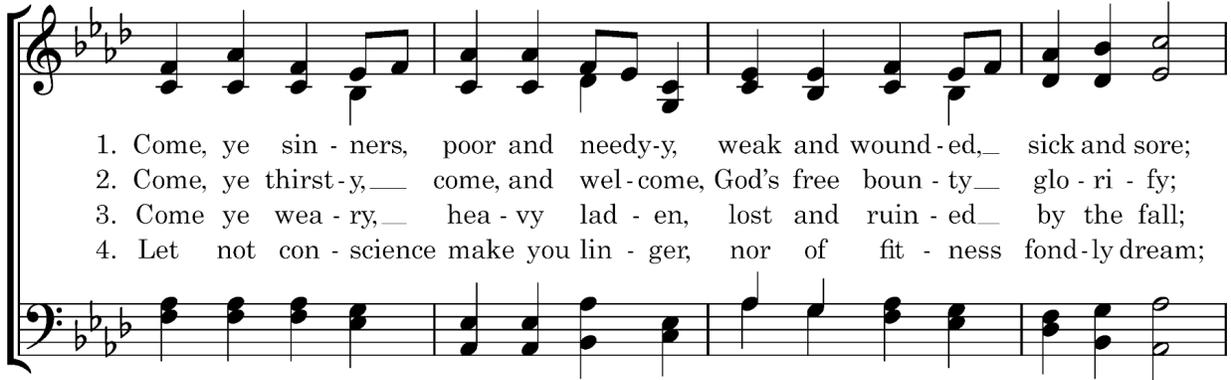
SERMON

"A Sermon on the Sermon on the Mount"

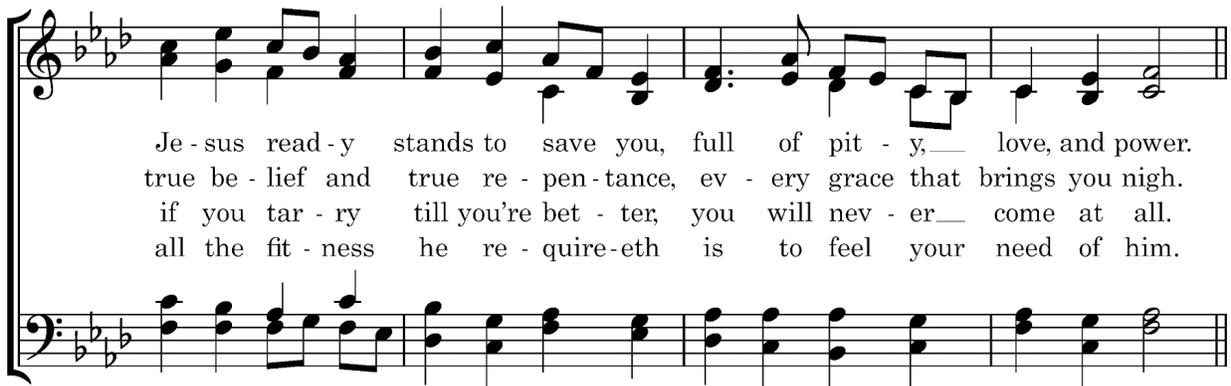
Jeff Carlson

\* HYMN

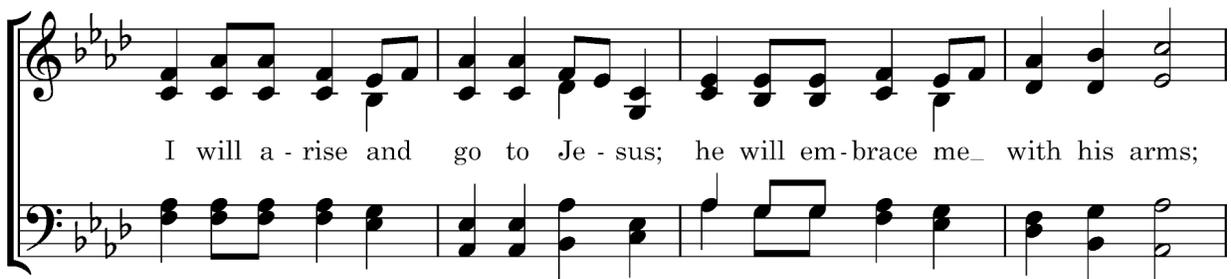
*Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*



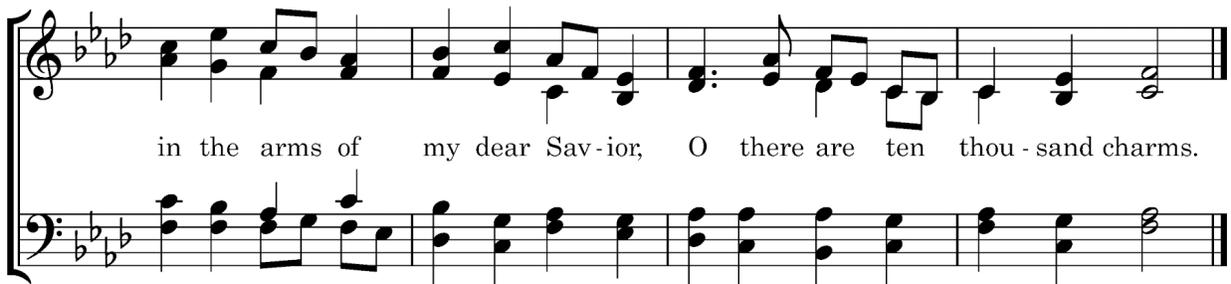
1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and needy-y, weak and wound - ed, sick and sore;  
2. Come, ye thirst-y, come, and wel - come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;  
3. Come ye wea - ry, hea - vy lad - en, lost and ruin - ed by the fall;  
4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;



Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of pit - y, love, and power.  
true be - lief and true re - pen - tance, ev - ery grace that brings you nigh.  
if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all.  
all the fit - ness he re - quire - eth is to feel your need of him.



I will a - rise and go to Je - sus; he will em - brace me with his arms;



in the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.

GIVING MOMENT

EASY To Give Update

Giving Committee

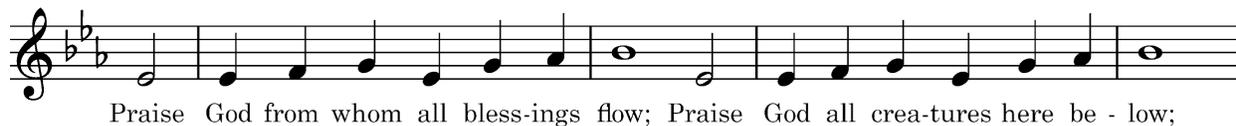
OFFERTORY

*Spaseniye sodelal*  
(Sung in Old Church Slavonic)  
Chancel Choir

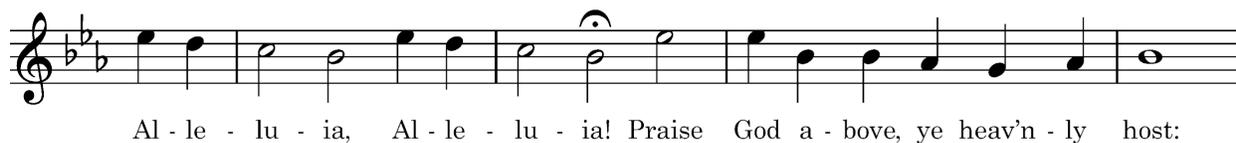
Pavel Chesnokov

Salvation is created,  
In midst of the earth,  
O our God.  
Alleluia.

\* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



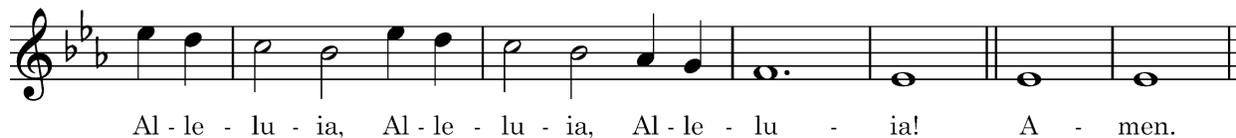
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here be - low;



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, 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.

\* HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision*



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my ture word;  
3. Rich - es I heed not, nor life's emp - ty praise,  
4. Sover - eign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



Nought be all else to me save that thou art,  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
May I reach heav'n's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!



Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Moth - er and Fa - ther, thou art both to me,  
Thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



Wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
Thou in me dwell - ing, thy child I shall be.  
Rul - er of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

POSTLUDE

*Sweet Beulah Land*  
St. Arbucks Gospel Trio

Squire Parsons, Jr.

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

***Following Worship, all are invited for coffee and snacks downstairs in the Gym.***

TODAY'S MUSIC - Our Offertory was composed by Pavel Chesnokov (1877–1944). Chesnokov was one of the most prolific composers of the Moscow Synodal School. These “hymns” were based on Russian Orthodox chant melodies. He composed more than 400 of what we would call anthems or motets. It is worth mentioning that Old Church Slavonic and its relationship to modern Russian is somewhat similar to the relationship between Latin and Italian.

Our Introit, *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face* is a chant from the Latin, ADORATE DEVOTE, from the 13th Century attributed to the Benedictines at the monastery at Solesmes, France. It's English text is by Horace Bonar (1808–1889), a Scottish minister, who wrote many poetic hymn texts. This setting is especially appropriate for a communion Sunday.

*O Taste and See* (the tune name is the same) is a contemporary communion hymn composed and text also written by James E. Moore (b. 1951) and was first published in 1983.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

**Head Usher:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** Brian Hafner, David Baker, Lauren Vega, Layne Lebahn

**Head Greeter:** Greg Mooney

**Greeters:** Sheryl Mooney

**Gatekeeper:** Dodd Brown

**St. Arbucks Quartet:** Brendan Henry, piano; Alex Austin, bass; Matt Plaskota, drums; Kris Hansen, trumpet & vocals

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

**Communion Servers:** Carrie Bruggers, Micki Fayhee, Mead Gifford, Gay Kelly, Lydia Murray, Tom Murray, Beverley Petrunich, Kirsten Simonton, Michael Toomin, Jill Wachholz

*Communion bread baked by Marcia Knudson*

## BORN THIS WEEK IN FEBRUARY

### **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.*

Feb 9 Bruce Reider

Feb 10 Melinda Schrimpf, Cameron Rogers, Jan Bail, Becky Kornick

Feb 12 Ilse Wiebe, Jim Brandt, Roberta Gannello, Cami Alan

Feb 13 Dana Peterson Harrits

Feb 14 Jim Russell, Natalie Cramb, Harrison Rodriguez

## **TODAY**

### **NEW MEMBER CLASS - 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Social Hall**

Come after worship to this meeting and talk with pastors and members about faith and the community here at St. Pauls. Lunch and childcare are provided. Joining Sunday is February 23. Contact Pastor Matt for more information at [mfitzgerald@spucc.org](mailto:mfitzgerald@spucc.org).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SAVE THE DATE - ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 1**

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of St. Pauls, when we will vote on the 2020 budget, new members of the Church Council—including Officers and Ministry Chairs—and learn about the activities of 2019 and plans going into 2020. It is an important event in the life of St. Pauls. Members have voice and vote; Friends have voice.

**2020 CHURCH COUNCIL** - St. Pauls Nominating Task Force is currently working to identify and nominate members of St. Pauls who wish to serve on our Church Council. Open 2020 Council positions include: Vice President (2-year term), Treasurer (2-year term), Worship, Formation and Education Ministry (3-year term), Care and Connection Ministry (3-year term), and two At-large Member positions (3-year term). If you are interested in serving on St. Pauls Church Council, or have questions regarding the responsibilities related to certain Council positions, please contact one of the following Nominating Task Force members: Sheryl Mooney, Lois Basil, Mary Brown, Nathan Chamberlin and Emma Peterson. You may also contact current Council President, Karen Johnson, or Pastor Matt Fitzgerald. Contact information is available in the church office member directory, or by calling (773) 348-3829.

**JOIN OUR ORCHESTRA** - The St. Pauls Intergenerational Orchestra will perform in worship on Sunday, March 1. This year, we celebrate our church's German heritage with an all-Beethoven program. Orchestra members include teens and adults of all ages and abilities. We rehearse immediately after church in the Oscar Mayer Room on February 9, 16 and 23. If you are interested, please contact our conductor Mark Mosley at (773) 732-0625 or [mwmosley@gmail.com](mailto:mwmosley@gmail.com). If you play a string, woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument, please join us as together we "Make a Joyful Sound in the City!"

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE BIBLE OFF BROADWAY**

**POSSIBLE!** A special thanks to Kevin Dzierzawski for jumping in to play piano at the last minute and also taking care of the sound and lights. Thank you to Sonya and Julia Brizzolara, Sue Finkle, Megan Occhino, Ellen and Nick Swinehart and Gerald Wilk for finishing the costumes and set on the Thursday night before the show. Thank you to Fernando for taking the stage down on Monday. We really are so very grateful to everyone who was part of the show.

**ST. PAULS SOCIAL EMAIL LIST** – Want to get notified and stay up to date on St. Pauls Social events? Subscribe to the distribution list at [eepurl.com/gQ4Eg1](http://eepurl.com/gQ4Eg1) and be the first to hear about outings, potlucks, trivia nights, and more! Questions, email Jen Luerssen at [jenluerssen@yahoo.com](mailto:jenluerssen@yahoo.com).

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**FEB 14 – ST. PAULS SOCIAL POTLUCK DINNER** – Join Saint Pauls Social and collector Susann Craig on Friday, February 14, 6-9 p.m. at her Logan Square loft designed by world famous architect Jeanne Gang. This potluck dinner is limited to the first 25 people who register by calling her at (312) 399-8843. Each guest should bring a dish or drink.

**FEB 15 – LOVELY WINE AND CHOCOLATE TASTING PARTY** – 7:30 p.m. at Hannah and Caleb Bryant's home in Edgewater.

Join the Young Adults Group for a wine tasting party! In honor of Valentine's Day, bring a favorite bar of chocolate along with a bottle of wine to share. Toast Hannah's final Young Adults Group event she's planning as she transitions her role. People single, partnered and everywhere in between are welcome. RSVP to the Punchbowl evite. Space is limited to the first 20 people who RSVP; there are fewer than 10 spots left!

**FEB 22- QUEER CHRISTIAN POETRY, POP, WINE, AND BEER** – 7 p.m., Parlor  
Join Matt, Lighthouse Church members and Pastor Jamie for this fun and meaningful event. Jamie and Matt will bring a few of their favorite poems by queer poets. We'll read the poems and enjoy a free flowing conversation. Make new friends, love new poems. Join us!

**FEB 29 – SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY** – 10 a.m. Parlor

This is the perfect time to come to Bible Study as we're beginning a new book – Deuteronomy. This last book of the Pentateuch sums up God's covenant with Israel in which they are called to be a nation unlike any other as they enter the Promised Land. Both ancient and contemporary, Deuteronomy invites us to be an odd sort of people in our own time. RSVP: Jeff – [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

**MARCH 1 – ANNUAL MEETING** – 11 a.m., Sanctuary

See the preceding announcement for more details.

**MARCH 15 – CONFRONTING RACISM AND WHITE PRIVILEGE WITH *WHITE FRAGILITY*** – 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Oscar Mayer Room

The Faith and Public Issues book study group has decided to continue meeting and has selected *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* as its next discussion text. *White Fragility* is the 2018 New York Times bestseller that explores the counterproductive reactions white people have when their assumptions about race are challenged and how these reactions maintain racial inequality. The author, Robin DiAngelo, a white antiracist educator, explains how white privilege develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively. Questions: please contact Rick Peterson at [rnpeterson2017@gmail.com](mailto:rnpeterson2017@gmail.com).

**MARCH 16 – LONG, CLASSIC NOVELS READING GROUP** – 7 p.m., Parlor

Come to the first of four discussions in 2020 on selections from the Zora Canon of novels by African American Women.

We will mull over *Moses, Man of the Mountain*, by Zora Neale Hurston (1939).

Anyone is welcome to join us for one or all four. Please RSVP to Pastor Jeff for email updates: [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

Upcoming Readings:

*Oreo*, Fran Ross (1974) – Discussion: June 15

*Parable of the Sower*, Octavia E. Butler (1993) – Discussion: September 21

*A Mercy*, Toni Morrison (2008) – Discussion: December 14

**MARCH 20 – YOUNG ADULTS WHIRLEYBALL OUTING** – 7 p.m. 1825 W. Webster Ave. Find out if the luck of the Irish lasts a full week! Show off your Whirleyball skills by joining the Young Adults Group for (arguably) Chicago's best winter sport along with drinks and appetizers beforehand. RSVP to the Punchbowl by March 6. The first 20 people to RSVP are guaranteed at least two matches per person. Cost is a maximum of \$30, payable the evening of the event. Afterwards, we'll go to Jack and Ginger's for drinks. Questions? Email Derek at [derek.diemer@gmail.com](mailto:derek.diemer@gmail.com).

**MARCH 28 - GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY VOLUNTEER DAY** - 1 p.m. - 3:45 p.m., 4100 W. Ann Lurie Place  
Give back to the community by helping to sort and repack donated food at the GCFD warehouse. We need 15 volunteers ages 11 and up. RSVP to Maureen Reilly by March 21 at mreilly773@gmail.com.

**MARCH 29 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL GOES TO THE THEATER** - 2 p.m., Greenhouse Theater, 2257 N Lincoln  
Enjoy musicals? Join St. Pauls Social to watch our own Nancy Hays Heffernan play Judy Garland in *Judy & Liza*. The show recalls a mother-daughter concert including familiar songs, movement and banter. Tickets are \$25, \$20 for seniors, plus \$6 fee. GreenhouseTheater.org 773-404-7336. Purchasing tickets at the theater saves \$5 plus \$5 with code seniorJL or JUDYLIZA. Tu-Sa 12-8:30, Su noon-4. Open seating. Meet us for lunch before at 12:15 p.m. at Simply It, 2269 N. Lincoln. Questions? Call or text Marcia Volk at 773-307-6866. If you are coming for lunch, please let Marcia know. Parking discounts available.

### **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 email Claire Higgins to check open Sundays, chiggins@spucc.org. There are many Sundays available, but be sure to sign up early so you can bring flowers on your preferred date!

### **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 info or to volunteer, contact Linda Patton, lpatton21@yahoo.com.

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:toby@rogers-home.com) for information about meetings.

**FEED THE HUNGRY** - 2 volunteers still needed for February 16 and a meal coordinator and 2 more crew members needed February 23. Each week St. Pauls welcomes homeless and hungry people to Sunday dinner as part of the Community Engagement Program (CEP). Teams of 4-6 volunteers prepare and serve dinner. To sign up, contact Jennifer Kew at [CEPsupper@gmail.com](mailto:CEPsupper@gmail.com).

**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](https://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.

**LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER NEEDS OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEERS**

To sign up: [volunteer@lpcsonline.org](mailto: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 2020. Check out [www.littlelightslp.org](http://www.littlelightslp.org). Email Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at [littlelights@spucc.org](mailto: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” will be reading:

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:paulinetaylor933@gmail.com), or Pastor Jeff, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto: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](mailto:jctong@yahoo.com).

**SARAH'S SIBS** 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** - 7 p.m. Wednesdays

Our weekly pick-up games are co-ed. Ages range widely and skill levels go from enthusiastic to “I think she played in college.” All are welcome!

[mfitzgerald@spucc.org](mailto:mfitzgerald@spucc.org).

**ST. 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](mailto:jenluerssen@yahoo.com). Subscribe to the distribution list at [eepurl.com/gQ4Eg1](http://eepurl.com/gQ4Eg1), or look out for future events announced in the bulletin calendar.

**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. RSVP: Pastor Jeff at [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)).

**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](mailto:youngadults@spucc.org).

#### **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Please limit announcements to 100 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.*

- Our Adult Team volunteering in Haiti February 13-20.
- The Basil family at the death of Lois's mother, Carol Stoub.
- Pat Ruch's sister, Aline, beginning treatment for brain cancer.
- Prayers of healing for the young patients at Lurie and Comer Children's Hospitals
- Tom Klein, grieving his mother's death.
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.
- Karl Wirsum, in rehabilitation for mini-strokes.
- Veterans and those in wars.

**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.

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**AND SUPPORT OUR 2020 VISION**

Make an annual pledge to St. Pauls, of money, time and talent, and you'll bring our 2020 vision into sharp focus. New ways to give make the process quick and easy. Watch for a pledge card in the mail, look for one in the pews, or get details on our website.

**[spucc.org/2020](http://spucc.org/2020)**

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 important, over the past 176 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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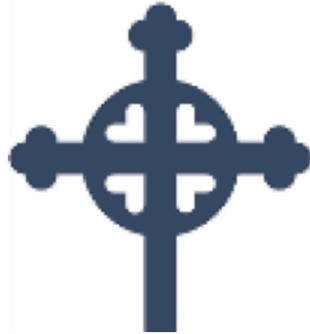
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## WELCOME TO SAINT PAULS UCC!

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.