



January 5, 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

"We returned to our places, these Kingdoms, but no longer at ease, here in the old dispensation, with an alien people clutching their gods."

T.S. Eliot, *The Journey of the Magi*

PRELUDE	<i>Prélude sur l'Introït de l'Épiphanie</i> Kevin Dzierzawski, organ	M. Duruflé
INTROIT	<i>Ding Dong! Merrily on High!</i> 16th Century French Carol Chancel Choir	
WELCOME		Jeff Carlson

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Isaiah 60*

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 over all people.

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*

* HYMN

We Three Kings



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a
4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of
5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise; King and God and



tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain,
crown him a - gain, King for - e - ver, ceas - ing ne - ver,
De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing, voi - ces rais - ing,
gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing,
sac - ri - fice: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



fol - low - ing yon - der star.
o - ver us all to reign.
wor - ship - ing God on high. O _____ star of won - der, star of light,
sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
sounds through the earth and skies.



star with roy - al beau - ty bright, west - ward lead - ing,



still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we have seen your distant star-light.
Like the magi of old,
we know that your light guides us.
But we'd rather stumble in the dark.
We have not loved you with all our heart,
with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not loved ourselves.
Forgive us. Shine your light upon us.
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

*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

What Child is This



1. What child is this, who laid to rest, — On Mar - y's lap — is sleep - ing?
2. Why lies the Child in man - ger bare — where ox and ass — are feed - ing?
3. Bring gifts of in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, join in ju - bi - la - tion;



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herdswatch are keep - ing?
Give heed, draw near; for sin - ners here — the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The Ho - ly Child, though meek and mild, has come with God's sal - va - tion.



This, this — the an - gels sing, — is Christ, God's ho - ly of - fer - ing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise — the song on high, — the moth - er sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste your praise to bring the babe, the child — of Mar - y!
Hail, hail — the Word made flesh, the babe, the child — of Mar - y!
Joy, joy, — for Christ is born, — the babe, the child — of Mar - y!

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

* RESPONSE

In the Bleak Midwinter

Black No. 128, vs. 1 & 2

1. In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2. Our God tran - scends all heav - en, earth, and its do - main;
3. An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
4. What_ can I of - fer, poor_ as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
heaven and earth shall flee a - way when Christ comes to reign;
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim thronged the mid - night air;
If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb.

Snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow_ on_ snow,
In the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed the
But his moth - er on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
If I were a wise_ one, I would do my part; but

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long_ a - go.
sov - ereign God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with_ a kiss.
what I can I of - fer: all_ my heart.

During this time, Sunday School students are invited to go to the Social Hall for Bible Off Broadway rehearsal. 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

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.

* 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

In the Bleak Midwinter

Black No. 128, vs. 3 & 4

See previous insert.

SERMON

"Wisdom Can't Go Home Again"

Matt Fitzgerald

* RESPONSE

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright



1. O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright Thou beam - est forth in
2. Thou heav'n - ly Bright - ness! Light di - vine! O deep with - in my



truth and light! O Sov - ereign meek and low - ly! Thou Root of Jes - se,
heart now shine, And make thee there an al - tar! Fill me with joy and



Da - vid's Son, My Lord and Mas - ter; thou hast won My heart to serve thee
strength to be Thy mem - ber, ev - er joined to thee In love that can - not

sole - ly! Thou art ho - ly, Fair and glo - rious, all - vic - to - rious,
fal - ter; Toward thee long - ing Doth pos - sess me; turn and bless me;

Rich in bless - ing, Rule and might o'er all pos - ses - sing.
Here in sad - ness Eye and heart long for thy glad - ness!

OFFERTORY

Epiphany Alleluias

John Weaver

Chancel Choir

Breanna Coe, conductor

Alleluia! We have seen His star in the East,
And are come to worship Him.
Arise, shine; for they light is come.
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God all crea-tures 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

As With Gladness Those of Old

1. As with glad - ness those of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
2. As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger bed,
3. As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger plain and bare,
4. Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;

As with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
There to bend the knee be - fore One whom heaven and earth a - dore;
So may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
And when mor - tal things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last

So, true Morn - ing Star, may we ev - er - more your splen - dor see.
So may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek your mer - cy seat.
All our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to you from whom they spring.
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds your glo - ry hide.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Now Behold the Lamb
St. Arbucks Trio

Kirk Franklin

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 - John Weaver (b. 1937) composed our Offertory in 1968. He was also the Chair of the Organ Department at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia from 1972-2003, the same position at The Juilliard School from 1987-2004, and also Organist and Director of Music at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City from 1970-2005. The text comes from the *Propers for the Epiphany Sunday*.

We Three Kings is a truly American hymn. It was composed in 1857 by an Episcopalian priest, John H. Hopkins (1820–1891). His father was the Bishop of Vermont. Hopkins was also an ecclesiologist, which means he was interested in church art. He designed stained glass and other church ornaments.

In the Bleak Midwinter text was composed by Christina Georgina Rossetti (1830–1894) in 1872. She was a prolific English poet. The tune; *Craham*, is by Gustav Holst (1874–1934), who is best known as the composer of *The Planets*.

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright is a famous German tune, *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*, composed in 1599 by Philipp Nicolai (1446–1608). Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878) translated the German. Having been raised in Dresden, she was well known for her translation of German chorale.

As With Gladness Those of Old is set to the tune *Dix*, which was composed by W. Chatterton Dix (1837–1898). Mr. Dix also composed the original lyrics. He was a Scottish insurance company manager who also published a number of volumes of hymns.

We thank **Breanna Coe** for leading the Chancel Choir this morning. Kurt and Terry Hansen are attending a retreat this weekend and will return next week.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Brian Hafner, Fred Pearson, Lauren Vega, Layne Lebahn

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Greeters: Sheryl Mooney, Meghan Keeley

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

St. Arbucks Trio: Brendan Henry, piano; Alex Austin, bass; and Matt Plaskota, drums

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

Communion Servers: Jeff Johnson, Kirsten Simonton

Communion bread baked by Annie Johnson

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 5 Charles Hall, Christine Frisch, Sarah Glowiak

Jan 6 Elizabeth Harper

Jan 7 Jeffrey Wagner, Courtney Sensenbrenner

Jan 8 Kathy Freise, Hope Basil, Don Curtis

Jan 9 Gisele Jozwiak

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

Jan 11 Julianne Prangley

2020 POLAR PEACE MARCH

**January 19 is our 6th Annual Polar Peace March!
Join us at 11 a.m., after worship, in the Church Courtyard.**

Our streets are all connected. Help us raise awareness of the violence happening all over Chicago and the UCAN programs making significant progress in preventing it and providing healing treatment to its victims. The march will take place immediately after our worship service and will conclude in the Gym for soup, cookies and community. There is also a mini-march for our little ones. All funds raised will be donated to UCAN as they continue to fulfill their very important mission. This year, all donations will be matched 3-to-1 by an anonymous family foundation. Invite your family and friends to join you. Register at polarpeacemarch.org.

Joining us in worship will be our siblings at Lighthouse Church UCC, friends from UCAN, and our preacher will be UCAN's new chaplain, William E. Hall.

Volunteers Needed! Please help us make this event a wonderful success by contributing your time and talent! A member of the Outreach and Benevolence Committee will be taking sign-ups after church. Thanks for your help! For more information or to volunteer, call Andrea Koepke at (312) 448-3883.

HERE'S HOW THE MONEY WE'VE RAISED IS MAKING AN IMPACT:

- Over the last three years, shootings and homicides in North Lawndale have declined considerably - down 52% since 2017
- UCAN's Violence Intervention and Prevention programming has grown to serve close to 450 youth - up 30% since 2017
- With increased funds, UCAN has made progress to expand engagement with city officials to strengthen awareness of the effects of exposure to complex trauma

In fiscal year 2020, 211 youth completed quarterly evaluations with the following results:

- 83% reported having a consistent connection to a caring adult
- 76% reported being enrolled in school and/or employed
- 99% of those who completed the participant satisfaction survey agreed that the services provided met their needs

TODAY

MEXICAN BORDER TRIP MEETING - 11:15 - 11:45 a.m., Conference Room

An adult border immersion trip is being planned for the third week in February with a UCC congregation in Sahuarita, Arizona. On this educational trip, we'll visit ministries to migrants, meet immigrants, accompany volunteers into the desert, volunteer at a food bank, and cross into northern Mexico to learn directly about the situation on the border from the experience of immigrants and those who minister to them. Space is limited. For more information, contact Pastor Jeff jcarlson@spucc.org.

CONFRONTING RACISM AND WHITE PRIVILEGE WITH *JUST MERCY* - Discussion 3: Chapters 12-Postscript - 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Oscar Mayer Room

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption, by Bryan Stevenson, civil rights attorney and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Institute, is a powerful true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us and a call to fix America's broken justice system. Questions: please contact Rick Peterson at rnpeterson2017@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SIGN UP TO BRING ALTAR FLOWERS - The 2020 Altar Flower Sign-up is in the Social Hall! 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 on the board in the Social Hall, or email Claire Higgins at chiggins@spucc.org to check open Sundays and with any questions. Be sure to sign up early so you can bring flowers on your preferred date!

BIBLE OFF BROADWAY - Our annual tradition of taking this month to explore and use our creative talents continues with our Bible Off Broadway Musical Revue (formerly Bible Story Theatre). Sunday School students from JK to high school all participate, and any adults who would like to be involved are encouraged to join in. Rehearsals will be Sunday mornings on January 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Even if you cannot make it to all the rehearsals, you can still be in the performance on February 2 at 10 a.m. To get involved, please contact Pastor Sarah at sgarcia@spucc.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JAN 12 - THE ACCIDENTAL THEOLOGY OF OLIVER SACKS - 11:30 - 12:30

Bill Borden will lead a conversation about neurologist and literary figure Oliver Sacks and the sense of wonder, reverence, and gratitude found in his writings. Contact Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org, to receive the short essays, *Sabbath* and *My Own Life*, which will help guide our discussion. A few printed copies are available in the office.

JAN 19 - 6TH ANNUAL POLAR PEACE MARCH - 11 a.m., Courtyard, Gym

See the previous page's announcement for details on this year's Polar Peace March.

JAN 25 - YOUNG ADULTS GAME NIGHT - 6 p.m., Dice Dojo 5550 N. Broadway

Join the St. Pauls Young Adults for a board game night at the Dice Dojo! The Dice Dojo is located just off of the Bryn Mawr Red Line with some residential parking in the neighborhood. All games are free to play and outside food and drink is welcome! Contact Jim Alrutz at jimalrutz@gmail.com to RSVP and with any questions on parking, food nearby or anything else.

FEB 13-20 - 2020 HAITI ADULT MISSION TRIP - Greg Mooney has reserved this week for an adult mission trip to volunteer at Three Angels orphanage and school with the hope that current tensions will have subsided to make it safe for travel. The need in Haiti is great. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Greg at greg-mooney@msn.com, or look for him greeting in the Narthex.

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, lpattton21@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.

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.

FEED THE HUNGRY - Volunteers needed January 19 and February 16, and a coordinator is needed January 26. 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.

GIFTS, PASSIONS, SKILLS - If you have not already completed the GPS Survey distributed on November 10, 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 congregational meeting. If you prefer to complete a paper document, stop by the office to obtain one and we will have a box labeled to drop them off. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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. Email Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at littlelights@spucc.org.

LONG CLASSIC NOVEL READING GROUP - To join the group and receive updates, email Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES - We have new member classes throughout the year. Come after worship to these meetings – announced in the calendar section – and talk with pastors and members about faith and the community here at St. Pauls. Contact Pastor Matt for more information at mfitzgerald@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.

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.

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. RSVP: Pastor Jeff at 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), Marti Pechnyo (mpechnyo@gmail.com), or Barb Kaiser (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.

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.

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.

- Jenny, who lost both her daughter (who leaves behind three children) and her brother in the days before Christmas.
- Jenny Benefield, grieving her mother's death.
- Husband of Carmen, Pat Kirby's caretaker, who is in critical condition.
- Gary Ashley and family at the death of his mother, Frances.
- Stephen Anderson at the death of his wife, Sally.
- John Schloerb at the death of his father, Robert.
- Nina Whitsel, recovering from surgery.
- Nancy Bingaman's niece, Julia, continuing to have a difficult recovery from serious liver surgery.
- Lisa, sister-in-law of Libby Braband and aunt of Emma, as she battles breast cancer.
- Dan and Linda Nitzsche and their family following the death of Dan's father, Earl Nitzsche.
- Jim Brandt and family at the death of his beloved wife, Nancy. A memorial service will take place on January 25.
- Diane Biegert at the death of her father, Rev. John Biegert.
- Dr. Calvin Brown, dear friend of Tom Murray, who lost his battle with pancreatic cancer and passed away on December 1.
- David's granddaughter, Evangeline, born six weeks premature.
- Cindy Zinn Ball and family at the death of her mother, Laini.
- Jan Exworthy at the death of her mother, Lucille.
- Karen, aunt of Layne Lebahn, who is going through cancer treatment.
- Carol B., sister-in-law of Mark P., as she undergoes treatment for cancer.
- Mary Train, recovering from her second knee surgery.
- Mike, friend of Rob and Shannon Castle, in treatment for cancer.
- Pastor Sarah's sister-in-law, Tina, diagnosed with skin 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.

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TO GIVE

TO ST. PAULS

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.

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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 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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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.