

November 8, 2020  
Virtual Worship

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

#### THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"If God is love, he is by definition something more than kindness."

C.S. Lewis

#### PRELUDE

*The Peace May Be Exchanged*  
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

D. Locklair

#### CHIMES

#### CANDLE LIGHTING

Annika and Oscar Hull

#### INTROIT

*Come Down, O Love Divine*  
Chancel Choir

Ralph Vaughan Williams

#### WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Benny VanDerburgh

One: Be still, and know that God is.

**All: God was, also, in the beginning.**

One: And when all human striving has ceased, God will still be.

**All: Let us praise God together!**

## HYMN

*How Firm a Foundation*  
Led by Doug Heyboer



1. How\_ firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4. "The\_ soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,



Is\_\_\_ laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
 For\_\_\_ I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.  
 The\_\_\_ riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
 I\_\_\_ will not, I will not de - sert to his foes,



What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 For I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,



To\_\_\_ you who for re - fuge to Je - sus have fled?  
 Up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 And\_\_\_ sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 I'll\_\_\_ nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Sarah Garcia

**Gracious God,  
 Forgive us when we keep Christ in the past,  
 view the gospel as words on a page,  
 see the church as a club,  
 and stifle your love.  
 Make your risen son live here with us.  
 Make the gospel sing in our ears.  
 And let Saint Pauls be *your* church,  
 so that your love might run freely through it.  
 Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

Diane Biegert

### *Genesis 22:1-19*

And it happened after these things that God tested Abraham. And He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." And He said, "Take, pray, your son, your only one, whom you love, Isaac, and go forth to the land of Moriah and offer him up as a burnt offering on one of the mountains which I shall show to you." And Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey and took his two young servants with him, and Isaac his son, and he split wood for the offering, and rose and went to the place that God had said to him. On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from afar. And Abraham said to his young servants, "Sit you here with the donkey and let me and the lad walk ahead and let us worship and return to you." And Abraham took the wood for the offering and put it on Isaac his son and he took in his hand the fire and the cleaver, and the two of them went together. And Isaac said to Abraham his father, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." And he said, "Here is the fire and the wood but where is the sheep for the offering?" And Abraham said, "God will see to the sheep for the offering, my son." And the two of them went together. And they came to the place that God had said to him, and Abraham built there an altar and laid out the wood and bound Isaac his son and placed him on the altar on top of the wood. And Abraham reached out his hand and took the cleaver to slaughter his son. And the Lord's messenger called out to him from the heavens and said, "Abraham! Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." And he said, "Do not reach out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him, for now I know that you fear God and you have not held back your son, your only one, from me." And Abraham raised his eyes and saw and, look, a ram was caught in the thicket by its horns, and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up as burnt offering instead of his son.

And the Lord's messenger called out to Abraham once again from the heavens, and He said, "By My Own Self I swear, declares the Lord, that because you have done this thing and have not held back your son, your only one, I will greatly bless you and will greatly multiply your seed, as the stars in the heavens and as the sand on the shore of the sea, and your seed shall take hold of its enemies' gate. And all the nations of the earth will be blessed through your seed because you have listened to my voice." And Abraham returned to his young servants, and they rose and went together to Beersheba, and Abraham dwelled in Beersheba.

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 "out of control" Matt Fitzgerald

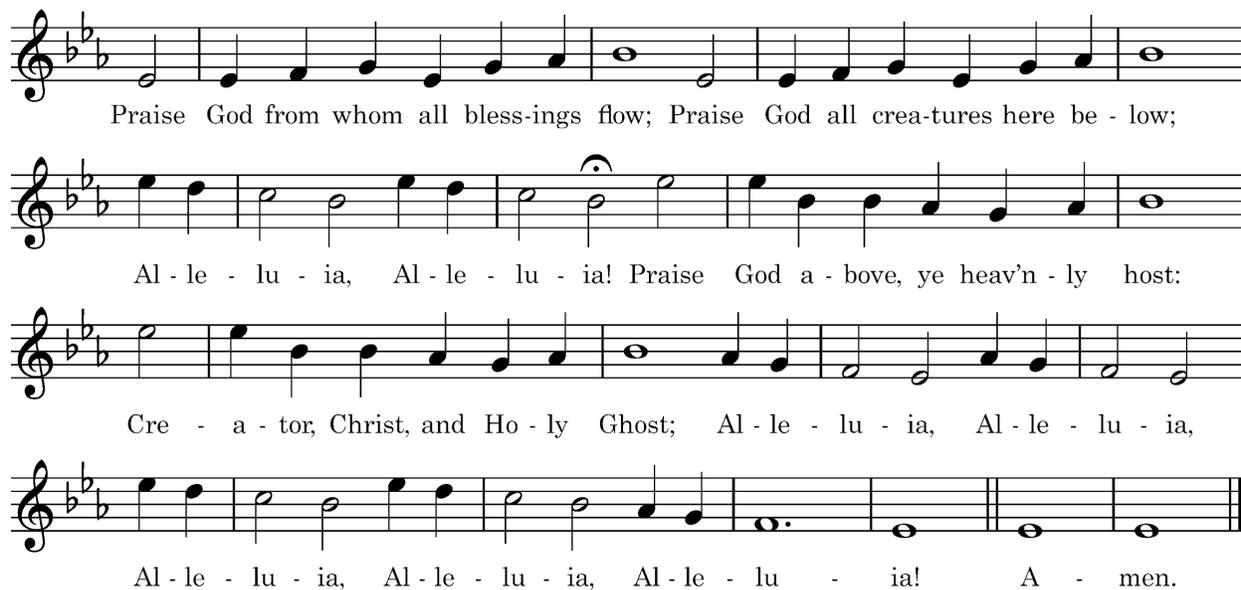
MEDITATION *Aria* Herbert Howells  
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

OFFERING INVITATION Michael Sanders

OFFERTORY Canticle II: *Abraham and Isaac* Op. 51 Benjamin Britten  
Theresa Brancaccio Hansen, mezzo-soprano;  
Kurt R. Hansen, tenor; and Karina Kontorovitch, piano

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## FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



Musical notation for the Festival Doxology, consisting of four staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Jeff Carlson

## 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

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Led by Jennifer Kew and Ashley Saluga



1. My\_ shep - herd will sup - ply my\_ need; Je - ho - vah  
 2. When I walk through the shades of\_ death Thy pres - ence  
 3. The sure pro - vi - sions of my\_ God At - tend me



is his name: In\_ pas - tures fresh he makes me\_ feed, Be -  
 is my stay; One word of\_ thy sup - port - ing\_ breath Drives  
 all my days; O\_ may thy\_ house be my a - bode, And



-side the liv - ing stream. He brings my\_ wan - dering spir - it\_  
 all my fears a - way. Thy hand, in\_ sight of all my\_  
 all my work be praise. There would I\_ find a set - tled



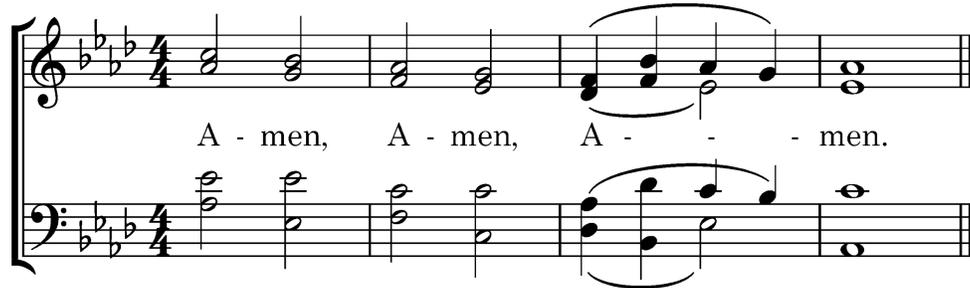
back, When I for - sake his ways; And\_ leads me,\_  
 foes, Doth still my\_ ta - ble spread; My\_ cup with  
 rest, While oth - ers\_ go and come; No\_ more a\_



for his mer - cy's\_ sake, In\_ paths of truth and grace.  
 bless - ings o - ver - flows, Thine oil a - noints my head.  
 stran - ger, nor a\_ guest, But\_ like a child at home.

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE



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

POSTLUDE

*Concerto In D Minor—V*  
Kevin Dzierzawski. organ

Bach/Vivaldi

*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 on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Central,*

*on Saint Pauls website, [spucc.org/streaming](http://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 6278**, Password: **2335***

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

**TODAYS OFFERTORY** - Benjamin Britten wrote four canticles. Liturgically, a canticle is defined as a chant or song based on either a biblical text or text directly from the Bible. Britten used the form a bit more loosely. Like the form of a Bach cantata, some are sacred and others are secular. The text for this canticle is from the 15<sup>th</sup> Century *Chester Miracle Play* and uses a very Christian dramatization of the story of Abraham and Isaac found in Genesis Chapter 22. There are open references to the Trinity and Jesus, which obviously post-date the Genesis story. The story is particularly appropriate for the portion of The Lord's Prayer, "thy will be done." This biblical passage has great importance in both the Jewish and Christian calendars. This story, which is called the *akeidah* (sacrifice) in Hebrew, is read each year on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, the final day of the High Holy Days. In the Christian liturgy, it is the Hebrew Bible lesson for Palm Sunday, along with the passion story from the Gospel according to John. Britten's setting focuses as much or more on the tender relationship between father and son, than it does on Abraham's obedience to God. It is particularly touching to note the tender music that is given to Isaac to show acceptance of God's will.

## **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 NOVEMBER**

*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.*

Nov 8 John DeCoster, Nicole Connolly

Nov 9 Catherine Demery, Jae Renfrow, Jareth Renfrow, Kathryn McMillan,  
Kristy Tavas

Nov 10 Daniel Pechnyo, Joel Chaiken

Nov 11 Andrew Keller, Oliver Schneir

Nov 12 Eileen Felson, Robert Manrique

Nov 13 Kevin Finkle, Michael Jaji, Terry Hansen

Nov 14 Amy Jaji, Jenna Beeson, Pauline Taylor

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **SAVE THE DATE: 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL POLAR PEACE MARCH, JANUARY 17**

Join us in honoring the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with Peace Sunday Worship, followed by a Virtual Polar Peace March to benefit UCAN. Before the event, do your own mini-march in your neighborhood and invite others to sponsor your walk for UCAN. Take a video of you, your friends and family walking for peace and we'll include it in the program. This year's theme: Five Simple Steps for Justice: (1) Create a Fundraising Page (2) Pick up your Polar Peace March yard sign, face mask and shirt; (3) Put your PPM yard sign in your yard or window (4) Take photos or videos of yourself marching in your neighborhood (5) Watch yourself on the webcast of the virtual Polar Peace March. Visit **POLARPEACEMARCH.ORG** for details and to support UCAN's work in reducing violence in Chicago. If you'd like to post a video of your mini-march, please contact Rebecca Sandoval at [Rebecca.Brown@ucanchicago.org](mailto:Rebecca.Brown@ucanchicago.org), or Pauline Taylor at [paulinetaylor933@gmail.com](mailto:paulinetaylor933@gmail.com).

### **NEW NUMBERS FOR DIAL-IN WORSHIP**

There is a new meeting number and password for dial-in worship listeners. Dial **(312) 626-6799** at 10 a.m. Central on Sundays and use Meeting ID: **856 9946 6278**, Password: **2335**. This information will also be permanently available at the end of the worship portion of the bulletin, and in the Opportunities section of the Friday Email. Please contact Karaçan with any questions at [kara@spucc.org](mailto:kara@spucc.org).

### **BEGINNING A NEW BEGINNING**

Our fall sermon series is rooted in the book of *Genesis*. While we wait for the pandemic to end, God is already at work, beginning a new beginning. God is beginning a new beginning for Saint Pauls, for Chicago, for our families, and our own lives. This series will help attune us to this fact, so that we can feel God's creative power at work right now. We will look through the lens of some of scripture's best stories, asking questions like: What happened before history? How is God at work in times of chaos? Why do our families hurt and heal us? Why is love between siblings so complex? Are faith and morality the same thing? When is it good to laugh at God?

**NOMINATE A SAINT PAULS HERO!** – Have you been following our St. Pauls Covid-19 Heroes posts on the Saint Pauls Together Facebook group? Scroll through to take a look, or join the group if you want to see these Heroes! We have some pretty amazing folks among us, working very hard. With the Covid crisis far from over, we're honoring those among us who continue to make valuable contributions on the front lines of the pandemic with posts on Saint Pauls Together. If there is a doctor, nurse, teacher, food provider, or other hard working "hero" you'd like to nominate, simply complete the form at the link below to provide us information and a photo. Or, you can email Wendy Love at [wlovecommunications@gmail.com](mailto:wlovecommunications@gmail.com).

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfqcowCY\\_-rUePhWbmg9QiliNq9oagykLZXGn3Hd6\\_1Mya8Vg/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfqcowCY_-rUePhWbmg9QiliNq9oagykLZXGn3Hd6_1Mya8Vg/viewform?usp=pp_url)

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM (CEP)** – CEP meals at St. Pauls continue in an outdoor format! Volunteers are needed **December 13, December 20, and December 27** to provide individually packed lunches with beverages. St. Pauls welcomes homeless and hungry people to enjoy a meal and get access to hygiene services as part of the Community Engagement Program (CEP). Volunteers have the option to drop off 30 lunches at 1 p.m. on Sundays in the St. Pauls courtyard or stay onsite to serve guests in person. Each Sunday's meal can be provided by a single household or split with another volunteer. To sign up or get more information, contact Jennifer Kew at [CEPsupper@gmail.com](mailto:CEPsupper@gmail.com).

**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: **November 11, 18, 25, and December 2, 9, 16, and 23**. Please contact Sally Fletcher to sign up at [sfletcher1443@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://lpcschicago.org) to get involved, or contact volunteer coordinator Jameela Chaudhry at [volunteer@lpcschicago.org](mailto:volunteer@lpcschicago.org).

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**NOV 11 – WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Stories of Women in the Gospel of John** – 12 p.m., Zoom

Pastor Jeff is holding a Bible Study on Wednesdays at noon on Zoom. From now until Advent, we will be looking at stories from the Gospel of John that feature women as characters. You can participate online, or call in from your phone. Email Jeff with questions or to get the meeting invitation and instructions, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

**NOV 11 & 18 - CARING FOR THE PLANET:2020 - 6-7 p.m., Zoom**

Each Sunday, we affirm that God calls us to "care for creation." We took a look at the climate change data as related to our proclamation in a 2018 Lenten Series. This November, we're updating that data for 2020. This Zoom series is led by Joe Womack, MBA, JD, and a trained leader of the Climate Reality Project, with Pastor Jeff offering theological reflections.

**Nov. 11:** The health consequences, politics and costs of the climate crisis.

**Nov. 18:** The good news of what is being done world-wide to address the climate change crisis, and what we can do to help.

RSVP for the Zoom link to Jeff at [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

**NOV 12 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL VIRTUAL COOKING - THANKSGIVING BOOT CAMP - 6:30-8 p.m., Zoom**

Join St. Pauls Social and Chef Molly McGrath as we get ready for Thanksgiving Day! We will focus on tips and tricks to make this year your lowest-stress, most delicious Thanksgiving ever. Together we will make super fluffy mashed potatoes, delicious from-scratch gravy, and cranberry orange sauce - turkey is optional for this round. Full ingredient list and recipes will be provided before the call so everyone can cook along, or just join in to watch. RSVP to: [molly@lightworkkitchens.com](mailto:molly@lightworkkitchens.com)

**NOV 15 - BECOMING AN ANTI-RACIST - 5:30-6:30 p.m., Church Parking Lot**

Open to children grades 1st-6th. Do you want your children to develop an understanding of racism and work to uproot racism and inequality in our society and in ourselves? Every other Sunday, we will look to see more clearly its painful consequences, and start to learn tools for how we can work to oppose racism and help build a just and equitable church and society. Led by Pastor Sarah and Children's Program Coordinator Karaçan Sayrun-Thomas. All children must wear masks. Register here: <https://forms.gle/Szdpzi95mWsQ4a4U9>.

**NOV 24 - WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP - 7:30 p.m., Zoom**

We are starting a new book, *Be the Bridge - Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation*, by Latasha Morrison. We will discuss the first half of the book at our October meeting, and the second half at our November meeting. Contact Corie Gallemore for more information and the Zoom link, [corie.gallemore@gmail.com](mailto:corie.gallemore@gmail.com).

**DEC 3 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL VIRTUAL WINE TASTING - 7-8:30 p.m., Zoom**

Join St. Pauls Social and Dan Berghoff, a certified sommelier and winemaker, as we hone our tasting skills and expand our appreciation for wine, all while having a good time! Pick up your "mystery" wines from church on December 2 from 5-6 p.m. A voluntary donation to the church of \$15 is suggested. RSVP no later than November 30 to: Jeff Carlson at [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

## OPPORTUNITIES

**CHILDREN'S SUPPORT AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS** – Are you busy working and don't have enough time to help your kids with school work? Do your kids whiz through their work and then end up bored and lonely? We will be offering Zoom support groups led by our licensed school psychologist, and Zoom Afterschool Clubs led by our Children's Program Coordinator. If you are interested, email Pastor Sarah [sgarcia@spucc.org](mailto:sgarcia@spucc.org).

**COFFEE HOUR** - Coffee hour is right after Sunday Worship, and now on Zoom – see the note after the Postlude for details. Join one of our pastors and other members and friends for this weekly hour of fellowship!

**CONNECTORS** reach out providing networking and support for members and friends of St. Pauls. Membership is open to all who have the time and the inclination to help. Contact Marcia Volk at [marcia@volkonline.com](mailto:marcia@volkonline.com).

**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](http://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](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** – Community Engagement Program (CEP) Suppers at St. Pauls welcome homeless and hungry people to enjoy a meal and get access to health services each week. Volunteers drop off 30 lunches at 1 p.m. on Sundays in the St. Pauls courtyard. Each Sunday's meal can be provided by a single household or split with another volunteer. See the “Announcements” blurb for Sundays to sign up, or get more information by contacting Jennifer Kew at 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 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, particularly dinners. Both onsite and offsite volunteer opportunities available! For more information on how to get involved, visit their website at [lpcschicago.org](http://lpcschicago.org) or contact volunteer coordinator Jameela Chaudhry at [volunteer@lpcschicago.org](mailto:volunteer@lpcschicago.org).

**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” 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](mailto: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](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, 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.*

- Family of Dan Cole at his unexpected passing.
- Michael VanZeyl's Aunt Betty, hospitalized, and Laura VanZeyl's parents, Lionel and Donna, coping with isolation.
- Jenny Benefield, for her upcoming shoulder surgery and recovery.
- Molly Dierks, in the hospital.
- Larry Simpson, dealing with a cancer diagnosis.
- Erick, an Army friend of Bruce Voice.
- Bruce Voice, recovering from surgery.
- A mother and her two children going through a very difficult time.
- Kristin Mack and family at the death of her granny, Charlotte.
- Peter Doerr at the death of his father, Alan.
- A couple in Michigan, friends of Barb Arsenault, who both have had significant medical issues happen at the same time.
- Nial, husband of Gloria Joseph, for his improved health as he deals with a serious illness.
- Emilia, Juanita Barlow's sister, having a knee replacement.
- 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!*

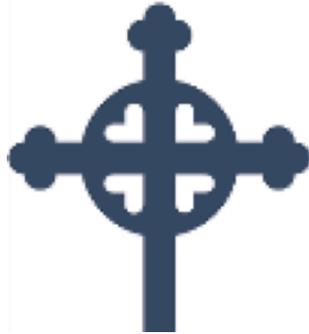
Saint Pauls UCC has a vibrant history in the city of Chicago. Founded in 1843, we are one of the city's oldest churches. In 1989, we became one of America's first congregations to declare ourselves "Open and Affirming" of LGBTQ women and men.

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.