

September 19, 2021

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

***Children are asked to go to Sunday School before worship begins.***  
*Bibles for use during worship are available at each entrance to the Sanctuary.*  
*Assisted listening devices and Bluetooth hearing aid guides are in the Narthex.*  
***Please silence cell phones.***

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| PRELUDE | Trio Sonata No. 2 in C Minor, BWV 526—Largo<br>Kevin Dzierzawski, organ | J. S. Bach      |
| INTROIT | All Things Bright and Beautiful<br>Chancel Choir                        | English Melody  |
| WELCOME |   | Matt Fitzgerald |

\* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

\* CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 100*

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**All: Let us worship with gladness;  
And come before God's presence with a song.**

One: For you, O God, have made us, and we belong to you.

**All: We are your people and the sheep of your pasture.**

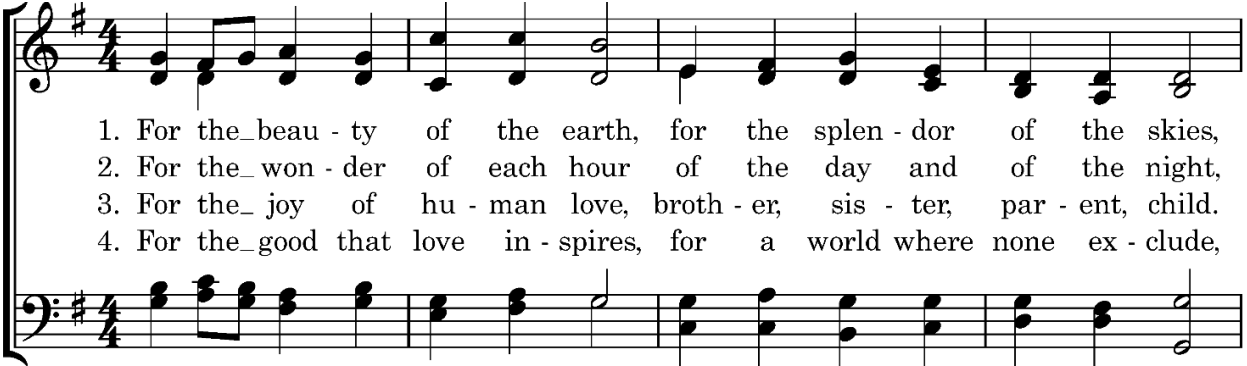
One: Let us enter this sanctuary with thanksgiving and praise.

**All: For God is good, whose mercy is everlasting,  
And whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

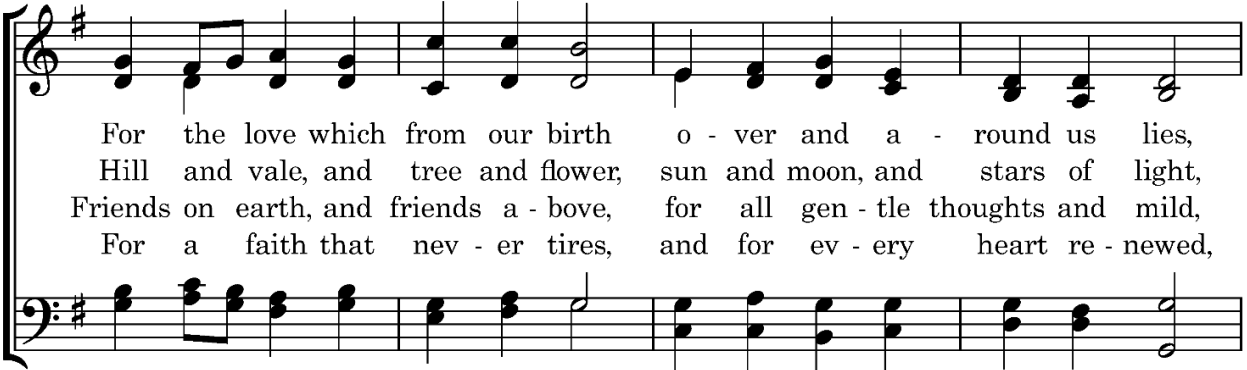
\* *Please stand if you are able to do so.*

\* HYMN

*For the Beauty of the Earth*



1. For the\_beau - ty of the earth, for the splen - dor of the skies,  
2. For the\_won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3. For the\_joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child.  
4. For the\_good that love in - spires, for a world where none ex - clude,



For the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
Friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,  
For a faith that nev - er tires, and for ev - ery heart re - newed,



God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeff Carlson

**Beautiful God, Creator of wonders, we confess that we take our lives, your world, and all of your good gifts for granted.**

**We live as if we were self-made men and women,  
when all that we are and have comes from you.**

**We are preoccupied with our own interests and desires,  
so that we do not love you with our whole heart,  
or our neighbors as ourselves.**

**God of all mercy, be gracious to us.**

**Open our eyes to see and to be transformed by the wonders of your love.**

**We pray in Jesus' name.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

*Spirit of the Living God*

vs. 1

1. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;  
2. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on us;

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.  
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on us.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.\_\_\_\_  
Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us.\_\_\_\_

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.  
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on us.

SCRIPTURE

Jana O'Brien

*Mark 9:30-37*

Jesus and his disciples were passing through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

\* 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

*Spirit of the Living God*  
See previous response

vs. 2

SERMON

“Playing with God”

Jeff Carlson

\* HYMN

*Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?*

1. & 6. Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me  
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are  
3. I will hold the Christ - light for you in the  
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you  
5. When we sing to God in heav - en we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may  
trav - elers on the road; We are here to  
shad - ow of your fear; I will hold my  
laugh, I'll laugh with you. I will share your  
find such har - mo - ny, Born of all we've

have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.  
help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.  
hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

OFFERTORY

*Avinu Malkeynu*  
Nancy Pifer, soprano  
Chancel Choir

Max Janowski

Our Father, our King, hear our prayer.  
Our Father, our King, we have sinned before Thee.  
Our Father, our King, have mercy upon us and upon our children.  
Our Father, our King, keep far from our country pestilence,  
war and famine.  
Our Father, our King, cause all hate and oppression to  
vanish from the earth.  
Our Father, our King, inscribe us for blessing in the  
book of life.  
Our Father, our King, grant unto us a year of happiness.  
*from the High Holy Days liturgy*

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Or through Zelle to [giving@spucc.org](mailto:giving@spucc.org).*



\* 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.

## 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

*O God, Beyond All Praising*

1. O\_\_ God be - yond all prais - ing, We wor - ship you to - day  
 2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, Ac - cept the love we bring,  
 3. The flower of earth - ly splen - dor, In time must sure - ly die,



And sing the love a - maz - ing That songs can - not re - pay;  
 That we who know your fa - vor May serve you as our king;  
 Its\_\_ fra - gile bloom sur - ren - der To you, the Lord most high;



For\_\_ we can on - ly won - der At\_\_ ev - 'ry gift you send,  
 And\_\_ wheth - er our to - mor - rows Be\_\_ filled with good or ill,  
 But\_\_ hid - den from all na - ture The e - ter - nal seed is sown





At\_ bless - ings with - out num - ber And mer - cies with - out end:  
We'll tri - umph through our sor - rows And rise to bless you still:  
Though small in mor - tal sta - ture, To heav - ens gar - den grown;



We\_ lift our hearts be - fore\_ you And wait up - on your word,  
To\_ mar - vel at your beau - ty And glo - ry in your ways,  
For\_ Christ, your son, from hea - ven From death has set us free



We\_ hon - or and a - dore you, Our great and might - y Lord.  
And make a joy - ful du - ty Our sac - ri - fice of praise.  
And through him you have giv - en The fi - nal vic - to - ry!

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

*From the Top of My Head*  
St. Arbucks Quartet

Roy Hargrove

*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 outside in the Courtyard, weather permitting.*

## TODAY'S MUSIC

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750) had the ability and genius to turn even musical exercises into incredible art. Prime examples would include both books of the *Well-Tempered Clavier* and the source of this morning's **Prelude**. Bach composed six trio sonatas for the organ. We heard a Largo from the *5th Trio Sonata* two weeks ago. "Trio" means that there is one voice each for the right hand, left hand and pedal. That must be easy, right? Hardly! Every organist knows that these seemingly "simple" pieces are a supreme test of an organist's technical skill; oh, and they are beautiful too.

The tune, ROYAL OAK, adapted for the text, ***All Things Bright and Beautiful***, is an English folk song, probably from the 17th century. It is a part of a long tradition of the church adapting secular songs for sacred or liturgical purposes – in this case a patriotic song extolling King Charles II. The text is by Cecil Frances Alexander (1818 - 1895). She began composing poetry and hymn texts in childhood. As the wife of the Anglican prelate of Ireland, she devoted herself to service of the poor and sick.

The text for ***For The Beauty of the Earth*** was written by Folliott S. Pierpont (1835 - 1917). In the spring of 1863, Pierpont sat on a hill above his home of Bath, England, and this text flowed from his gratitude for the wonders of nature. The tune DIX was composed by German composer Konrad Kocher (1786 - 1872). He was trained as a teacher and eventually founded the School for Sacred Song in Stuttgart.

***Spirit of the Living God*** was written in 1926 by Daniel Iverson (1890 - 1977)) and gets its tune name, IVERSON, from the author/composer. Mr. Iverson was inspired to compose this hymn after hearing a sermon on the Holy Spirit at an evangelism crusade.

***Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant***, tune title THE SERVANT SONG, is a relatively new hymn composed in 1977 by Richard Gillard (b. 1953). Gillard was born in England, but moved to New Zealand when he was only 3 years old. He is a self-trained musician.

***Avinu malkeynu*** is one of Max Janowski's (1912 - 1991) most performed works and is a prayer made on Rosh Hashanah for another year of blessing. Max Janowski was Cantor and Director of Music at KAM-Isaiah Israel Congregation in Chicago for 50 years. Kurt and Terry Hansen sang with him for his last 17 years. Mr. Janowski was truly one of the "great lights" of Jewish music of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. This anthem was composed on the kitchen table of the Rabbi of KAM in 1967, Jacob Weinstein.

***O God Beyond All Praising*** is by Gustav Holst (1874–1934). The tune is called THAXTED, which is the main theme of the Jupiter movement from Holst's *The Planets*. It is truly a majestic hymn. Thaxted is the village where Holst grew up. It was Ralph Vaughan Williams that adapted "Thaxted" as a hymn. The author of our text is Michael A. Perry (1942–1996). He began studies as a physicist and changed to theology.

***From the Top of My Head*** was composed by Roy Hargrove (1969 - 2018), an American jazz trumpet player, a two time Grammy winner, who played primarily in what is called a “hard bop” style. He led the group RH Factor which combined jazz, funk, hip-hop, soul, and gospel. The lyrics are by Gerald Levert (1966 - 2006).

### **ALTAR CLOTHS AND PARAMENTS**

Our altar cloths and paraments change colors when the seasons of the church year shift and were made by members of Saint Pauls.

Purple is for the seasons of Advent and Lent, made by Deborah Rose.

White is for the seasons of Christmas and Easter, made by Lynn Dykstra Davis.

Red is for special Sundays and symbolizes the Holy Spirit (Pentecost, Reformation Sunday, Ordinations), made by Deborah Rose.

Green is for ordinary time, made by Deborah Rose.

### **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Head Usher:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** David Baker, Mary Brown, Brian Hafner

**Head Greeter:** Greg Mooney

**Gatekeeper:** Dodd Brown

**Camera Operators:** Brian Hafner, Bob Ball

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

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Texas/Indiana marriage of Jana O'Brien and Wayne Parman, as well as the sun-filled blended blessing of our four children. We also salute Joe JaQuay and Jeff Carlson on their anniversary this week.

## **BORN THIS WEEK IN SEPTEMBER**

*We 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.*

Sept 19 Chuck Kent

Sept 20 Steve Peterson, Cody Connolly, Ethan Ashley-Ferguson

Sept 21 Grace Stauskas, Julian Jarzebowski, Lindy McGuire

Sept 22 Brooke Roark, Nathan Bultemeier, Phillip Elkins, Annika Hull,  
Charlie Rodriguez, Jonah Charlton

Sept 23 Beatrice Jaji, Cosette Millard, Stefan Millard, Lenore Ettinger, Seth Davis,  
Sally Kinnamon

Sept 24 Donna Braden, Jennifer Saltarelli, Reannon Fanai Danesh, Robert Castle,  
Johnny Busker

Sept 25 Matt Fitzgerald, Christie Crouch, Christine Schmidt, Kim Chamberlain, Kay  
Wilde, Nicole Chaiken, Sarah Quinton, Tess Scrivner

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School is here! If you plan to have your child participate in Sunday School this year, we ask that you please register them. Scan the QR code or get the link on the website. This is not a weekly registration. This is a one-time registration to let us know that you intend to have your child participate so we can prepare the correct staffing and activities. Sunday school is open to children 2 years old up to high school. The Nursery is open for children under 2 years old.



### **WE'RE SPONSORING A REFUGEE FAMILY!**

We hope to be ready to co-sponsor a refugee family with Refugee One within three months or less. As we've done in the past, co-sponsorship will involve financial assistance; furnishing an apartment with all the essentials; stocking the pantry; meeting the family when they arrive; mentoring and accompanying the family after they arrive. There are many ways to get involved. If you're interested in being a part of this project, please contact Pastor Jeff for updates. We're getting started soon!  
jcarlson@spucc.org.

## CREATION CORNER

Individual action is worthwhile as groups multiply the message.

- Share green tips with your family, friends, and coworkers
- Forward them to someone you care about
- Talk about what you and your church are doing
- Join non-profit organizations
- Browse the internet for groups that have boots on the ground
- Donate so groups can succeed in caring for God's planet and people
- Advocate for new laws at local, state and federal levels that shift us to renewable energy sources

## HELP FOR HAITI

Church World Service and the United Church of Christ are both collecting funds for immediate relief and longer-term recovery for thousands of Haitians reeling from the one-two punch of the deadly destructive 7.2 earthquake August 14 in western Haiti followed by Tropical Storm Grace. If you'd like to contribute, you may do so at: [cwsglobal.org/donate/haiti-2021](http://cwsglobal.org/donate/haiti-2021) or, [ucc.org/ucc-haiti-appeal](http://ucc.org/ucc-haiti-appeal)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### **SEPT 19 - CONFIRMATION MEETING** - After worship, Sanctuary

Following worship we will have an information session for parents and students starting the Confirmation program this year. Usually Confirmation would be for 7th graders and it still is, but if you have an older student who missed Confirmation because of the pandemic (or any other reason), they are welcome to join now.

### **SEPT 20 - DISCUSSION: *THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO*** - 7 p.m.

*The Count of Monte Cristo* is next up in this year's Long, Classic Novel Reading Group. Alexandre Dumas' epic tale of suffering and retribution, inspired by a real-life case of wrongful imprisonment, was a huge popular success when it was first serialized in the 1840s. We'll be reading it over six months, with the first of two discussions on September 20 at 7 p.m. RSVP: Pastor Jeff, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

### **SEPT 21 - UCAN HEALING GARDEN DEDICATION & RECEPTION** - 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., UCAN

You're invited to the dedication of UCAN's healing garden, Petria's Place, located on their North Lawndale campus. Join in for prayer, music, refreshments, and tours of UCAN's campus. RSVP at [www.ucangarden.org](http://www.ucangarden.org). For questions, please contact Rebecca Sandoval at [rebecca.sandoval@ucanchicago.org](mailto:rebecca.sandoval@ucanchicago.org).

**SEPT 22 - 1 CORINTHIANS 11 - 12-12:45 p.m., Zoom**

St. Paul's famous words about love were written to a local church only about 7 years old. They were new Christians struggling to build a community around the good news of Jesus. For Paul, Christian faith can only be lived in community and in this letter he addresses the questions and struggles of a group of early Christians that remain surprisingly similar to our own. 1 Corinthians is a timely book to read as we reenter our in-person life together. Meets weekly on Zoom. RSVP: Pastor Jeff, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

**SEPT 26 - VACCINE CLINIC - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Parlor**

Pharmacist Aisha from Walgreens on Clark Street will be providing flu, pneumonia, shingles, and COVID-19 (Pfizer and Moderna) vaccines. Please fill out the anonymous interest form linked below to help us let her know how many vaccines to thaw and bring. COVID-19 vaccines are free, and, as in the past, there may be a charge for the other vaccines depending on your insurance. Please bring your Medicare or insurance card. You can pay by check or cash.

<https://forms.gle/p1Cpvbko8xC8Vg5F9>

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – Providing flowers for the altar is an excellent way of celebrating a special event in your life: an anniversary, a birthday, a holiday, or just because you like flowers! Sign up at [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/874446](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/874446).

**CHURCH CENTER** – [spucc.churchcenter.com](https://spucc.churchcenter.com) is our new portal for the Saint Pauls community. See our calendar, register for events, update your contact information, join and view our photo directory, manage your online donations, see your giving history, and more!

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM (CEP)** – We are seeking **CEP Laundry volunteers on Saturday mornings**. One volunteer is needed each week to greet street-based guests and launder their clothes on site at St. Pauls from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you have any interest in **cooking in-person** meals for homeless neighbors in the coming months, please contact Jennifer Kew at [CEPsupper@gmail.com](mailto:CEPsupper@gmail.com). If you are not interested in in-person activities, we continue to have opportunities to drop off meals for LPCS.

**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 SIGN-UP** – Are you new to St. Pauls and want to get more connected? You can go to [spucc.org](http://spucc.org) to fill out our virtual fellowship card to begin receiving our weekly email and special congregational emails, introduce yourself and request more information about our programs!

**FAITH & 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.

**GIFTS, PASSIONS, SKILLS** – If you have not already completed our GPS Survey, please go to [forms.gle/jK54YezLs8Ea27uW8](http://forms.gle/jK54YezLs8Ea27uW8) to fill it out. This is an important component of our overall member engagement initiative. If you prefer to complete a paper document, please contact the office, [info@spucc.org](mailto:info@spucc.org). Thank you in advance for your participation.

**GREEN TEAM** – Help us as a congregation live out what we say in our Statement of Faith: God calls us to care for creation. The Green Team welcomes your input, participation and ideas. Joe Womack and Jan Fraccaro are co-chairs. If interested or to offer suggestions, email Jan at [jan.fraccaro@gmail.com](mailto:jan.fraccaro@gmail.com).

**LITTLE LIGHTS** is a St. Pauls early childhood program with classes for 2, 3, and 4-year-olds. We are now accepting applications for 2021. Check out [www.littlelightslp.org](http://www.littlelightslp.org). Email Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at [littlelights@spucc.org](mailto:littlelights@spucc.org).

**MEALS FOR LPCS** – Lincoln Park Community Services is a St. Pauls founded organization that provides comprehensive social services to our neighbors experiencing homelessness. LPCS is looking for volunteers to provide meals during this time. Please contact Sally Fletcher to sign up at [sfletcher1443@gmail.com](mailto:sfletcher1443@gmail.com), or (312) 848-5400. Needed are 35 lunches, including three vegetarian, at the 600 W. Fullerton location.

**OUTREACH & BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE** – Do you have a passion for reaching out to others? The St. Pauls O&B Committee would love you to join us in keeping our church engaged in community outreach. For more information, contact Jennifer Kew, [JenniferLKew@gmail.com](mailto:JenniferLKew@gmail.com), or Pastor Jeff, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

**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](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.

**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!

**SARAH’S SIBS** are back and gather every Wednesday morning to make and distribute 40 bag lunches to our homeless neighbors. You are most welcome to come to the church kitchen at 9:30 a.m. and lend a hand.

### **SCRIPTURE READER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed for the 10 a.m. in-person worship service each week to read the scripture passage of the day. Learn more and sign up at: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/686988](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/686988).

**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)).

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** – 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](mailto: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](mailto:youngadults@spucc.org).

**ZOOM MEETINGS** – The St. Pauls Zoom account is available to start or continue groups. Email Claire Higgins at [chiggins@spucc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.*

- Cheryl and Bill Kennedy at the death of their beloved brother-in-law.
- Diane Massie's nephew, deployed to Kuwait.
- Kelli Fitzgerald and family at the death of her mother, Delcie.
- Friends and family of Marilyn Parsons at her death.
- For Stacie B., sister of Mark P., as she deals with a setback in her health.
- Family and friends of Carole Knuti at her passing.
- Bruce and Betty Voice are now living with her son Raymond. Cards are welcome at 2763 Peach Orchard Road, Anderson, MO 64831.
- Carrie Bruggers at the death of her mother, Phyllis.
- Ken Traverse and his family at the death of his younger brother, Ray Traverse, from a brain tumor.
- Karaçan Thomas' grandmother in the hospital.
- Joe JaQuay at the death of his mother, Noor.
- Sue Finkle's friend Sue Edmunds' family and friends after her passing.
- Yvette, friend of Jenny Benefield, struggling greatly with severe chronic depression.
- The many who have not received the COVID-19 vaccine, to get it before it's too late. May we all find our role in helping this happen.
- The family and friends of the Mora family, and other victims of the Surfside Condo collapse.
- Janice, cousin of Darlene Braun, asking for prayers.
- Angi Miller's friend, Rachelle, fighting cancer.
- Friends of the Ashley family who are in times of crisis - Walt and Heidi, Sven and Bitten.
- Al Cerkan, recovering from major back surgery.
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.

### **Prayer, Support, Mental Health Resources**

Even when you walk through the valley of shadows, God is with you. If you or someone you love is feeling completely alone or like life doesn't matter, reach out for help. Help is available for every kind of issue. Contact one of the pastors today for support, referrals, and information that can help you and your loved ones.

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 people.

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 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.