

Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 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.

PRELUDE *Evening Prayer* Engelbert Humperdinck
from "Hänsel und Gretel" arr. Henry Charles Smith
St. Pauls Brass

CHIMES

INTROIT *Comfort, Comfort O My People*
Chancel Choir

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE - The Candle of Love

WELCOME Matt Fitzgerald

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The four candles of Advent shine - with Hope! Peace! Joy! Love!

All: Christ is about to be born!

One: Let Christ be born again in us, with Hope! Peace! Joy! Love!

All: A child shall be born unto us!

One: Because God loves the world so much.

All: Let every heart make room. Christ is coming soon!

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

* HYMN

One Candle Is Lit



1. Come sure - ly, Lord Je - sus, as dawn fol - lows night,
2. Come quick - ly, sha - lom, teach us how to pre - pare
3. Come, fes - tive - ly sing while a - wait - ing the birth,
4. Come, wan - der where li - on and lamb gent - ly play,



our hearts long to greet you, as ros - es, the light.
for a gift that com - pels us with jus - tice to care.
join an - gels in danc - ing from heav - en to earth.
where e - vil is ban - ished and faith takes the day,



Sal - va - tion, draw near us, our vi - sion en - gage.
Our spir - its are rest - less till sin and war cease.
Wave ban - ners of good news, lift high thank - ful praise.
a babe in a man - ger to fool the world's eyes.



One can - dle is lit for the hope of the age.
One can - dle is lit for the reign of God's peace.
One can - dle is lit for the joy of these days.
One can - dle is lit for God's lov - ing sur - prise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeff Carlson

**God of wonder and of love,
If our hearts have become blurred with cynicism,
so that we no longer feel the depths of joy.
Or if we hear the Christmas story and hand it over to children,
because we've forgotten how to wonder, forgive us.
If we have so exhausted our bodies and souls,
that we have little room left for the gift that you are bringing,
refresh us.
Open our hearts to receive the wonder of your love. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

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!

SCRIPTURE

Carrie Bruggers

Luke 1:39-55

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

* 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)

ANTHEM

Ave Maria

J.S. Bach

(Sung in Latin)

adapted by Charles Gounod

Kecia Waldschmidt and Jennifer Kew, sopranos

Kevin Dzierzawski, piano

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen.
from Luke 1: 40-42 and the Liber Usualis

* HYMN

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Solo Es, ist ein' Ros ent - sprun - gen aus ein - er Wur - zel
 1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem has
 2. I - sa - iah had fore - told it, the Rose I have in

zart, wie uns die Al - ten sun - gen: von Jes - se kam die
 sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as saints of old have
 mind, With Mar - y we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Moth - er

Art und hat ein Blüm - lein bracht mit - ten im kal - ten
 sung. It came a flower - et bright, a - mid the cold of
 kind. To show God's love a - right she bore to us a

Win - ter wohl zu der hal - ben Nacht.
 win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.

OFFERTORY

Ave Maria

Franz Biebl

(Sung in Latin)

Lee Lichamer, Nathan Streeter, and Todd Coe, cantors

Chancel Choir

St. Pauls Brass

Chant: The Angel of the Lord announced to Mary
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Choir: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Chant: Behold the handmaiden of the Lord
Do to me according to your word.

Choir: Hail Mary, full of grace....

Chant: And the Word was made flesh
And dwelt among us.

Choir: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death..

Amen.

from Luke 1: 40 - 42 and the Liber Usualis

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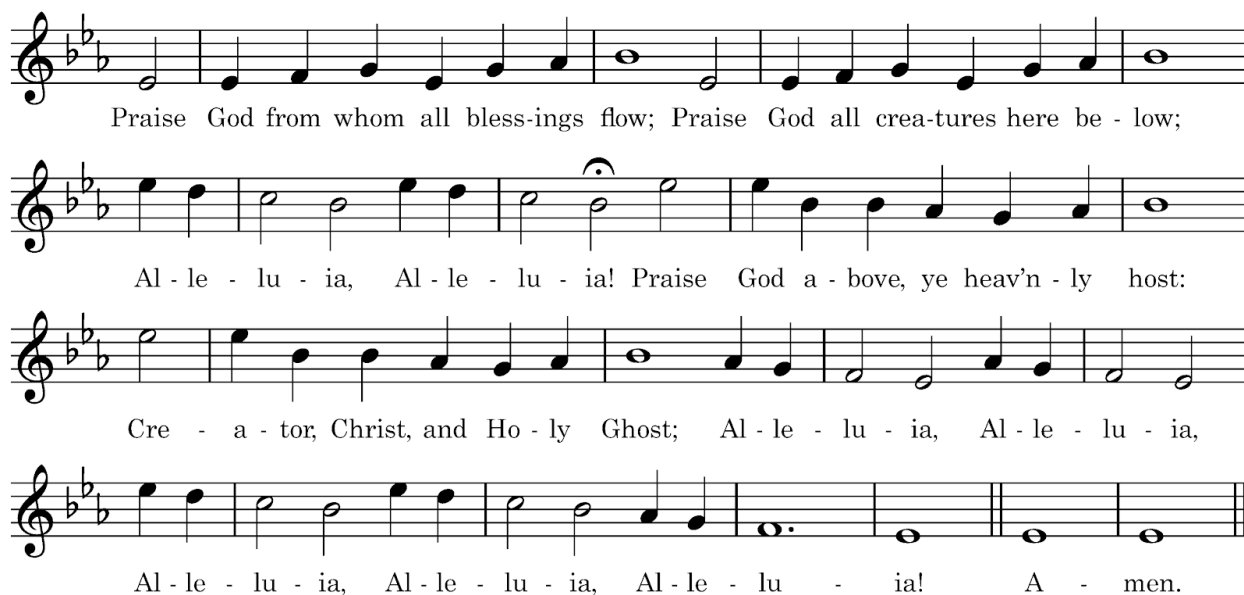
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* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

On Christmas Night, All Christians Sing



1. On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing, to hear the news the
2. Then why should we on earth be sad, since our Re - deem - er
3. From out of mys - tery came the Light, which made the an - gels



an - gels bring; On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing, to hear the
made us glad; Then why should we on earth be sad, since our Re -
sing this night; From out of mys - tery came the Light, which made the



news the an - gels bring— News of great joy, — news of — great
- deem - er made us glad, When from our sin — Christ set — us
an - gels sing this night: “Glo - ry to God — and peace to



mirth, news of our gra - cious Rul - er's birth. —
free, all for to gain our lib - er - ty. —
all, for - ev - er - more, Al - le - lu - ia!” —

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - - - ra - el!

POSTLUDE

Christmas Is Coming
St. Arbucks Quartet

Vince Guaraldi

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 a Social Hour time of fellowship in the gym. At this time, we will not be serving coffee so everyone remains masked while indoors.

ADVENT WREATH

Each week during Advent we light another candle in our Advent wreath to anticipate the coming of Christ, the light of the world. These candles symbolize the gifts of hope, love, joy and peace that Christ's coming brings. Today, the Candle of Love is lit by Juanita Barlow.

TODAY'S MUSIC

The *Evening Prayer* is from the opera *Hänsel und Gretel* by Engelbert Humperdinck (1854-1921). This version for brass is sung in the opera as a duet by Hansel and Gretel as the forest darkens at night. The words are similar to the familiar English child's prayer, "Now I lay me down to sleep...". Humperdinck was deeply influenced by the music of Richard Wagner. And yes, the British popular singer Engelbert Humperdinck, originally Arnold Dorsey, took the German composer's name in 1965.

The original German text for *Comfort, Comfort O My People* was written in 1671 by Johann Olearius (1611-1684). He was born into a family of Lutheran theologians and became a Lutheran pastor. The translation was by Katherine Winkworth (1828-1878).

She translated many famous German hymns. She was born in England but moved with her mother to Dresden in 1845. The tune, GENEVA 42, also known as the first line of the hymn, FREU DICH SEHR, takes its name from the *Genevan Psalter of 1551* and also Psalm 42 upon which the text is based.

One Candle Is Lit is a contemporary text composed in 1988 by Mary Anne Parrott (b. 1943). CRADLE SONG is heard in England as the tune for *Away in a Manger*. It was composed in 1895 by American composer William Kirkpatrick (1838-1921), who was a carpenter by trade, but left that profession to pursue music. He composed nearly 100 religious song collections.

The poetry for *What Child Is This?* was written by W. Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). He composed many hymn texts, but unlike most hymnodists, Dix was a businessman, not clergy. GREENSLEEVES is an English ballad of unknown origin from the 16th century.

Today, we are treated to two settings of *Ave Maria*. The accompaniment for the Anthem setting of the *Ave Maria* is the *Prelude No. 1 in C Major, BWV 846* by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) and is the opening prelude of his *Well-Tempered Clavier, Book One*. In 1853, Charles Gounod (1818-1893) published a vocal obligato, like a descant, over the Bach prelude that is largely faithful to Bach's original. It is without question the best known work of Gounod. The Offertory setting of the *Ave Maria*, composed in 1964, made Franz Biebl (1806-2001) almost a household name. Biebl was a German composer who was drafted into service in 1943. He was captured in 1944 and was interred in Battle Creek, Michigan until 1948. He returned to Germany and became a choral director in Fürstenburgfeld. This setting was introduced to American audiences by the Cornell University Glee Club. St. Pauls member Jim Brandt is a proud alumnus of Cornell. The text for the *Ave Maria* is well known by those of the Catholic faith. The prayer, known to Catholics as the *Hail Mary*, was created as part of the Rosary and is based on two verses in the Gospel of Luke and expanded as found in the *Liber Usualis*, which lists the proper prayers, chants, and liturgy in Latin for all services.

Theodore Baker (1851-1934) translated the original German into the English we love, *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*. He was born in New York City and emigrated to Germany, where he spent the rest of his life. His famously created *Baker's Biographical Dictionary of Musicians* was first published in 1900. *ES IST EIN' ROS* was first published in 1599 in the Cöln Gesangbuch.

The text for *On Christmas Night, All Christians Sing* was written by Luke Wadding (1628-1691). He was the Roman Catholic bishop of Ferns. The tune, *SUSSEX CAROL*, is a folk melody arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1871-1958). He was the most prominent of the post-Victorian English composers. He composed nine symphonies and music of all genres.

Christmas Is Coming was composed by Vince Guaraldi (1928-1976) and is a musical theme of the made-for-TV movie, *A Charlie Brown Christmas* (1965), which also includes his jazz instrumental standard *Linus and Lucy*. He also created music for other animated features and won a Grammy in 1963 for Best Original Jazz Composition for *Cast Your Fate to the Wind*.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson, Benny VanDerburgh

Music Director: Kurt R. Hansen

Organist: Kevin Dzierzawski

Scripture Reader: Carrie Bruggers

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

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

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Ushers: Mary Brown, Fred Pearson

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Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

Streaming Service Team: Jim Alrutz, Marie Ankenman, Bob Ball, Jose Cruz, Brian Hafner, Chuck Kent

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

WE WELCOME ST. PAULS BRASS again this morning: Tom Madeja and Sean Prislinger, trumpets; Nancy Pifer, tenor horn; Rick Peterson, French horn; Mark Swanson, Lorne Frank, trombones; and Chris Bettler, tuba.

BORN THIS WEEK IN DECEMBER

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.

Dec 19 Warren Bettler, Steven Reid

Dec 20 Kirsten Simonton, Lydia Miller

Dec 21 Sara Nagy

Dec 22 Lexi Patton

Dec 23 Jim Alrutz, John Cochran, Kristy Combs, Megan Behnke, Sally Etz,
Heather Cerkan, Valerie Schimp

Dec 25 Kevin Tavas

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT ST. PAULS

- SUN, DEC 19 4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT, LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF LOVE
10 a.m. Worship, St. Pauls Brass, Sanctuary
- TUE, DEC 21 TUESDAY EVENING ADVENT PRAYER
8 p.m. Join members, friends, and a pastor for a time of prayer
RSVP here for the Zoom link:
spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1093556
- FRI, DEC 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
5 p.m. Family Service, Sanctuary
9 p.m. Candlelight Service, Sanctuary
Christmas story, carols, candles, and choir
- SUN, DEC 26 WORSHIP - 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- SUN, JAN 16 POLAR PEACE MARCH
10 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. March to support UCAN's work for non-violence, and honor
the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

END OF YEAR DONATION TAX INFORMATION

Thank you to everyone who has supported Saint Pauls with your pledges and donations in 2021! If you have donations you would like to count towards your 2021 taxes, make sure they are postmarked or listed on your bank/credit card statement by December 31, 2021. See more information in the Friday Newsletter, or email questions to our bookkeeper Melissa Miller Furgeson, bookkeeper@spucc.org.

REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE: EXCITING NEWS!

RefugeeOne is ready for us to host a family shortly after the new year. We don't have a date yet and probably won't until about a week before they arrive. However, the last step before we can accept a family is training our mentoring team, which will take place on January 5. At that point, we'll be ready to receive a family. Also, RefugeeOne has confirmed the family will be coming from Afghanistan. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Pellegrino at jjmarkp@yahoo.com. Thank you!

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

Each year in the U.S., 25-30 million real Christmas trees are sold. For every tree harvested, one to three seedlings are planted. There are 4,000+ local tree recycling programs in the U.S. During the first few weeks in January, you can drop off your tree at various Chicago parks for recycling. The Christmas trees currently growing on 350,000 acres of green space are taking in carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen, helping to clean our air and slow climate change. Artificial trees last many years, but once unusable, they go into landfills where they never biodegrade! So please use and recycle a real tree.

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

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY will resume in January.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Don't miss our Advent & Christmas Calendar!

JAN 16 - POLAR PEACE MARCH - Following 10 a.m. Worship

After the service, join our friends and neighbors as we honor the message of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and show the city how all of our streets are connected. Help UCAN achieve its mission of violence prevention and treatment for traumatized youth in our communities. Register at: polarpeacemarch.org.

OPPORTUNITIES

ALTAR FLOWERS – Providing flowers for the altar is an excellent way to celebrate 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/1078968

CHURCH CENTER – 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.

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

EMAIL SIGN-UP – Are you new to St. Pauls and want to get more connected? You can go to 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!

EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM & CARDS – The Emergency Contact Form developed by the Connectors has been updated. You may follow this link for additional information and to consider whether this form could be useful for you: spucc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/178271.

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 for information about meetings.

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.

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

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, or Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org.

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!

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 here:

spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1079008

SPARC (St. Pauls Anti-Racism Cluster) invites you to join the journey toward racial justice through educational opportunities, resources, and actions as we seek to live our faith in an age of injustice. For more information contact Cindy Ball at cindyzinn11@gmail.com

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).

SUNDAY SCHOOL – If you plan to have your child participate in Sunday School this year, we ask that you please register them. 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, spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/985445

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 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.

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.

- Nina Whitsel, diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia.
- Pastor Jamie Frazier, whose mother, Irene, has died.
- Joe JaQuay, being treated for an infection in his leg.
- Marty, sister of Jan Bail, who is now in hospice care.
- Cameron and his family, family friends of Juanita Barlow, managing his brain damage after an accident.
- Rejoicing the birth of Ruth Lydia Bryant to parents Hannah and Caleb Bryant.
- Ken Travers and family at the loss of his younger brother, Leroy.
- Mikey Olawski, nephew of Terry Hansen, with undiagnosed medical issues.
- Dean, friend of Nathan Streeter, at the loss of his 18-month-old son, and his mother and grandmother in the last six months.
- Sister-in-law of Nathan Streeter, with complications from a breakthrough of Covid.
- Bob Kuba as he is challenged by some significant health issues.
- Peter Doerr's mother, Annette, recovering from injuries from a car accident.
- Mary Frances Winking's parents facing health and quality of life obstacles.
- Michelle Rodriguez, on the death of her aunt.
- Friends and family of Steve Stack at his death. For service details, see stevestack.org.
- Wes Salsbury and Marcia Knudson as Wes continues to develop strength after a months-long hospitalization and rehab stay occasioned by a fall.
- 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 178 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.