

SAINT PAULS UCC
making a joyful sound in the city

December 26, 2021

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

There is no Sunday School this week. Children are invited to stay in worship.

The Nursery is open for children ages 0 to 2.

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.

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"And in a time like this / how celebrate his birth / when all things fall apart?

Ah! Wonderful it is/ with no room on the earth / the stable is our heart."

Madeleine L'Engle

PRELUDE

Rejoice!
St. Arbucks Quartet

Richard Smallwood

CHIMES

INTROIT

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come
Kurt R. Hansen, tenor

Geistliche Lieder

WELCOME

Jeff Carlson

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O God, you are always with us.

All: **And always on your way toward us.**

One: Come to us in unlikely guise; a child born in a stable.

All: **Come to us in frost and expectation.**

One: Come to us in relief and celebration.

All: **Come to us in silence and trumpet sound
and angels' joyful proclamation! Amen.**

* Please stand if you are able to do so

* HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice



1. Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
2. Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
3. Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



now give heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now you know of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now you need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



Ox and ass be - fore him bow, a - sleep with - in the
God has o - pened heav - en's door, and you are blessed for -
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er -



man - ger now. Christ is born to - day, Christ is born to - day!
- ev - er - more. Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!
- last - ing hall. Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Matt Fitzgerald

**O God, what can we possibly give to you at Christmas?
There is so much tension in our lives.
So much resentment in our hearts.
So many confused thoughts in our minds.
So much that separates us from each other.
So much that runs directly against Christ's birth!**

**Yet all of this is precisely what you want to receive from us
and take away at Christmas -
all of our mistakes, regret, fear and suspicion,
in order to give us Jesus in return.
We thank you for the wonder of this gift.
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* RESPONSE

Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -
- ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in
your ten - der care, and fit us for heav - en to live with you there.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:41-52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

* 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

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

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

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, when half spent was the night.
Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.

SERMON

"Mary's Basement"

Matt Fitzgerald

* HYMN

Once in Royal David's City

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a
2. He came down to earth from heav - en, who is
3. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his

low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
God and Lord of all, And his shel - ter was a
own re - deem - ing love; And that child so dear and

ba - by, in a man - ger for his bed: Mar - y
sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; With the
gen - tle is our Lord in heav - en a - bove; And he

was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
poor and mean and low - ly, lived on earth this Sav - ior low - ly.
leads his chil - dren on to the place where he has gone.

OFFERTORY

The Work of Christmas

Kurt R. Hansen, tenor; and Kevin Dzierzawski, piano

Dan Forrest

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music from the heart.

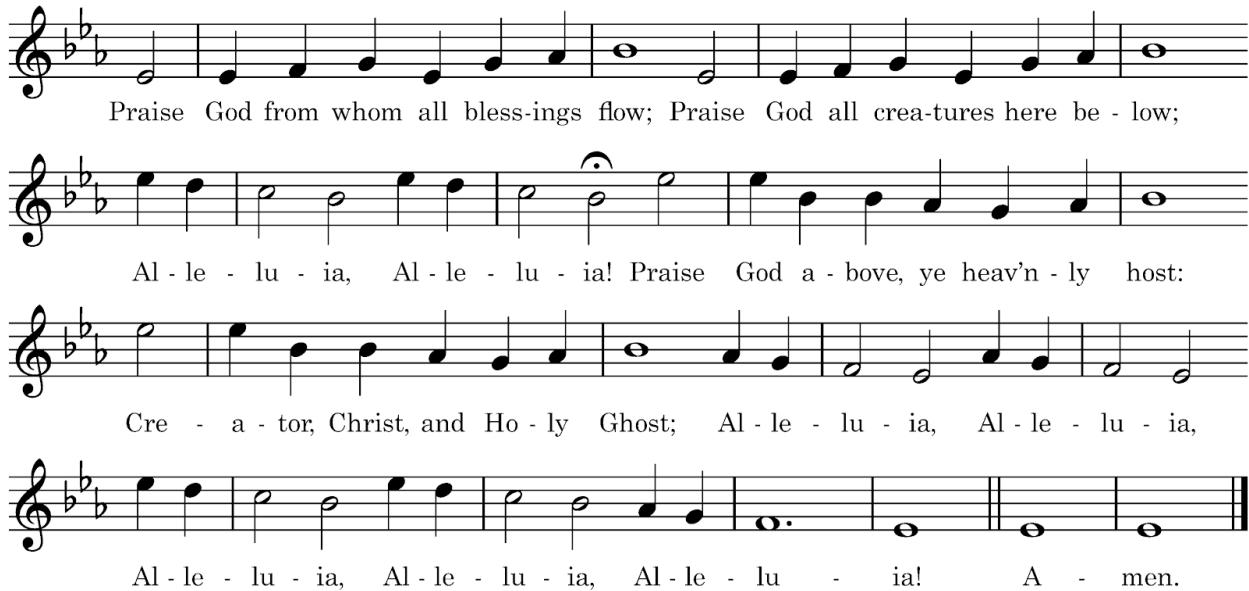
When the song of the angels is stilled, . . .

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At spucc.churchcenter.com/giving,
Or through Zelle to giving@spucc.org.*



* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The melody is simple, featuring mostly quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics are integrated directly below each staff.

Praise God from whom all blessings 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

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

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen



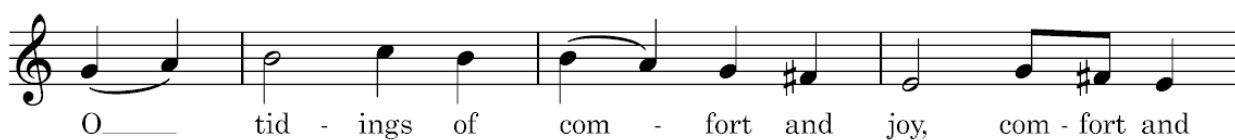
1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let noth - ing you dis - may,
2. In Beth - le - hem, in Jew - - ry, This bless - ed Babe was born.
3. And when they came to Beth - le - hem Where our dear Sa - viour lay,
4. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, All you with - in this place,



Re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vi - our Was born on Christ - mas Day;
And laid with - in a man - - ger Up - on this bless - ed morn;
They found Him in a man - - ger, Where ox - en feed on hay;
And with true love and broth - er - hood Each oth - er now em - brace;



To save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r When we were gone a - stray.
The which His Moth - er Ma - - ry, Did noth - ing take in scorn.
His Moth - er Ma - - ry kneel - ing down, Un - to the Lord did pray.
This ho - ly tide of Christ - mas All oth - er doth de - face.



O____ tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and



joy, O____ tid - ings of com - fort and joy.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Gloria in excelsis Deo!*
(refrain from *Angels We Have Heard on High*)

The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time (indicated by a '4' at the beginning of each staff) and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The top staff is for the treble clef (G-clef) voice, the middle staff is for the bass clef (F-clef) voice, and the bottom staff is for the bass clef (F-clef) bassoon or cello part. The music features a recurring melodic line with eighth-note patterns and sustained notes. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The first section of lyrics is 'Glo - ri - a' followed by a repeat sign. The second section starts with 'in ex - cel - sis De - o,' followed by 'Glo - ri - a' again. The third section concludes with 'in ex - cel - sis De - o.'

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune on the Sussex Carol
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

arr. David Lasky

*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.*

TODAY'S MUSIC

Rejoice! - Richard Smallwood (b. 1948) is one of the top composers and performers of Gospel music. His group, The Richard Smallwood Singers, has toured the world. He is a graduate of Howard University, which also counts Vice President Kamala Harris and so many other luminaries as alumni. He was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall Of Fame in 2006.

The Introit, **From Heaven Above Unto Earth I Come**, is one of the most recognised German Christmas hymns. The original music and text are both by Martin Luther (1483-1546), the founder of the Lutheran Church and the cause of the Reformation. The hymn had 15 stanzas (!), and Luther used it as a “game hymn” about the birth of Christ. The tune, VOM HIMMEL HOCH, takes its name from the first line of text in German.

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice is a translation of the original Latin by John Mason Neale (1818-1886). He was born into an evangelical home, became an Anglican clergy, but had real sympathies for Catholicism. IN DULCI JUBILO, which means “in sweet rejoicing,” is an early undated folk dance.

The original text for **Away in a Manger** was written by Martin Luther (1483-1546) for his own children. The familiar English text for the first stanza is unattributed. The tune, MUELLER, was composed by American James R. Murray (1841-1905). He was a friend of another great 19th century American hymnodist, William Bradbury. He also fought in the Civil War.

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 immigrated 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.

Once in Royal David's City became popularized as the traditional opening carol of the “Festival of Lessons and Carols” broadcast each year from King’s College Chapel at Cambridge in England. The text was composed in 1848, not long after the founding of our St. Pauls, by Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), the wife of the bishop of Ireland. She wrote many hymn texts specifically for children. The tune, IRBY, was composed in 1849 by Henry J. Gauntlett (1805-1876). Gauntlett became the organist at his father’s church, and after beginning a career in law, gave it up to become a full-time church musician. He even held patents on organ mechanical parts.

The Work of Christmas was composed in 2014 by Dan Forrest (b. 1978), who is a prolific composer and arranger of Christian music. He is on the faculty at Wheaton College. Howard Washington Thurman (1899-1981) was a prominent Black American author, theologian and civil rights leader. As a prominent pastor, he played a leading role in many social justice movements in the 20th century.

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen is an English carol from the 18th century with an unattributed text and source for the tune. The tune, GOD REST YOU, obviously takes its name from the first words of the first stanza.

Angels We Have Heard on High is originally an 18th century French noël (carol) freely translated by James Chadwick (1813-1882), an Irish Catholic priest. GLORIA is from the text of the joyfully cascading Latin refrain, which we sing as a Benediction Response after Christmas and during Epiphany.

The **Trumpet Tune on the Sussex Carol** was arranged by David Lasky (b. 1957). He earned both a Bachelor of Music degree and a Master of Music degree in Organ Performance from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. He is an active organist and composer with many published works. The SUSSEX CAROL is more often known to us with the text *On Christmas Night All Christians Sing*. The carol is a traditional melody made into a hymn by the famous 20th century British composer Ralph Vaughan Williams (1871-1958).

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Matt Fitzgerald

Music Director: Kurt R. Hansen

Organist: Kevin Dzierzawski

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

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Mary Brown, Fred Pearson

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

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

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

BORN THIS WEEK IN DECEMBER & JANUARY

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 26 Sarah Zelonis, Susan Holt
- Dec 27 Debbie Ballard, Bryce McMillen, Quincy McMillen
- Dec 28 Devlin Jozwiak, Max Fenstermacher
- Dec 29 Jennifer Kohler, Mary Beth Canfield
- Dec 30 Sally Fletcher, Aniston Hartanov, Deirdre McGrath
- Dec 31 Jessica Parman, Justin Hartanov, Claire Nitzsche, Gemma Kate Womack
- Jan 1 Addie Kohler, Dante Williams, Nathan Chamberlain

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2022

We are planning a youth mission trip with Appalachia Service Project June 17-24 for youth going into ninth grade and up. ASP teams do home repair, making homes warmer, safer and dryer. It's a great experience, and St. Pauls youth and adults have served with ASP for many years. If a youth in your family is interested, please contact Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org.

REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE

As the year draws towards its end, I'd like to take a moment to thank the RefugeeOne team here at St. Pauls for their outpouring of support for our soon-to-arrive family. More than 80 folks have signed on to help in some way. Their dedication and support exemplify one of St. Pauls' mantras: "No matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here." On behalf of the team: have happy, safe, and blessed holidays! If you have any questions, please contact Mark Pellegrino, jjmarkp@yahoo.com.

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

If you don't have a dishwasher, try these tips for hand-washing to reduce waste. If you have two sinks, plug them and place hot water with detergent in one and plain water for rinse in the other. If you do not have two sinks, use some other type of container. Another option is to try using a little water to get sponge soapy/wet and then turn water off until you're ready to rinse multiple dishes. The overall goal is to avoid letting water run.

Also, check out this resource on finding a tree recycling program near you:
recyclebycity.com/chicago/brief/christmas-tree-recycling.

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.

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, listed on your bank/credit card statement, or dropped off at the church by December 31, 2021. See more information in the Friday newsletter, or email questions to our bookkeeper Melissa Miller Furgeson, bookkeeper@spucc.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JAN 5 - BIBLE STUDY - 12 p.m., Zoom

All are welcome! RSVP to Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org.

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.

JAN 17 - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR, FAITH IN ACTION ASSEMBLY - 10 a.m. or 7 p.m., On-line

Community Renewal Society responds to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s call to put our faith in action by hosting an annual assembly on the holiday commemorating his life and work. This year's assembly will be held virtually and will be streamed at 10 a.m. CT and again at 7 p.m. CT. You can find out more and register here:

<https://tinyurl.com/46s8teke>

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 Luerssen at jenluerssen@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.

- An 18-year old friend of Lisa Doerr in critical condition from a burst aneurysm.
- Chris, Rem and Sabrina Cabrera-Schram at the death of son and brother, Gabriel.
- 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 and Cheryl Kuba as they are 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 Cerkar, 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.