



February 27, 2022

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. Masks are required.***

#### THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

*I would like to share with you two simple truths: there is nothing that cannot be forgiven, and there is no one undeserving of forgiveness. When you can see and understand that we are all bound to one another – whether by birth, by circumstance, or simply by our shared humanity – then you will know this to be true.*

Desmond & Mpho Tutu

#### PRELUDE

*Balm in Gilead*  
St. Arbucks Quartet

arr. Brendan Henry

#### INTROIT

*Spirit of the Living God*  
Chancel Choir

#### CHIMES

#### WELCOME

Matt Firtzgerald

#### \* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 103)

One: Bless God, every soul,  
From head to toe, bless God's holy name!

**All: Bless God, and don't forget a single blessing!**

One: God forgives our sins - every one!  
God saves us from the deepest pit.

**All: God is sheer mercy and grace;  
not easily angered, but rich in love.**

One: As far as sunrise is from sunset,  
God has separated us from our sins.

**All: Bless God, every soul,  
From head to toe, bless God's holy name!**

\* HYMN

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

1. Love di - vine, — all loves ex - cel - ing, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down,  
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing spir - it, In - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;  
 3. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er; Let us all thy life — re - ceive;  
 4. Fin - ish, then, — thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less let — us be;

Fix in us — thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All thy faith - ful mer - cies crown;  
 Let us all — in thee in - her - it, Let us find thy prom - ised rest;  
 Sud - den - ly — re - turn and nev - er, Nev - er more thy tem - ples leave.  
 Let us see — thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion; Pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;  
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - meg - ga be;  
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve thee as — thy hosts a - bove,  
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in heav'n we take our place,

Vis - it us — with thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 End of faith, as its — be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 Pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in — thy pre - cious love.  
 Till we cast — our crowns be - fore — thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeff Carlson

**Most merciful God,**  
**we confess that we have sinned against you**  
**in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done,**  
**and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**  
**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**  
**have mercy on us and forgive us;**  
**that we may delight in your will,**  
**and walk in your ways,**  
**to the glory of your Name. Amen**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

v. 1

*Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad To make the wound - ed whole,

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged And think my work's in vain,  
 2. If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, If you can - not pray like Paul,

But\_ then the Ho - ly Spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain.  
 you can tell the love of Je - sus, And say, "He died for all!"

## SCRIPTURE

Molly McGrath

*Luke 7:36-50*

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment.

Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner."

Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you."

"Teacher," he replied, "speak."

"A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?"

Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt."

And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little."

Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

\* 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

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

v. 2

See previous hymn

SERMON

"Do you see this woman?"

Jeff Carlson

\* HYMN

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;  
2. Teach us, O God, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life  
3. Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved  
4. God, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,

teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.  
we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.  
in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;  
who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for righ - teous - ness and bread,

Be pres - ent, God, a - mong us, and bring us to be - lieve  
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,  
 To prac - tice your ac - cep - tance, un - til we know by heart  
 Bring us new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on;

we are our - selves ac - cept - ed and meant to love and live.  
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.  
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
 re - new us with your Spir - it; God! Free us, make us one!

OFFERTORY

*I Can Tell the World About This*  
 Chancel Choir

Black Spiritual  
 arr. Moses Hogan

I can tell the world, yes, about this,  
 I can tell the nations, yes, that I'm blessed,  
 Tell 'em what my Lord has done,  
 Tell 'em the conqueror has come,  
 And he brought joy to my soul

My Lord done just what he said,  
 Yes he did,  
 He healed the sick and raised the dead  
 Yes he did,  
 He lifted me when I was down,  
 Yes he did,  
 He placed my feet on solid ground.

That mornin', Hallelujah!  
 O Lord, he brought joy in the mornin',  
 When he saved me, when he blessed me  
 I'll tell it, how he brought this joy to my soul.

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*At [spucc.churchcenter.com/giving](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/giving),*

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



**\* 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**

**Matt Fitzgerald**

**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 of Grace and God of Glory*



1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
2. From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the  
3. Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4. Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that  
5. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;  
Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—  
your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,  
they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,  
we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.  
in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.  
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o, Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - - o.

POSTLUDE

*Venite!*

John Leavitt

Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

*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

***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.

The text for ***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*** was written by Charles Wesley (1707-1788). His brother, John, was the founder of the Methodist faith. The words are set to the famous Welsh tune, HYFRYDOL composed by Rowan Hugh Prichard (1811-1887) when he was only 19. We also sing this tune to the text *Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*. This text is one of the few that is the source of a "hymn battle" over which tune to sing. The other well-known tune for this text is BEECHER.

***There Is a Balm in Gilead*** is a Black Spiritual. In the Hebrew Bible, Gilead was the name of the mountainous region east of the Jordan River. This region was known for having skillful physicians and an ointment made from the gum of a tree particular to that area. Many believed that this balm had miraculous powers to heal the body. In the book of Jeremiah, God tells the people of Israel that though many believe in the mysterious healing power of this balm, they can't trust in those powers for spiritual healing or as a relief of their oppression. This great spiritual is also the inspiration for our Prelude and arranged by our own Brendan Henry.

***Help Us Accept Each Other*** is a text written in 1975 by Fred Kahn (1929-2009). He was born in the Netherlands and survived the Nazi occupation. Many of his hymn texts focus on peace. He became a Congregational minister in England. AURELIA, which means "golden," was composed by Samuel S. Wesley (1810-1876) in 1864 and was originally set to a Wesley text, *Jerusalem, the Golden*. Wesley was English and strove throughout his career to improve church music and the lives of church musicians. We know the tune to the more familiar words *The Church's One Foundation*.

***I Can Tell the World***, a truly uplifting Black spiritual, was arranged in 1998. In his all too brief life, Moses Hogan (1957-2003) continued and amplified the great tradition of spiritual arrangement that includes William Dawson. He recorded a number of compact disks and did solo arrangements for singers like Kathleen Battle. He was commissioned by St. Pauls to write a piece, *I Got a Home in-a Dat Rock*, in honor of Ron McCowan's 25 years of service to this congregation.

***God of Grace and God of Glory*** has, for us, the unusual Welsh tune name CWM RHONNDA. The text we know is by the famous American author and Baptist clergy, Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969). He wrote this text in 1930. The well known tune was composed in 1905 by John Hughes (1873-1932). He had very little formal education and became a deacon and precentor, lay minister positions, in his Baptist church. He wrote this tune for a Welsh Baptist choral festival.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

**Clergy:** Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson

**Music Director:** Kurt R. Hansen

**Organist:** Kevin Dzierzawski

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

**Scripture Reader:** Molly McGrath

**Lay Liturgical Administrator:** Kevin O'Brien

**Head Usher:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** David Baker, Fred Pearson

**Head Greeter:** Greg Mooney

**Gatekeeper:** Dodd Brown

**Camera Operators:** Jim Alrutz, Marie Ankenman, Bob Ball, Jose Cruz, Brian Hafner, Chuck Kent

**Custodian:** Ramiro Gonzalez

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are from Don Curtis and Steve Winters, with love to our St. Pauls family.

## BORN THIS WEEK IN FEBRUARY & MARCH

*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.*

Feb 27 Geneine VanSomeren, Steve Panko, Ted Tetzlaff, Patrick Sensenbrenner,  
Mia Pensinger-Sok

Feb 28 Chris Roark, Cindy Razeghi, Molly Canfield

Mar 1 Denika McMillen, Kent Carter, Tommy Demery

Mar 2 Fred Pearson, Sue Moulton, Chip Moehrke, Mahalia Henry

Mar 3 Brandon Frost, David Schmahl, Lothar Wiebe, Terrill Stumpf, Annie Doerr,  
Matthew Alverdy, Roger Fannin, Matthew Molvar

Mar 4 Martha Sanders, Sue Finkle

Mar 5 Winona Koldyke

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **NEXT SUNDAY - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of St. Pauls after the worship service next Sunday. We will vote on the 2022 budget, new members of the Church Council, and learn about the activities of 2021 and plans going into 2022. It is an important event in the life of St. Pauls. Members have voice and vote; Friends have voice. You can attend the meeting and vote in person or via Zoom Webinar. Please see the meeting page for Zoom info and more details: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1201949](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1201949).

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

One of our seniors who has a disability needs help moving from her small apartment to the one next door due to repairs. She needs help packing from March 26 to the move on April 2. Can you spend a couple of hours helping her? If so, please contact Pat Kirby at (773) 263-1913.

### **ST. PAULS KIDS CHOIRS RETURNING**

After a long hiatus, we welcome back the children of St. Pauls to sing together! We are planning a combined performance of Children's Choir and Paul's People for Sunday, March 20. We will rehearse today and March 13, and then March 20 before the service, at 9:20 a.m. in the Chapel. We will learn a simple song and may be able to feature a couple of solos from older kids who are interested! All of us will sing masked. Please let me know if you have any questions. I really hope to see many of the kids and can't wait to hear their beautiful voices together!!

Kecia Waldschmidt, [keciagerman@hotmail.com](mailto:keciagerman@hotmail.com)

### **PICKLEBALL**

We can take this fun game into the church gym. Register here if you are interested in a regular pickleball game at Saint Pauls, for church members and friends. Think you can beat your pastor? [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1075696](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1075696)

### **CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team**

More convenience = more landfills. Switch from paper napkins and paper towels to washable, reusable cloth ones. For cleaning, reusable cotton towels/cloths are preferable to waste-producing paper products. Think of other ways to switch from paper to cloth or other reusable items. Doing so, you save trees, which are one of God's natural systems for cleaning the planet. You also avoid adding to landfills, which not only contribute to global warming but also to environmental injustice because they degrade the lives of people living near them.

## **JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC**

The theme for 2022 Black History Month is “Black Health and Wellness.” This year, Black History Month is observing how American health care has often underserved the African American community, as well as honor the legacy and contributions of Black scholars and medical practitioners in western medicine. In addition, other (non-western) ways of providing health care across the African diaspora will be explored. Learn about some Black health care pioneers at: [everydayhealth.com/healthy-living/african-american-pioneers-who-changed-health-care](https://everydayhealth.com/healthy-living/african-american-pioneers-who-changed-health-care).

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

### **TODAY - BUDGET REVIEW MEETING - 11 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room, Zoom**

For those who want a more in-depth review of our budget, St. Pauls Treasurer Toby Rogers will present a preview of the 2022 budget following today’s 10 a.m. worship service. You can join in-person or via Zoom. Click here for the meeting link: [spucc.churchcenter.com/calendar/event/98251906](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/calendar/event/98251906).

### **MAR 2 - BIBLE STUDY: THE GOSPEL OF LUKE - 12 p.m., Zoom**

Luke introduces us to Jesus, who brings hope, justice and truth to the world. This Gospel contains some of the most cherished stories, such as the Prodigal Son, Zacchaeus and the Good Samaritan. Meets once a week for about a half hour. All are welcome! RSVP to Pastor Jeff, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

### **MAR 4 - “MARCH FORTH” WITH WINDY CITY WINDS - 7:30 p.m., Gym, Livestream**

Join Windy City Winds for “March Forth,” a musical celebration of resilience throughout the ongoing pandemic. You can attend via livestream on the church website or in person in the gym. Conducting the concert will be the band’s co-founders, Mark Mosley and Sarah Good Mosley. The evening will feature four pieces, two classic marches, *Flight* and *Rolling Thunder*, along with *Summerland* by William Grant Still and Percy Grainger’s masterwork for wind band, *Lincolnshire Posy*. In accordance with the city of Chicago ordinance, audience members will be required to wear masks and show proof of vaccination for entry.

### **MAR 6 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary, Zoom**

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**MAR 12 - CEP MEAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - 10 a.m.-1 p.m., SPUCC Kitchen  
We are seeking 4-6 volunteers to prepare lunch for the Community Engagement Project (CEP) on Saturday, March 12 at 10 a.m. A team leader will plan a meal, assign shopping lists, and volunteers will cook a meal together for 35 in the St. Pauls kitchen, which we will bring to the Lincoln Park Community Services shelter at 600 W. Fullerton to serve at 12:30 p.m. Volunteers for CEP suppers must be fully vaccinated to participate in meal preparation and serving and may not volunteer with COVID-19 symptoms. Volunteers must wear masks at all times while onsite and wear gloves while handling food. Proof of vaccination is required to serve at the 600 W. Fullerton LPCS facility. Can't make it March 12? Sign up for next time, April 2! Sign up here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1201953](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1201953).

**MAR 12 - IN-PERSON MOVIE NIGHT** - 7-9:30 p.m., Parlor  
Join St. Pauls Social and host Matt Fitzgerald for an in-person movie night. We will watch Warner Herzog's ski jumping documentary "Great Ecstasy of the Woodcarver Steiner." It is a short, 45-minute movie. We'll watch it together, discuss and socialize. Popcorn provided! BYOB.  
Register here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1184210](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1184210).

**MAR 26 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL TRIVIA NIGHT** - 7-8:30 p.m., Zoom  
Join us for Trivia Night with St. Pauls Social and host Patricia Calore for fun, fun facts, and fellowship. Random teams will vie for the top spot as we explore the trivial side of TV, movies, and more. Breakout room hosts needed as well as players! RSVP to Patricia to be a virtual host or a player at [pfcalore@yahoo.com](mailto:pfcalore@yahoo.com) by March 24.

## 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](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1078968).

**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 Jen Kew at [CEPsupper@gmail.com](mailto: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](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!

**EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM & CARDS** – You may follow this link for additional information on this form developed by the Connectors: [spucc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/178271](http://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.

**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 2022. Check out [www.littlelightslp.org](http://www.littlelightslp.org). Email Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at [littlelights@spucc.org](mailto: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](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 here:  
[spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1079008](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1079008)

**SPARC (St. Pauls Anti-Racism Cluster)** meets monthly to discern how we as a congregation can answer the call to live our faith in an age of injustice. We invite you to join us in identifying the educational opportunities, resources, and actions to take on our journey toward racial justice. To participate or share your ideas, contact Cindy Ball at [cindyball11@gmail.com](mailto:cindyball11@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](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org)), Marti Pechnyo ([mpechnyo@gmail.com](mailto:mpechnyo@gmail.com)), or Barb Kaiser ([bkaiser2213@gmail.com](mailto:bkaiser2213@gmail.com)).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** – Please register your children for Sunday School. This is a one-time registration for the year so we can prepare the correct staffing and activities, [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/985445](http://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](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).

### **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.*

- Sharon Phillips, undergoing a stem cell treatment for bone marrow cancer following five months of treatment. Prayers for a healthy and successful transplant and recovery.
- Micki Fayhee and her mother, Linda, who has begun cancer treatment.
- Angi Miller's friend, Rachelle, being treated for cancer.
- Tom Henry, recovering from pneumonia.
- Phill, brother of Bob Ball, who has leukemia and has been diagnosed with covid-related pneumonia.
- Marcia Knudson at the death of her husband, Wes Salisbury.
- Sonja Rae, recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- Lorri Gunn Wirsum, diagnosed with covid and at home managing symptoms.
- Encouragement for Al Cerkan as he enters home recovery for a serious spinal cord injury.
- Bob and Cheryl Kuba, as they are challenged by some significant health issues.
- Mary Frances Winking's parents facing health and quality of life obstacles.
- 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.