

Confirmation
Communion Sunday
Pentecost
June 5, 2022

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

Please silence cell phones.

*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.*

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

“There is a deeper strata of truth than the accountant's truth.
There is such a thing as ecstatic truth.”

Werner Herzog

PRELUDE

Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist, BuxWV 208
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

D. Buxtehude

INTROIT

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face
Chancel Choir

WELCOME

Jeff Carlson

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Holy Spirit comes like rushing wind!

All: The Holy Spirit comes like tongues of flame!

One: The Holy Spirit brings visions and dreams!

All: The Holy Spirit is out of control! Amen.

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

* HYMN

This Is the Day



1. This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our
2. This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, Je - sus
3. This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came, when the



God has made; we will re - joice, we will re - joice and be
rose a - gain; we will re - joice, we will re - joice and be
Spir - it came; we will re - joice, we will re - joice and be



glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that our
glad in it, and be glad in it This is the day Je - sus
glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day when the



God has__ made, we will re - joice and be glad in__ it;
rose a - gain, we will re - joice and be glad in__ it;
Spir - it__ came, we will re - joice and be glad in__ it;



This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.
This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain.
This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1–21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

* RESPONSE

Faithful God, You Sent Your Spirit

vv. 1& 2

1. Faith - ful God, you sent your Spir - it long a - go at Pen - te - cost.
2. God of hope, you dai - ly nur - ture those who seek to fol - low you.
3. God of love, may we in wor - ship wel - come our di - ver - si - ty.

You gave life and said to share it, all as one, be - neath your cross.
You're not bound by an - y cul - ture; you love rich and poor ones too.
May we reach in trust and friend - ship to the poor and ref - u - gee.

May we see your won - drous bless - ing when your peo - ple eve - ry - where
In an ev - er chang - ing na - tion, may your church - es wel - come in
May we see Christ in the stran - ger, break - ing bonds of race and fear.

work to - geth - er, all con - fess - ing faith that binds us, faith to share.
eve - ry child of your cre - a - tion, giv - ing hope to all a - agin.
By your spir - it, may we of - fer, glimps - es of your king - dom here.

SERMON

“Fired Up”

Matt Fitzgerald

* RESPONSE

Faithful God, You Sent Your Spirit
See previous hymn

v. 3

THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: Do you believe in God?

Confirmands: *We believe in God who has created and is creating.*

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Confirmands: *We believe that God has come to us in Jesus Christ to reconcile and make us new.*

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Confirmands: *We believe that God works in us and others by the Holy Spirit.*

Congregation: **We trust God. God calls us to be the Church.**

Pastor: Will you promise to support this congregation with your time, talent, and prayers, participating regularly in the worship, fellowship and work of Saint Pauls and contributing to our life in Chicago and beyond?

Confirmands: *We do promise.*

Pastor: With your love, God will love.
 With your hands, God will touch the city.
 With your lives, God will bring justice and compassion to the
 world.

(Sponsors please rise and affirm your support of the confirmands.)

* Sponsors: *Together with you, we will celebrate God's presence, love and serve
 others, care for creation, seek justice and resist evil.*

(Congregation please rise and affirm your support of the confirmands.)

* Congregation: **Confirmands, we promise you our love, our care, and our
 support.
 With you, we will 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!**

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDLES

* THE CONFIRMATION COVENANT

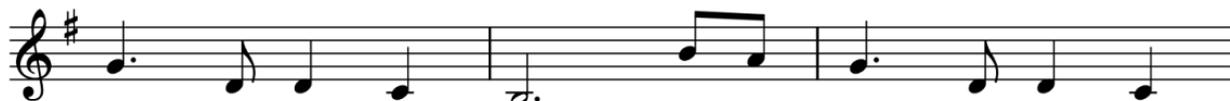
**All: We covenant with God and with one another,
 to walk together in God's ways,
 known or to be made known, whatever it should cost us.
 Amen.**

* HYMN

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry



1. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
2. When you found the won - der of the Word, I was
3. In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too
4. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be



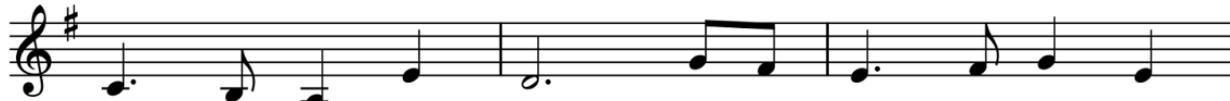
there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the
old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
there when you are old, I re - joiced the day you



were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long.
through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold. *St. 4, end*



I was there when you were but a child, with a
Should you find some - one to share your time and you
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you



faith to suit you well; I'll be there in case you
join our hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have



wan - der off and find where de - mons dwell.
vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

OFFERTORY

Ain't Got Time to Die
Kurt R. Hansen, tenor
Chancel Choir

Hall Johnson

Lord, I keep so busy praisin' my Jesus,
Ain't got time to die.
'Cause when I'm healin' de sick,
"Cause it takes all o' ma time,
all o' ma time.

If I don' praise Him
De rocks gonter cry out.
Glory an' honor,
Ain' got time to die.

Lord, I keep so busy workin for de Kingdom,
Ain' got time to die.
'Cause when I'm feedin' de poor
I'm workin' fer de Kingdom,
Ain' got time to die.
'Cause it takes all o' ma time,
all' o' ma time to praise my Lord.

If I don' praise Him de rocks gonter cry out, . . .

Lord, I keep so busy servin' my Master
Ain' got time to die.
'Cause when I'm givin' my all,
ain' got time to die
'Cause it takes all o' ma time,
all o' my time.
To praise my Lord,

If I don' praise Him de rocks gonter cry out, . . .

Now, won't you git out o' ma way,
Lem-me praise my Jesus?
Git out o' ma way!
If I don' praise Him de rocks gonter cry out, . . .

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Scanning this code with your cell phone camera,

At spucc.churchcenter.com/giving,

Or through Zelle to 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.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, your Spirit comes
like a violent wind.
We nail ourselves
to the floor.
Christ, your Spirit raves
like tongues on fire.
We cover the flames
with a written prayer.
Holy Spirit, you are wild.
We insist on control.
Have mercy on us.
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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.**

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*Christ is the host at this table. All are welcome.
Communion will be served in the pews.
The outer ring of cups is grape juice; the inner rings are wine.
A gluten-free option is wrapped and available on each tray.
Please hold each element until all are served,
so that we may eat and drink together.*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

* HYMN

I Come with Joy



1. I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4. And thus we meet, and bet - ter know the Pres - ence, ev - er
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, in friend - ship we will



free, _____ The life of Je - sus to re - call, in
fed, _____ The new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. _____ The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, _____ And join our hearts and sing with joy that
stay, _____ And go with joy _____ to love the world and



love laid down for me, _____ in love laid down for me. _____
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, _____ in Christ's com - mu - nion bread. _____
strang - ers now _____ are friends, and strang - ers now _____ are friends.
Christ is ris - en here, _____ that Christ is ris - en here. _____
live the way _____ we pray, _____ and live the way _____ we pray. _____

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

Rejoice!
St. Arbucks Quartet

Richard Smallwood

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 in the Social Hall.

CONFIRMANDS

Chloe Lou Combs – Chloe is the daughter of Nate and Christy Combs and has a sister named Ivy. She is finishing school at Helen C. Peirce of International Studies and in the Fall will attend the Senn Arts Theatre Program. Chloe loves to sing and perform, participates in school productions and Chicago Children’s Choir, plays the piano and ukulele, and takes Rock Band and Flats & Sharpe. In the future, she wants to continue to do something in the arts. Her favorite memories at St. Pauls include singing and performing in Bible Story Theater, as well as acolyting on Christmas Eve. Chloe’s sponsor is Kecia Waldschmidt.

Brooke Karen Gentzen – Brooke is the daughter of Shane and Ginna Gentzen and has a younger brother, Jake. She is currently finishing school at Bell School and will be attending DePaul College Prep in the Fall. Brooke participates in a Synchronized Ice Skating team and loves to snow ski in the winter and tube and wake surf in the summer. She loves the sense of community she has found at St. Pauls and her favorite memories are of her participation in Bible Story Theater and Bible Off Broadway.

Eleanor Candace McGuire – Eleanor is the daughter of Lindy and Chris McGuire. She has a younger sister, Brooke. She is finishing school at the Newberry Math and Science Academy and will be attending Lane Tech College Prep in the Fall. She enjoys reading, playing tennis and singing in the Chicago Children’s Choir. She hopes to eventually study medicine and become a pediatric allergist. One of her favorite memories of St. Pauls is helping to serve the pancake breakfast. Eleanor’s sponsor Sonya Brizzolara.

Zack Philip Murray – Zack is the son of Lydia and Tom Murray and has an older brother, Colin, who was also confirmed at St. Pauls. He is currently attending Whitney Young Magnet school and will continue there next year. He enjoys learning Japanese at school, but especially loves to play video games when not in school. Zack is unsure about what he wants to do in the future, but wants to continue to learn and explore the world. His favorite St. Pauls memory is performing in Bible Off Broadway. Zack’s sponsor is Chris McGuire.

Claire Elise Nitzsche – Claire lives with her mother, Linda Nitzsche, and her two brothers, Jake and Kyle, both of whom were confirmed at St. Pauls. She is finishing school at Alcott Elementary School this year and will be attending Lane Tech College Prep in the Fall. She enjoys participating in music, including the school musicals and the Chicago Children’s Choir. Additionally, Claire participates in Circus Arts, including Flying Trapeze and Aerial Silks. In the future, she wants to find

opportunities to help other people. Her favorite memories of St. Pauls revolve around music, including performing a duet with Chloe Combs and singing in Pauls People. Claire's sponsor is Carrie Bruggers.

Jareth Powell Renfrow – Jareth lives with his parents, Johnathon and Gail Renfrow, and younger brother, Kai. His aunt and uncle (Carrie and Chris Bettler) and his cousin Warren are also St. Pauls members. He is currently finishing school at George B. Swift Elementary and will be attending Lincoln Park High School in the Fall. Jareth enjoys hanging out with his friends and computer coding. In the future, he plans on creating video games. One of his favorite memories of St. Pauls is participating in Bible Story Theater and helping his mother make his costumes, especially the year he was a shark. Jareth's sponsor is Bob Ball.

Spencer Lewis Weil – Spencer is the son of Christine and Tim Weil and has an older brother, Henry, who was confirmed at St. Pauls, and a younger brother, Griffin. He is finishing the school year at Francis W. Parker School and will continue there for high school. Spencer loves sports, especially track and field. He says that his most memorable experience at St. Pauls was doing Confirmation classes over Zoom, although he was much happier when we were able to meet in person. Spencer's sponsor is Chris Roehm.

TODAY'S MUSIC

Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist, We pray now to the Holy Spirit, BuxWV 208, is a chorale and text by Martin Luther (1483-1546). This setting was composed by Dietrich Buxtehude (1637?-1707). Buxtehude's music and his skill as an organist had a profound effect on Bach. The true story is that Bach, at age 20, walked (!) nearly 250 miles from Arnstadt to Lübeck just to hear and work with Buxtehude. That would be like walking from St. Pauls to Toledo, Ohio.

Our Introit, *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face* is a chant from the Latin, ADORO TE DEVOTE, from the 13th century attributed to the Benedictines at the monastery at Solesmes, France. Its English text is by Horace Bonar (1808-1889), a Scottish minister, who wrote many poetic hymn texts. This setting is especially appropriate for a communion Sunday.

This Is the Day uses a folk melody and unattributed words from Fiji. It was first published in 1967 in a hymnal in Australia. It lends itself to be sung in a call and response style.

Both the text and tune, WATERLIFE, to *I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry* were composed by John Yivisaker (1937-2017). Because of the number of hymns he wrote, he was called the “Bob Dylan of the Lutheran Church.” Although Minnesota was his home, he was widely traveled and noted for his self-effacing personality.

Hall Johnson (1888-1970) composed both the music and text for *Ain't Got Time to Die*. He was an author, composer, arranger, major choral conductor, teacher, and music historian who focused on recording and publishing spirituals. His students included Shirley Verrett. He was eulogized by Marian Anderson as having done more to advance the beauty and importance of the spiritual than anyone up to that time. This is another especially relevant musical and spiritual message as we emerge from the restrictions of the past two years.

The text of *I Come with Joy* was written by Brian Wren (b. 1936), who is a pastor in the Congregational Church in England. He wrote the hymn as a summary of a series of sermons on the meaning of communion. The tune is an old American hymn, DOVE OF PEACE, from the *Southern Harmony* hymnal, part of the Sacred Harp tradition. It was arranged by Austin Lovelace (1919-2010), who was Organist and Choirmaster for a number of years at First United Methodist Church in Evanston.

Faithful God, You Sent Your Spirit, to the tune NETTLETON, is from the rich American tradition of the Sacred Harp hymnals, specifically *Wyeth's Repository Of Sacred Music*. The text is by Carolyn Wilfrey Gillette (b. 1961). She has written many hymn texts and is also a Presbyterian pastor with her husband, Bruce, in Philadelphia.

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 counts Vice President Kamala Harris and so many other luminaries as alumni. He was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 2006.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson, Benny VanDerburgh

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

Communion Coordinator: Jana 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

Communion bread baked by Marcia Knudson.

*As has been our custom for several years, communion today
will be served by our Confirmation Class of 2022.*

BORN THIS WEEK IN JUNE

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.

June 5 Sarah Good Mosley

June 6 Rosa Schmahl, Zachary Jarzebowski

June 7 Amy Bashiti, Linda Lang

June 8 Jean Weimer, Colin Murray, Noah Bashiti, Jack Kobak

June 9 Don Camp, Sue Lannin, Alex Hansen, Kai Renfrow

June 10 Paul Davis, Todd Beeson, Christopher Keller

June 11 Steve Terborg, Jennie Hamm, Malcolm Hoerr

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGISTRATION CLOSING TODAY: SUMMER CAMP 2022

We will have structured fun inside our classrooms, in the gym, and outside in the sun.

Children ages 6-12 can register here for a half or full day week of camp, June 20-24:

spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1273864

If the minimum enrollment is not met, we will not be able to offer camp.

Children ages 2-5 can register here for half-day camp options, July 5-28:

spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1250759

SUMMER CHURCH CHILD CARE – SUNDAY MORNINGS

If you plan to have your 2-year-old and under child(ren) attend Summer Church

Child Care from June to August 2022, please register at

spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1306425. Email questions to

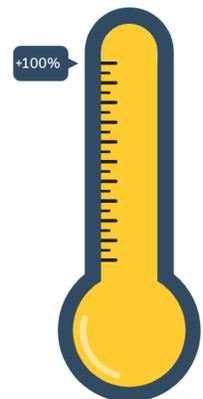
Children's Program Coordinator Danielle Mayfield at danielle.mayfield@spucc.org.

THANK YOU FOR DONATING TO THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP!

Thank you to all who supported St. Pauls' youth fundraising efforts for their service trip to repair homes and serve others in Appalachia this June. Your generosity has raised more than \$10,000! Your donations help fund the tools and supplies, their van and gas, and other expenses for their week away. Thank you for helping to support our emerging congregational leaders, who have spent the last years of their adolescence altered by Covid-19. You can still donate here:

spucc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/2022-youth-mission-trip-donations-appalachia-service-project.

GOAL: \$10,000



JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

Fight Hate and Gun Violence – As white supremacist violence continues to claim innocent lives, so too has the threat of reckless gun policies. Follow this link (tinyurl.com/2kff3be7) to demand that the U.S. Senate take immediate bipartisan action on background check legislation. Additionally, Congress should be pushed to ban large capacity ammunition magazines and to implement extreme risk protection measures. Further, urge your lawmakers to strengthen capacity to engage in hate crime prevention and prosecution, and community support services for those impacted by hate violence. We are not powerless in making these changes; we can, and must, take steps to fight white supremacist hate and gun violence.

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

REDUCE PLASTIC CONSUMPTION. You are invited!

The worst offenders in plastic consumption are single-use plastics. Become hyper-aware of these plastics that litter our lives and quit their consumption.

- Don't buy drinks in plastic containers. Carry your own containers or choose biodegradable.
- Ask for reusable drinkware rather than disposable.
- Decline straws.
- Refuse disposable cutlery; ask for reusable. For delivery, pick-up or carry-out, use reusable from home.
- Choose restaurants that use only biodegradable carry-out containers. Ask your favorite restaurants to switch to compostable materials.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

See our full event calendar online at spucc.churchcenter.com/calendar

Evening meetings enter through the courtyard door

JUNE 7 - GOD IN NEW NOVELS: CENSUS - 7 p.m., Zoom

Join Pastor Matt and the God in New Novels group to discuss the acclaimed short novel *Census* by Jesse White. The novel is "Unusual ... impressive.. a detailed and moving portrayal of a kind of radical innocence." It will surprise you and move you, and our conversation will be better with you in it. Register here:

spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1316782

JUNE 8 - WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - 12 p.m., Zoom

We're following the story of Jesus through the Gospel of Luke. All are welcome!

Email Pastor Jeff for the link, jcarlson@spucc.org.

JUNE 11 - CELEBRATE PRIDE IN YOUR PEWS - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Parlor

Join Lighthouse Foundation's Coalition of Accomplices for Racial Equity (CARE) churches for a brunch that will feature a panel discussion about uplifting LGBTQ+ Pride in our churches. During this event, CARE congregations will come together to enjoy a free brunch and panel discussion about how we uplift LGBTQ+ Pride in a church setting. Register today at bit.ly/LFPIYP.

JUNE 11 - REFUGEEONE SUMMER FUN DRIVE - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

RefugeeOne is holding a drive to collect beach toys for use by the kids in their summer program. The drive is at Unity Lutheran Church, 1212 W. Balmoral Avenue, Chicago. Scan this QR code for a list of items they're looking for:



JUNE 11 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL COURTYARD PICNIC/BYOB - 5 p.m., Courtyard
Pack your own picnic (and adult beverages, if you like) and join host Jen Luerssen for a St. Pauls Social picnic/cocktail time in the church courtyard for adults of all ages. You will need to bring your own chairs. Please RSVP to Jen in advance if you'd like to participate, jenluerssen@yahoo.com.

JUNE 11&12 - WOMEN'S FARM WEEKEND AT MARCIA VOLK'S FARM

Please join us at the Volk farm the weekend of June 11 & 12. Carpool to the farm (about two hours southwest) and spend Saturday exploring the farm, relaxing or visiting Bishop Hill. You may enjoy walking forest trails, picking wildflowers (bring a vase), riding the 4-wheeler and zipline, boating in the creek and more. On Sunday, we will attend Marcia's summer UCC church in Lacon. We will have a potluck supper at the farm Saturday night and breakfast and lunch there Sunday. Please bring \$10 to cover expenses, if possible. First 10 people to respond get the beds, two to a bed. All beds require the ability to climb stairs. For information and to reserve your spot respond to Marcia Volk at marcia@volkonline.com or (773) 307-6866.

JUNE 18 - JUNETEENTH AT UCAN - 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., 3605 W. Fillmore Street
Join our friends at UCAN in celebrating Juneteenth. This family friendly event will feature music, performances, food, games and various vendors. Everyone is invited! For more information contact Claude.Robinson@ucanchicago.org

JUNE 26 - PRIDE PARADE & COOKOUT

Please join us, a St. Pauls contingent, as we walk in the Pride Parade and have a cookout afterward back at the church. Pack your own food and beverages and chair. A grill will be provided for all to share. You can leave your food at the church during the march.

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 for 2022 dates at spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1078968. There are still many dates available this year!

THE BOOK NOOK – Love to read? We have restarted the Book Nook on the north side of the Social Hall. Find your next good read or drop off books to share. Donations are welcome – just add them to the shelf for “New Arrivals” or leave them on the floor next to the bookcase. We appreciate all genres, including books for kids. Questions or comments, contact Linda Nitzsche at lindanitz@yahoo.com.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. 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.

PICKLEBALL – Enjoy pickleball? Join the group if you are interested in a regular pickleball game at Saint Pauls! Think you can beat your pastor? Game Times: Tuesdays: 5-6 p.m. and 6-8:30 p.m; Fridays: 2-3 p.m.
spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/pickleball

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.

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) 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.

STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. PAULS – If you're in need of support through a tough time and would like to be matched with someone who would support you with companionship and prayer, or you're feeling called to offer support, speak to Pastor Jeff Carlson (jcarlson@spucc.org), Marti Pechnyo (mpechnyo@gmail.com), or Barb Kaiser (bkaiser2213@gmail.com).

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – 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 Wednesday.

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.

- Jan, friend of Gloria Joseph, suffering with pain and complications from a heart procedure.
- Family and friends of Margaret, grandmother of Matt Leimann, at her passing.
- Family and friends of Bob and Cheryl Kuba at Bob's passing.
- Family and friends of the Ashley Family at Petrine's sister Elizabeth's passing.
- Jim Courtright, Big Thinking by the Hour producer of many Saint Pauls videos and worship services, who is awaiting diagnostic test results regarding a serious health condition.
- Sergio, grandson of Ivy Sanz, who doctors are concerned might have leukemia.
- Sharon Phillips, Kathy Freise's stepmom and former St. Pauls youth education director, hospitalized with a lung infection following stem cell transplant surgery.
- Marilyn, Doug Clark's mom, undergoing therapy at home while recovering from a stroke.
- Jeanne Heard, Shannon Castle's mother, for swift and full recovery from health issues.
- A friend of the Combs family who has suffered a serious fall.
- Ken Travers, recuperating from a broken hip and surgery.
- Two friends who had cancer surgery: Jeff on April 9 and Rob on April 18.
- Annie Johnson's mother, Jean, at home in hospice care.
- 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.
- Phill, brother of Bob Ball, who has leukemia and has been diagnosed with covid-related pneumonia.
- 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.