

July 10, 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

"I traveled to the page where scripture meets fiction."

Fanny Howe

PRELUDE

Adagio
from *Oboe Concerto in D minor*
Mark Mosley, oboe
Kevin Dzierzawski, piano

Alessandro Marcello

CHIMES

WELCOME

Jeff Carlson

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The sound of a helicopter is annoying unless you're drowning -

All: And then it sounds like music.

One: The prospect of God's judgment is a terror, until the world is burning -

All: And then it sounds like music.

All: Let us sing praise to God together!

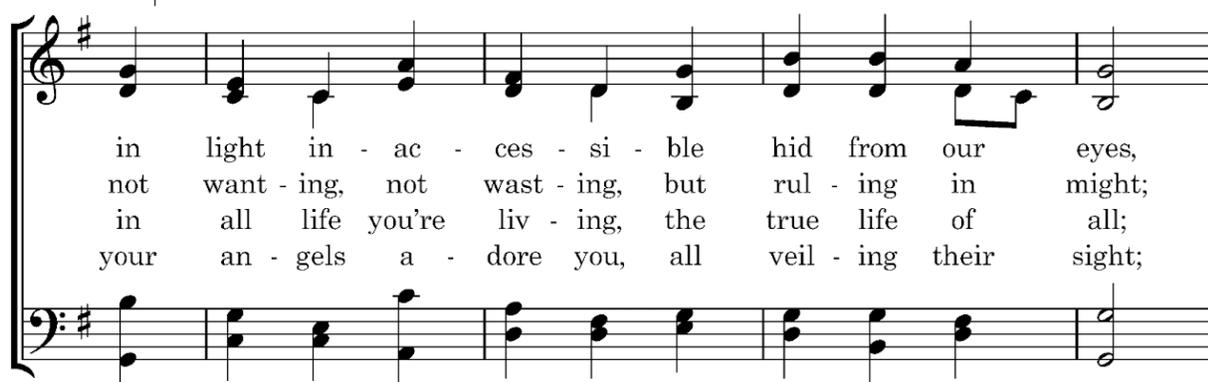
* *Please stand if you are able to do so.*

* HYMN

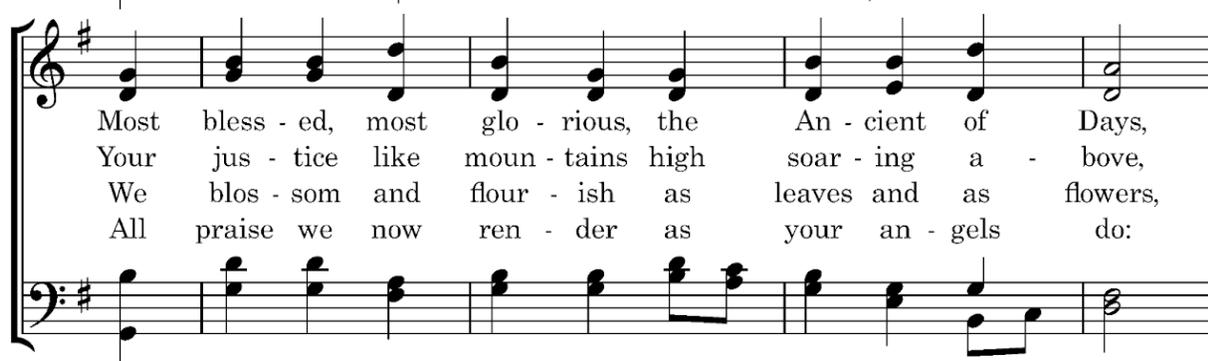
Immortal, Invisible



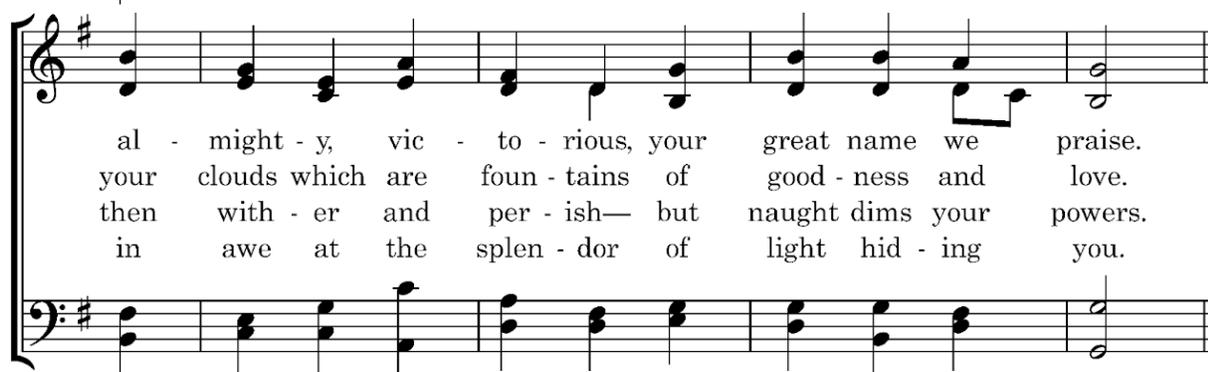
1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3. Your life is life - giv - ing— to both great and small;
4. So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;
in all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all;
your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves and as flowers,
All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do:



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.
your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish— but naught dims your powers.
in awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Matt Fitzgerald

**We need your presence right now, Lord.
We need you during these violent days
between the despair of history
and the judgment to come.
We need you with us.
Forgive our resistance and our disbelief.
Forgive our insistence on judging others and ourselves.
Forgive our refusal to be silent, so you might speak.
Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power.
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

Amazing Grace



1. A - maz - ing_ grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a___
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my_



wretch like me!_____ I once___ was___ lost, but
fears re - lieved;_____ How pre - cious did that



now___ am___ found, was blind but___ now I see._____
grace___ ap - pear The hour I___ first be - lieved!_____

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 82

*God calls the judges into his courtroom,
He puts all the judges in the dock.*

“Enough! You’ve corrupted justice long enough,
you’ve let the wicked get away with murder.
You’re here to defend the defenseless,
to make sure that underdogs get a fair break;
Your job is to stand up for the powerless,
and prosecute all those who exploit them.”

*Ignorant judges! Head-in-the-sand judges!
They are completely corrupt.
And now everything’s falling apart,
the world’s coming unglued.*

“I appointed you judges, each one of you,
deputies of the High God,
Yet you will die like mortals;
you will fall like all the other rulers.”

*Rise up, O God, and execute judgment on the earth!
All the nations are yours.*

* 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

Amazing Grace



3. Through man - y___ dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al -

4. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing___



- ready - y___ come;___ 'Tis grace___ has___ brought me

as the sun,___ We've no___ less___ days to



safe___ thus far, and grace will_ lead me home.____

sing___ God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.____

SERMON

“Wishful Scripture”

Matt Fitzgerald

* HYMN

Balm in Gilead

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,
3. Don't ev - er feel dis - cour - aged, For_ Je - sus is your friend;



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!"
And_ if you lack for knowl - edge He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

OFFERTORY

Siciliana

Georg Philipp Telemann

from *Oboe Sonata in A minor*

Mark Mosley, oboe

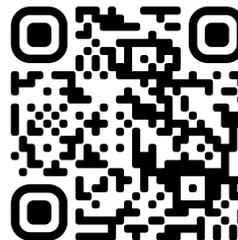
Kevin Dzierzawski, piano

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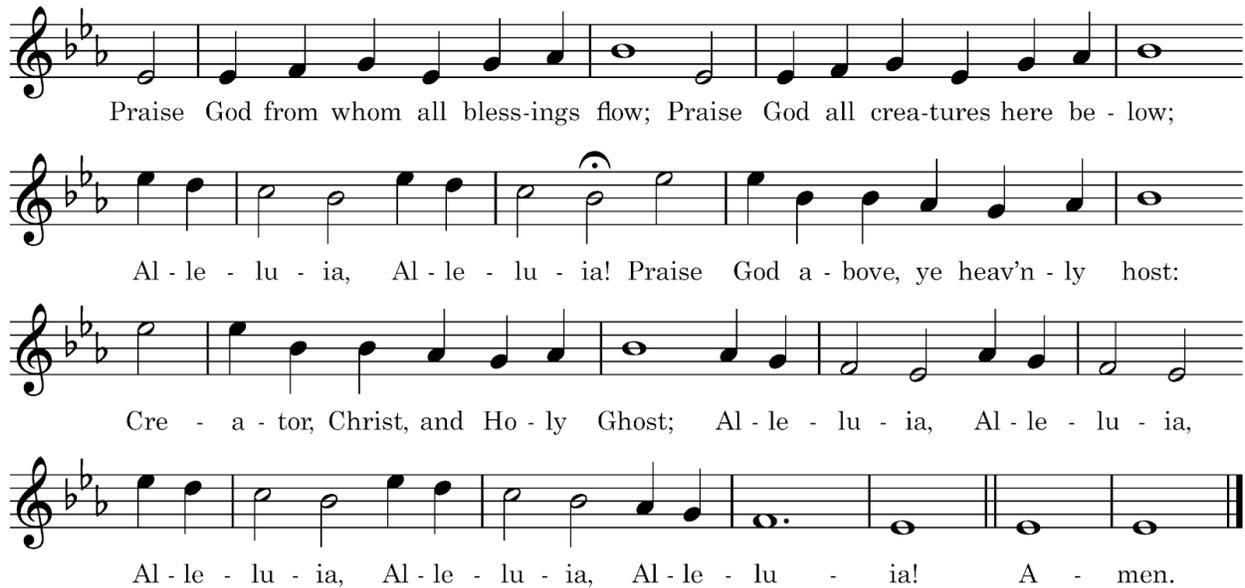
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At spucc.churchcenter.com/giving,

Or through Zelle to giving@spucc.org.



* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God all crea-tures here be - low;
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:
Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

MEDITATION

Antiphon III
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

Marcel Dupré

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Jeff Carlson

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

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' love and
2. When shad - ows veil my Sav - ior's face, I rest up - on un -
3. Christ's oath and cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me in the
4. When Christ shall come with trum - pet sound, oh, may I then in

righ - teous - ness; I dare not trust this earth - ly frame, but
chang - ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
ris - ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, Christ
Love be found, Dressed in God's righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
an - chor holds with - in the veil. *On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand;*
then is all my hope and stay.
less to stand be - fore the throne.

all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G minor
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

J. S. Bach

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.

TODAY'S MUSIC

The Chancel Choir is on summer break and will return September 11.

Our Prelude is the ***Adagio*** movement from the *Oboe Concerto in D Minor* published in 1717 by Alessandro Marcello (1673-1747). He was an Italian Baroque composer living at the same time as Bach. He was a nobleman and considered a musical dilettante. In addition, he was also a philosopher, poet and mathematician. Bach felt so strongly about this work that he transcribed it as a concerto as *Harpsichord in D minor BWV 974*.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, tune ST. DENIO, is based on an early 19th century traditional Welsh ballad. The text was composed in 1867 by Walter C. Smith (1824-1908), who was the pastor of the Scottish Church in London.

The text for ***Amazing Grace*** is by John Newton (1725-1807), who was a slave ship captain but became an Anglican clergy and fervent abolitionist. He once said that writing this text saved his soul. The tune, NEW BRITAIN, is most likely an African American spiritual and was first published in 1829.

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 indigenous 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.

The ***Siciliana*** is a movement from the *Oboe Sonata in A Minor BWV 41: a3* by Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767). The *siciliana* is a well known Baroque Italian dance form. Bach often made use of that style especially in the opening chorus of his *St. Matthew Passion*. It is hard for us to imagine, but Telemann was much more famous and respected than his peer Johann Sebastian Bach. He was largely self-taught, pursued music against his family's wishes, and held important court positions in Hamburg. He also played oboe, which explains his deep connection to music for his instrument.

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971) was one of the preeminent organists and composers for that instrument of the first half of the 20th century. He was the organist for many years at St. Sulpice in Paris, following Widor in that position. His ***Antiphon III*** is part of a larger set of 15 antiphons composed in 1919. The "melody" is based on the chant of a particular antiphon. The Third Antiphon is inspired by the Song of Solomon 1:5, and is from *Vêpres du Commun des Fêtes de la Sainte Vierge*, (Communion Vespers for the Virgin) Opus 18.

The text for ***My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*** was written in 1834 by Edward Mote (1797-1874). British born Mote wrote a number of hymn texts after a spiritual awakening as a result of the preaching of an evangelical preacher. He also authored a number of Christian pamphlets. **SOLID ROCK** was composed in 1863 by the prolific hymn writer, William Bradbury (1816-1868). He was raised on his father's farm in Maine. He developed a love for music as a child and began playing the organ in church by age 15. Among the best known of his hymns is the children's hymn, *Jesus Loves Me, This I Know*.

Fugue in G minor was composed by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). Bach is the acknowledged master of fugue composition. A fugue is a much more complex version of a round usually involving 4 to 5 layered voices using the same theme, but entering at different times and starting on different pitches.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson

Music Director: Kurt R. Hansen

Organist: Kevin Dzierzawski

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: David Baker, Mary Brown, Gloria Joseph

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

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

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

BORN THIS WEEK IN JULY

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.

July 10 Andrew Patton, Michael McGuire, Smith Beeson

July 11 Cole Bailey, Joe Womack, Larry Lundquist, Hayden McGuire

July 12 Annette Robinson, Lynn Dykstra, Becca Kent, Cooper Kohler, Vince Lohnes

July 13 Grace Orozco, Cal Connolly, Oscar Nach

July 14 Bill Borden, Creighton Hartanov, Tim Nowack

July 15 Carolyn Hyson, Laird Koldyke, Lee Lichamer, Ninon Freeman,
Audrey Davidson, Margot Rose Grachan

July 16 Stacy O'Connell, Julia McGuire

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OKTOBERFEST RETURNS!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 1, 3-9 p.m. St. Pauls is excited to announce that our popular Oktoberfest block party will return this fall. If you would like to join the Oktoberfest planning committee, please contact Lorne Frank at lornefrank@lornefrank.com. The Oktoberfest planning committee will begin meeting in early August, and volunteer sign-ups will start in September. Prost!

REFUGEEONE BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE

RefugeeOne is holding their annual Back-to-School drive. They are looking for backpacks and supplies for 400 children! Drop-off your donations after worship in the Narthex on Sundays, July, 17, 24, or 31; or at Unity Lutheran Church (1212 W. Balmoral, Chicago 60640) on Saturday, August 6th from 11am to 1pm. For more information, please use this link, refugeeone.org/donatestuff, or scan this QR code:



LINCOLN PARK ZOO ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Recycle old cell phones, small electronic devices, and battery chargers at Lincoln Park Zoo Searle Visitor Center **now through September 24**. Lincoln Park Zoo is partnering with institutions across the globe for “Gorillas on the Line.” This cell phone recycling initiative directly supports gorilla conservation. Coltan (used to manufacture small electronics) is hand-mined in the Democratic Republic of Congo prime gorilla habitat. The deforestation of coltan mining displaces these critically endangered species. “‘Gorillas on the Line’ is a reminder there are ways to take small daily actions to help save species – no matter where you live!” said Curator of Primates Jill Moyse. lpzoo.org/gorillas-on-the-line-will-you-answer-the-call

JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

How can the church participate in reparations as an embodiment of Jesus’ teachings of repentance and repair? How have other churches responded to this question? What issues have they faced and what actions have they taken? Learn from our siblings in Christ here: faithandleadership.com/the-path-reparations.

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

REDUCE PLASTIC CONSUMPTION. You are invited!

- Switch to biodegradable trash bags.
- Use wooden clothespins instead of plastic clips.
- Buy in bulk, choosing large packages and parcel out small servings into reusable containers.
- Choose baby products and toys made from sustainable, natural resources; ones that can also be passed along numerous times to other families.
- If you haven’t made a survey of your home and work space yet for plastics you can eliminate, do it now!
- Making a change is easier when you have support. Challenge your family, friends, and others to become more aware of plastic. Discuss what you can do.

JOIN BOUNCE HOUSE MINISTRY!

Our friends at UCAN often rent bounce houses for their events. St. Pauls has a bounce house. Pastor Jeff is looking to form a team that could be a bounce house ministry for UCAN events - set up the house, monitor it during use and then take it down at the end of the event. It could be a great way for us to serve UCAN's kids in North Lawndale. The first event is Foster Parent Appreciation Picnic, 3605 W. Fillmore St., Friday, August 19 from 4-7 p.m. Let Pastor Jeff know if you'd like to be a part of this team at jcarlson@spucc.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

*See our full event calendar online at spucc.churchcenter.com/calendar
Evening meetings enter through the courtyard door*

JULY 9, 21, 23 - WINDY CITY WINDS SUMMER CONCERTS

Please come hear Windy City Winds, "Chicago's Community Band," perform music by George Gershwin, Percy Grainger, Scott Joplin, and The Beach Boys at one of their free outdoor summer concerts:

- Saturday, July 9, 6 p.m., 2350 N. Leavitt, concluding the Bucktown Garden Walk
- Thursday, July 21, 7 p.m., at Buttercup Park, 4901 N. Sheridan Rd. in Uptown
- Saturday, July 23, 3 p.m., at Washington Square Park, 901 N. Clark St., across from the Newberry Library

JULY 13 - WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - 12 p.m., Zoom

Join our study of the Gospel of Luke. All are welcome! Get the Zoom link from Pastor Jeff at jcarlson@spucc.org.

JULY 16 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL AT THE SYMPHONY - 7:30 p.m., Millennium Park

Join St. Pauls Social and host Wendy Love for an evening of Beethoven's *Eroica* symphony featuring our own Rachel Barton Pine. Pack a picnic and enjoy good music, good company and (hopefully) good weather. Wendy will arrive early and be near the back in the center of the lawn. To find her, text her at (773) 255-2320.

JULY 24, AUG 14 - SPARC DISCUSSION: *THE ROAD TO HEALING* - 11 a.m., Oscar

Mayer Room. Please join us to discuss *The Road to Healing: A Civil Rights Reparations Story in Prince Edward County, Virginia (TRTH)* by Ken Woodley, local newspaper editor. As he states, "The narrative unfolds in Virginia but it is a deeply American story. Prince Edward County's ongoing journey of reconciliation blazes a hopeful and redemptive trail throughout difficult human terrain, but the signs are clear enough for a divided nation to follow: We cannot erase the past. The future belongs to someone else. This moment is ours...There can be racial reconciliation. There can be healing." Register and discover more at spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1337600.

OPPORTUNITIES

ACTIVISM & ADVOCACY MINISTRY – Do you have a passion for reaching out to others? The St. Pauls Activism & Advocacy Ministry 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.

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.

CHURCH CENTER – spucc.churchcenter.com is our portal for the Saint Pauls community. See our calendar, register for events, update your information, join our photo directory, manage your online donations, see your giving history, and more!

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.

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 Luerksen at jenluerksen@yahoo.com. Subscribe to the distribution list at eepurl.com/gQ4Eg1, or look out for future events announced in the bulletin calendar.

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).

SUMMER SUNDAY CHILDCARE

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.

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.

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.

- B.J. Anderson and loved ones at the death of her wife, Shari Melde.
- Family, loved ones and friends of Sharon Phillips at her death. A memorial service will be held at St. Pauls on August 27.
- Family and friends of Jim Courtright – Big Thinking by the Hour producer of many Saint Pauls videos and worship services – at his passing.
- 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. A memorial service will be held at St. Pauls on October 16.
- Family and friends of the Ashley Family at Petrine's sister Elizabeth's passing.
- Sergio, grandson of Ivy Sanz, who doctors are concerned might have leukemia.
- 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.

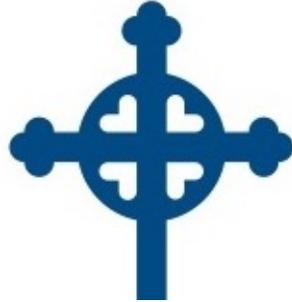
Most important, over the past 178 years we are glad to have introduced thousands of children and adults to the amazing, inclusive, life changing, uplifting love of God. We do so in worship that is traditional, but far from conventional.

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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.