

July 24, 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

"Prayer is the center of the Christian life. *It is the only necessary thing.* (Luke 10:42).
It is living with God here and now." Henri Nouwen

PRELUDE

Why We Sing
St. Arbucks Quartet

Kirk Franklin

CHIMES

WELCOME

Jeff Carlson

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 84*

One: What a beautiful home God has!

All: We long to be with you, God!

One: Even birds make nests in the rafters of God's house.

All: What a joy to sing with the birds, and all of creation!

One: A single day in God's house is worth a thousand spent somewhere else.

All: Let us worship God with songs of praise!

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

* HYMN

Morning Has Broken



1. Morn - ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black - bird has
2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the



spo - ken Like the first bird.____ Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall On the first grass.____ Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet
one light E - den saw play!____ Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!____
gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where his feet pass.____
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!____

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Psalm 51*

Joseph JaQuay

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your faithful love;
wipe away my wrongdoings, according to your great compassion.
Wash me thoroughly, and cleanse me from sin,
For I know what I've done, and that you've seen it all.
I know you want truth in the most hidden places,
so, teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
Create in me a clean heart, O God;
and put a new, faithful spirit deep inside of me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain me with a willing spirit.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

v.1



1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove



Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness



As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed Thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed— Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

SCRIPTURE

Carrie Bruggers

Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

* 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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
See previous hymn

v.2

SERMON

"One Necessary Thing"

Jeff Carlson

* HYMN

How Can I Keep from Singing?



1. My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en -
 2. What though my joys and com - forts die? My Sav - ior still is
 3. When ty - rants trem - ble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells
 4. I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a -



- ta - tion. I hear the sweet, though far - off hymn that
 liv - ing. What though the shad - ow's gath - er 'round? A
 ring - ing; When friends re - joice both far and near, how
 - bove it; And day by day this path - way smooths, since



hails a new cre - a - tion. Through all the tu - mult
 new song Christ is giv - ing. No storm can shake my
 can I keep from sing - ing? In pris - on cell and
 first I learned to love it. The peace of Christ makes



and the strife, I hear the mu - sic ring - ing; It
 in - most calm, while to that Rock I'm cling - ing; Since
 dun - geon vile our thoughts to them are wing - ing; When
 fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing; All



finds an ech - o in my soul— how can I keep from sing - ing?
 Love com - mands both heav'n and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?
 friends by shame are un - de - filed, how can I keep from sing - ing?
 things are mine since I am Christ's—how can I keep from sing - ing?

OFFERTORY

Work of Heart

Kirk Talley

Nathan Streeter, tenor; and Brendan Henry, piano

I met the artist years ago,
He picked up the canvas
And painted slow.
He never once took His eyes off of me.
Then I did not understand,
But now I plainly see.

He did a work of heart;
He painted love and sunshine;
A work of heart ...
He painted on this heart of mine.

And though, the colors, they may fade,
I know His love will not.
You see, I am the canvas,
He did a work of heart.
He brushed away the old life,
Just to make room for the new.
Then He smiled and He promised me
That He wasn't through.
All the sin and wrong that I had done
Was then erased.
He drew me into his gallery,
He framed me with His grace.

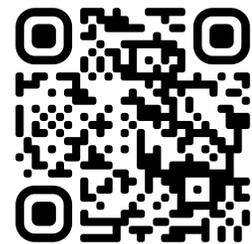
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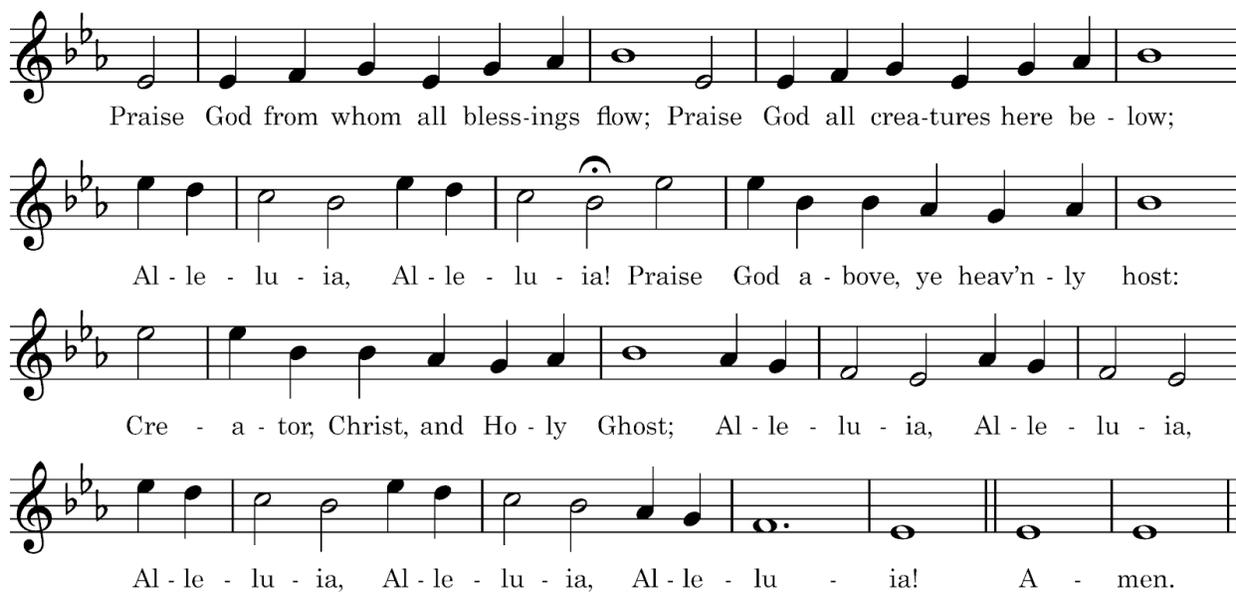
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At spucc.churchcenter.com/giving,

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

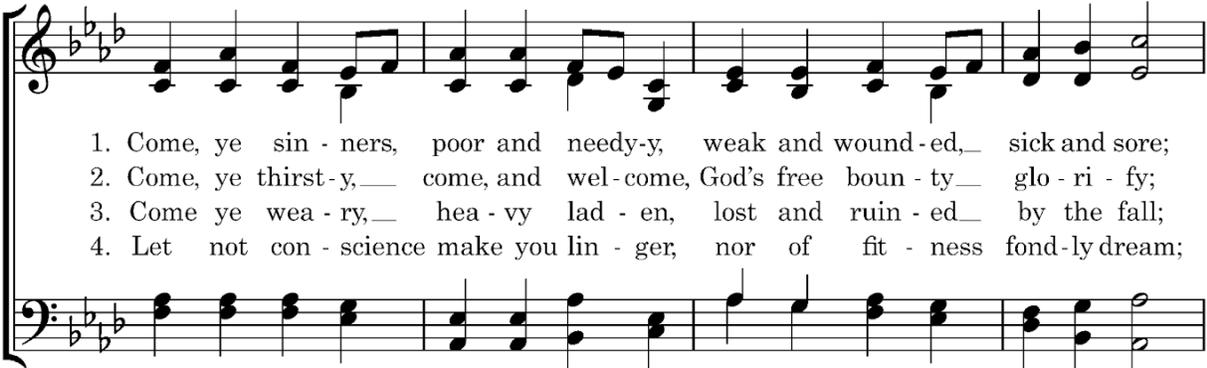
Marti Pechnyo

THE LORD'S PRAYER

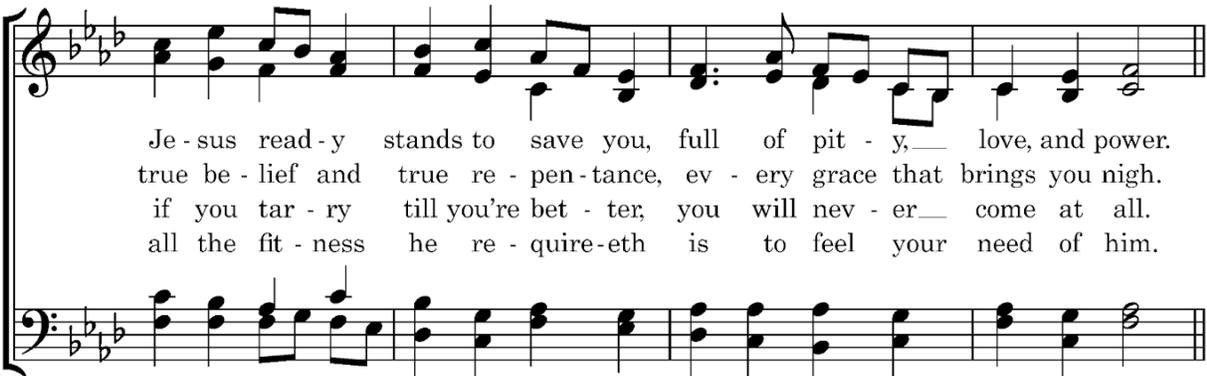
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

* HYMN

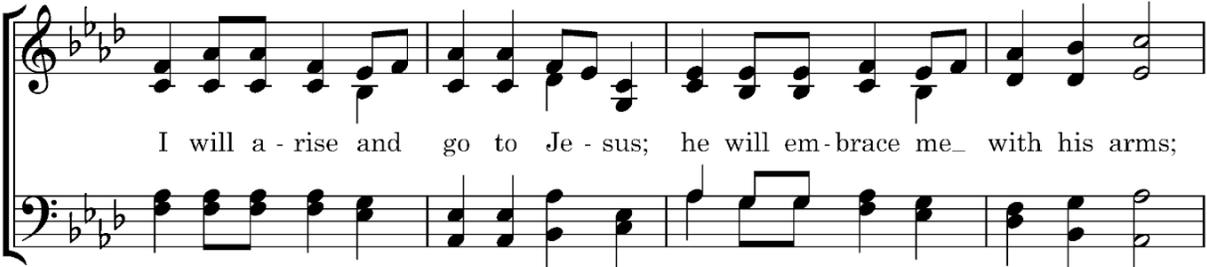
Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy



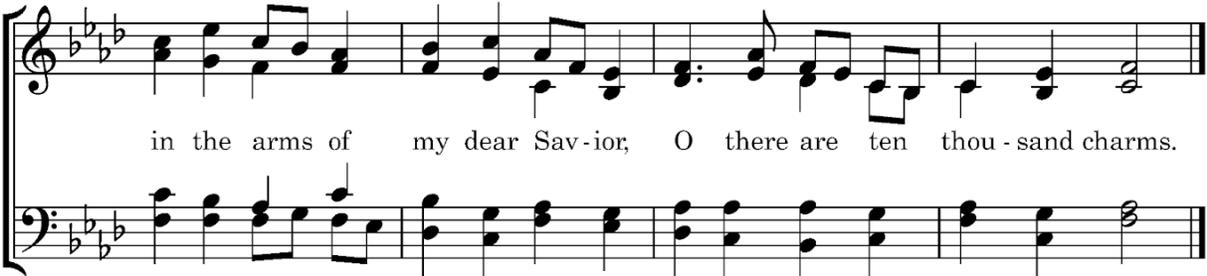
1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and needy-y, weak and wound-ed, sick and sore;
2. Come, ye thirst-y, come, and wel-come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;
3. Come ye wea - ry, hea - vy lad - en, lost and ruin - ed by the fall;
4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond-ly dream;



Je - sus read-y stands to save you, full of pit - y, love, and power.
true be - lief and true re - pen-tance, ev - ery grace that brings you nigh.
if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all.
all the fit - ness he re - quire-eth is to feel your need of him.



I will a - rise and go to Je - sus; he will em-brace me with his arms;



in the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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

POSTLUDE

I Saw the Light
St. Arbucks Quartet

Hank Williams

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 on September 11.

Our prelude, *Someone Asked a Question-Why We Sing* was written in 1993 and features both text and music by Kirk Franklin (b. 1970). Mr Franklin also pays homage in this song to the historic hymn text *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*. He has also brought a new and contemporary edge to gospel music by adding the energy of hip-hop.

The text for *Morning Has Broken* was written by Elinor Farjeon (1881-1965), who also wrote children's books. The tune, BUNESSAN, we know so well is a Gaelic melody.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness, tune FAITHFULNESS, dates from 1923 and was composed by William M. Runyan (1870-1957). He finished his ministry in Kansas and was particularly fond of the poet Thomas Chisholm (1866-1960), who wrote this text. Runyan set 25 of Chisholm's poems to music. Chisholm based this text on Lamentation 3:22 & 23: *Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed*.

My Life Flows On in Endless Song, aka How Can I Keep from Singing? was composed, both the text and the tune, ENDLESS SONG, by Robert Lowry (1826-1899). Lowry was a preacher and scholar with a musical background from his childhood.

Work of Heart was composed, both words and music, in 1985 by Kirk Talley (b. 1958). He is an American Southern gospel performer and songwriter. Talley is best known for his time as a tenor singer with the legendary Gospel Quartet the Cathedrals, the Talleys, and also the family group the Hoppers, along with a very successful solo career as a singer and songwriter.

Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy, to the tune RESTORATION, is mined from the wonderful early 19th century American shape-note hymnals including *Southern Harmony*. Its composer and lyricist are unknown, but it was first published in 1835. The melody is characterized by a folk-like swing.

I Saw the Light was composed and recorded in 1952 by Hank Williams (1923-1953). He was a beloved country music singer and composer. In his all-too-short life, he recorded 35 singles, 11 of which reached No. 1 on the Country & Western charts.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Jeff Carlson

Worship Leaders: Stephen Ministers Joe JaQuay, Marti Pechnyo

Music Director: Kurt R. Hansen

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

Scripture Reader: Carrie Bruggers

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: David Baker, Mary Ann Brown

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

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

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 24 Byron Noll, Lovely Carter, Charlie Razeghi, Everett Nach, Lucy Godinez,

Natalie Campbell

July 25 Benny VanDerburgh, Maira Simonton

July 26 Andrew Cittadine, Christine Weible-Cruz, Doug Dunham, Nicole Jackson,

Paul Deters, Colleen Kompare, Dane Roschen, Samantha Beck

July 27 Andy Davis, Diane Massie, Paul Malley, Charlie Range

July 28 Philip Cedeño-Smedley, Lauren Richardson, Natalie Richardson, Toby

Smedley

July 29 Gerald Wilk, José Flores

July 30 Diane Biegert, Emma Braband, Waylon Leaf

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PICKLEBALL

Have you tried the growing sport of Pickleball yet? It's like a small-court version of tennis, with paddles and wiffle balls, and is gaining in popularity all over the U.S.

We're holding pick-up games in the St. Pauls gym every week. All you have to do is add your name to the ChurchCenter link below and then show up at one of the allotted times! We even have spare paddles and balls. All skill levels are invited. If you have questions, call or text Steve Garrett at (312) 208-0636.

Game Times: Tuesdays: 5:30-8:30 p.m; Fridays: 2-3 p.m.

spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/pickleball

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 24 or 31; or at Unity Lutheran Church (1212 W. Balmoral, Chicago 60640) on Saturday, August 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, please use this link, refugeeone.org/donatestuff, or scan this QR code:



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!

JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

'If we did reparations, at what point would we stop?' – Discussing their book, *Reparations: A Christian Call for Repentance and Repair*, two pastors reply, “When are we done with democracy, with the work of perfecting our union? When are we done loving? The question itself shows we have not grasped what we are dealing with.

Part of what we’re saying is, this is the work of our lives. Reparations is not atonement. Atonement can only be achieved through Christ himself. This is about restitution, having seen your neighbor and returning things. That’s simply doing the right thing.” Read their full conversation at:

washingtonpost.com/religion/2021/04/14/christian-case-for-reparations

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

REDUCE ELECTRICITY USAGE.

- Reduce your always-on appliances.
- If your home has a smart meter and you can see your hourly consumption, then examine your consumption at 3 a.m. It should be significantly less than your use at 7 p.m. If it isn't, then you might have "vampire loads."
- Look for electronics that you don't use or can switch off, or perhaps get rid of that extra refrigerator.
- Set your fridge to 37°F and your freezer to 3°F. This way, the fridge and freezer will consume less energy.

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 24, AUG 14 - BOOK 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.

JULY 27 - 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.

AUGUST 13 - LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Parlor

This month's gathering of Lighthouse member congregations will focus on "Event Evangelism." Interested in hosting events about causes, fundraising, and more? Learn tools for how to turn people out to events and justice actions that matter to you. We will practice these skills during the CARE session by promoting LF's OCT. 8 Revival and Gospel Drag Brunch. Register at bit.ly/LFCARE.

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.

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.

- Becky Blank, her husband, Hanns Kuttner, and their daughter Emily as Becky undergoes treatment for an aggressive form of cancer.
- Joanne Grauer Desenis at the death of her husband Rev. Phil Desenis. Phil was associate pastor at St. Pauls from 1955-1959, during the time this building was being built.
- Michael Toomin, as he recovers from a back injury and is undergoing physical therapy.
- Family, loved ones and friends of Sharon Phillips at her death. A memorial service will be held at St. Pauls on August 27 at 2p.m.
- Jan, friend of Gloria Joseph, suffering with pain and complications from a heart procedure.
- Family and friends of Bob and Cheryl Kuba at Bob's passing. A memorial service will be held at St. Pauls on October 16.
- 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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Parking validation is available in the Narthex.



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.