

Communion Sunday  
September 4, 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 nothing more harmful for your soul than to hold back and not get  
moving.” Soren Kierkegaard

#### PRELUDE

*I Don't Feel No Ways Tired*  
St. Arbucks Quartet

Rev. James Cleveland

#### CHIMES

#### WELCOME

#### \* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to God with fears about our jobs, our families and the future.

**All: *Follow me, says Jesus, and I will help you bear the load.***

One: We come to Christ all weariness, trying to be all things to all people.

**All: *Follow me, says Jesus, and I will give you rest and focus.***

One: We come to church full of regret and self-recrimination, past sins echoing.

**All: *Follow me, says Jesus, and I will set you free.***

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

\* HYMN

*Sing Praise to God*

1. Sing praise to God, who has shaped and sus - tains all cre -  
2. Praise God, our guard - ian, who lov - ing - ly of - fers cor -  
3. Sing praise to God, with sin - cere thanks for all your suc -  
4. Sing praise, my soul, the great name of your high God com -

- a - tion! Sing praise, my soul, in pro - found and com -  
- rec - - tion, Who, as on ea - gle's wings, saves us from  
- cess - - es. Mer - ci - ful God ev - er loves to en -  
- mend - - ing. All that have life and breath join you, their

- plete ad - o - ra - - tion! Glad - some re - joice— or - gan and  
sin - ful de - jec - - tion. Have you ob - served, how we are  
- cour - age and bless us. On - ly con - ceive, what god - ly  
notes sweet - ly blend - ing. God is your light! Soul, ev - er

trum - pet and voice— join - ing God's great con - gre - ga - - tion.  
al - ways pre - served by God's pa - ren - tal af - fec - - tion?  
strength can a - chieve: strength that would touch and car - ess us.  
keep this in sight: a - men, a - men nev - er end - - ing.

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord**

**Stop us from making promises  
and then feeling good,  
as if a promise were an action.  
Give us the faith to act.  
Let our YES to you be real.**

**If that is not possible  
give us the honesty to say "NO"  
and the wisdom to  
speak it as a cry  
for mercy.  
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE

*Were You There*

1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? \_\_\_\_\_ Were you  
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? \_\_\_\_\_ Were you  
3. Were you there when God wept at Mar - y's cry? \_\_\_\_\_ Were you  
4. Were you there when he rose up from the tomb? \_\_\_\_\_ Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
there when they nailed him to the tree?  
there when God wept at Mar - y's cry?  
there when he rose up from the tomb?

Oh! \_\_\_\_\_

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, each corresponding to a different time in the life of Christ. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, providing a harmonic background for the vocal line. The vocal line includes a melodic phrase that repeats the lyrics, and a final phrase that says "Oh!" followed by a long note.

Some-times it cau - ses me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 Were you there when God wept at Mar - y's cry?  
 Were you there when he rose up from the tomb?

SCRIPTURE

Steve Schwartzberg

*Luke 14:25-27*

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."

SOLO

*Gebet (Prayer)*  
Kurt R. Hansen, tenor  
Nathan Laube, organ

Hugo Wolf  
transcribed by Max Reger

Herr, schicke, was du willst,  
Ein Liebes oder Leides!  
Ich bin vergnügt, dass beides  
Aus deinen Händen quillt.

*Lord, send what you will,  
Whether love or sorrow!  
I am content that either  
Comes from your hand.*

Wollest mit Freuden  
Und wollest mit Leiden  
Mich nicht überschütten!  
Doch in der Mitten  
Liegt holdes Bescheiden.

*Do as you wish with joy  
And do as you will with sorrow  
But do not lavish extremes on me!  
Rather a balance of both  
is my greatest hope.*

SERMON

“How to Hate Your Parents”

Matt Fitzgerald

\* HYMN

*The Lord's My Shepherd*



1. The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want, He makes me down to lie  
2. My soul he doth re - store a - gain, And me to walk doth make  
3. Yea, though I pass through shad - owed vale, Yet will I fear no ill;  
4. My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence of my foes;  
5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my days Will sure - ly fol - low me;



In pas - tures green, he lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
With - in the paths of bless - ed - ness, E'en for his own name's sake,  
For thou art with me and thy rod And staff me com - fort still.  
My head with oil thou dost a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.  
And in my Fa - ther's heart al - way My dwell - ing place shall be,



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me, The qui - et wa - ters by.  
With - in the paths of bless - ed - ness, E'en for his own name's sake.  
Thy rod and staff me com - fort still, Me com - fort still.  
My head thou dost with oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.  
And in my heart for - ev - er - more Thy dwell - ing place shall be.

OFFERTORY

*Lullaby*  
from *Suite No. 2 for Organ*  
Nathan Laube, organ

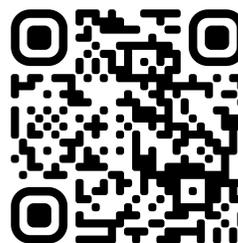
Calvin Hampton

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\* 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.



\* HYMN

*God Is Working His Purpose Out*



1. God is work - ing his pur - pose out As year suc -  
2. From ut - most east to ut - most west, Wher - e'er man's  
3. March we forth in the strength of God With the ban - ner of  
4. All we can do is noth - ing worth Un - less God



- ceeds to year; God is work - ing his pur - pose out, And the  
foot hath trod, By the mouth of man - y mes - sen - gers Goes  
Christ un - furled, That the light of the glo - rious gos - pel of truth May  
bless - es the deed; Vain - ly we hope for the har - vest - tide Till



time is draw - ing near; Near - er and near - er draws the time, The  
forth the voice of God; Give ear to me, ye con - ti - nents, Ye  
shine through - out the world; Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin To  
God gives life to the seed; Yet near - er and near - er draws the time, The



time that shall sure - ly be, When the earth shall be filled with the  
isles, give ear to me, That the earth may be filled with the  
set their cap - tives free, That the earth may be filled with the  
time that shall sure - ly be, When the earth shall be filled with the



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\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



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

POSTLUDE

*Fugue in E-flat Major*  
Nathan Laube, 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

**It is a joy to welcome Nathan Laube back to St. Pauls. He will play a recital here this afternoon at 2 p.m. in memory of Larry Butcher. Please plan to come! The recital will also be streamed on our website.**

He has performed in the most famous churches and cathedrals of Europe, including Notre-Dame Cathedral and Saint-Sulpice in Paris, St. Paul's Cathedral in London, the Frauenkirche in Dresden, and the Berlin Dom. He will return to the faculty at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, this fall.

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

Our Prelude is ***I Don't Feel No Ways Tired*** composed in 1980 by the Reverend James Cleveland (1931-1991). He was inspired by the exclamation of an elderly woman in his congregation. She'd had a hard life with pain, disappointment, and mistreatment "just because of who she was." She found strength in her faith, redemption in Christ,

and liberation in the Holy Spirit. Her words and fortitude inspired the Reverend Cleveland. He also carried on the tradition started by Thomas A. Dorsey fusing the spirit filled music of gospel with the energy and drive of jazz. Muzette Morgan, our longtime alto section leader and member of St. Pauls, introduced this song to us.

***Sing Praise to God*** is another great hymn from our German heritage. The tune, LOBE DEN HERRN, is the first line of the first stanza of the German text. The composer of the music is unknown and it was first published in a hymnal in 1668. The original text was written by Joachim Neander (1650-1680). Although he was reported to have spent a “riotous youth,” he became the first important hymn writer of the German Reform Church. This updated translation was made in 1993 for our New Century Hymnal by Madeleine Forell Marshall (b. 1946).

***Were You There*** is a deeply moving African American spiritual that asks the believer to put themselves in person at the crucifixion. The believer sings, “*O sometimes it causes me to tremble,*” which makes the suffering of Jesus personal.

***Gebet*** is by German poet Eduard Friedrich Mörike (1804-1875) and the music was composed in 1888 by Hugo Wolf (1860-1903). Wolf was one of the greatest Romantic composers of *Lied* (Songs). He organized his volumes by poets and also by translations from other languages. He was deeply devoted to the music of Richard Wagner (1813-1883). Tragically, his musical genius was “tempered” throughout his brief life by severe mental illness. His last six years were spent in and out of asylums and included one attempt at suicide. Max Reger (1873-1916) was one of the most prolific composers of the late German Romantic era. He composed a wide range of music, but he is known especially for his many works for organ.

The author of the text for ***The Lord's My Shepherd*** is Francis Rous (1679-1569), an English cleric, lawyer and Member of Parliament. It is a poetic setting of Psalm 23. BROTHER JAMES AIR was composed by James Leith Macbeth Bain (c. 1840-1925) and first published in 1915. Born in Scotland, he was a mystic, healer and poet. Although born into a devout Christian home, he rejected his traditional upbringing.

The ***Lullaby*** from *Suite No. 2 for Organ* was composed by American organist Calvin Hampton (1938-1984). He was born in rural Pennsylvania and raised in Ohio. He graduated from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and was organist at Calvary Episcopal Church in Manhattan for 20 years. He famously began a movement to create orchestral transcriptions of the organ.

***The Creator Has a Master Plan*** was composed by Pharoah Sanders (b. 1940). He was born Farrell Sanders and changed his name after his conversion to Islam. He was a saxophonist known for creating “spiritual jazz,” as well as exploring the overtones on the sax. The legendary saxophonist John Coltrane, who became a close friend of Sanders, recorded this work as an almost musical mantra and featured it on his testament album, *A Love Supreme*.

***God Is Working His Purpose Out*** is a favorite hymn of our recently deceased Pastor Emeritus Tom Henry. The text was written by Arthur Campbell Ainger (1841–1919) in 1894. The text demanded a muscular tune, which Martin Shaw (1916–1999) provided in 1915.

The ***Fugue in E-flat Major, BWV 552*** is the closing piece to Johann Sebastian Bach’s (1685-1750) incredible collection, *Clavier-Übung III*. It is a monumental work of music for liturgical services. The *Fugue* is often called “St. Anne,” because the first subject of the fugue sounds exactly like the tune for *O God Our Help in Ages Past*. Bach had no knowledge of that tune and it is really an interesting coincidence that it sounds like our beloved English hymn. The fugue can also be considered a “Trinity fugue,” because it is in three parts: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

**Clergy:** Matt Fitzgerald

**Music Director:** Kurt R. Hansen

**Organist:** Nathan Laube

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

**Scripture Reader:** Steve Schwartzberg

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

**Communion Coordinator:** Jana O'Brien

**Communion Servers:** Char or Larry Damron, Jill Wachholz

**Head Usher:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** David Baker, John Balevic, Mary Brown, Doug Clark, Jen Luerssen, Fred Pearson

**Head Greeter:** Greg Mooney

**Gatekeeper:** Dodd Brown

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

**Custodian:** Ramiro Gonzalez

*Communion bread baked by Marcia Knudson.*

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are in celebration of Char and Larry Damron's wedding anniversary tomorrow, September 5.

## BORN THIS WEEK IN SEPTEMBER

*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.*

Sept 4 Doug Hamilton, Gerald Saltarelli, Beatrix Kompare, Jake Saltarelli

Sept 5 Brent Bunch, Hayley Leaf, Isaiah Fitzgerald

Sept 6 Gregory Pine

Sept 9 Joe JaQuay, Meg Canfield

## WELCOME, ASSOCIATE PASTOR LIZ NICKERSON

We are excited to announce that **Pastor Liz Nickerson** has been hired as St. Pauls next Associate Pastor! Liz has deep roots in Chicago and comes to St. Pauls from Southminster Presbyterian Church in Arlington Heights, where she served as the Associate Pastor for Family Ministry.



Liz is organized, creative, thoughtful, and full of enthusiasm for St. Pauls. She is a gifted preacher, who won the award for pulpit excellence upon graduating from McCormick Theological Seminary. She knows how to plan and follow through, skills built in her time and training as an architect. She is collegially minded, and eager to join our team. She and her husband are raising their family in our neighborhood, and understand the challenge and promise of ministry in Lincoln Park. Her years of pastoral experience leave her with a thorough sense of what it takes to revitalize and lead our Sunday School.

Liz will join the St. Pauls staff full-time on October 1. Her collaborative leadership style will make her a wonderful addition to our staff. **On Sunday, September 11, Liz will join us for worship** as we kick off our Fall programming. Mark the date, and plan to meet your new pastor as we welcome her to St. Pauls together!

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### ABOUT THE PROCESS

Hiring decisions for Associate Pastors at St. Pauls are made by the Executive Committee of the Church Council and the Senior Pastor. This effort began in January with a job description written by the Youth and Children's Ministry Revitalization Task Force. This description and our Local Church Profile were posted on the UCC's national job board.

We received interest from more than twenty pastors. Applications were reviewed and applicants were screened in three phases by Pastor Matt and our Interview Team. The Interview Team members were Nancy Curotto, Sharon Collins, Ben Emmrich, Renae Bradshaw, Justin Hartanov, and Pastor Matt.

After receiving enthusiastic feedback about Pastor Liz following the first two steps in this process, the Interview Team viewed several of her sermons and met with Liz for group interviews. These concluded with the Team's unanimous agreement that she would be an excellent Associate Pastor for St. Pauls. The Executive Committee shared the Interview Team's excitement and agreed, unanimously, to extend a call, inviting Rev. Liz Nickerson to serve as an Associate Pastor as the third member of St. Pauls pastoral staff.

*Pick up a hard copy of the full announcement and letter from Pastor Liz in the Narthex, or see it online here: [mailchi.mp/spucc/welcome\\_pastor\\_liz](mailto:mailchi.mp/spucc/welcome_pastor_liz)*

## **Get All Excited: Climate Impact of the Inflation Reduction Act**

President Joe Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (Act) into law on August 16, 2022. Although not perfect, it is indeed good news! For the Act to be adopted and overcome political stalemate, significant compromises were made and a number of important provisions of the original package – the Build Back Better Act – were cut. This note covers only those provisions of the Act directly affecting the environment.

The Act is considered a landmark achievement. It is the first major federal legislation to address climate change and includes \$369B in federal funding for climate and clean energy programs. According to Earthjustice, an environmental legal advocacy organization, “Finally, we have legislation that begins to match spending with the true scale of the climate crisis, and we now have a path to just-in-time solutions.” Experts estimate that by 2030, the Act will enable the U.S. to reduce carbon pollution by 35-45% over 2005 levels, create up to 1.5M jobs and help prevent up to 3,900 premature deaths.

Among the Act’s more important environmental provisions are:

Clean Power – the first linchpin to de-carbonize the economy. The Act includes clean energy tax credits, government loan guarantees to leverage private sector investment in clean energy (i.e., wind, solar, hydro, geothermal, etc.) technologies, and rural electricity investments.

Clean Transportation – this sector creates the greatest share of greenhouse gas pollution. The Act includes electric vehicle (EVs) tax credits for new and used EVs, investment in creating zero-emission heavy duty vehicles, and investment in domestic clean vehicle manufacturing.

Clean Buildings – The “built environment” accounts for 13% of national greenhouse gasses. The Act includes rebates for home electrification and energy efficiency (i.e., heat pumps, electric appliances, etc.) and tax credits for “efficient” residential and commercial buildings.

Oil and Gas Leasing – Several extremely controversial provisions in the Act concern “giveaways” to fossil fuel corporations; in fact, two provisions mandate oil and gas leasing on American public land under certain circumstances.

According to Rev. Brooks Berndt, UCC Minister for Environmental Justice, “After many long years in which climate legislation from Congress seemed like an impossibility to many, I believe this is the first chapter to a new story. This new story tells us that change is possible and that we can make a difference for the sake of justice and for the sake of God’s creation. This legislation will embolden and renew us for continued struggle, so that this story of hope and possibility keeps unfolding.”

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **REGISTER FOR FALL SMALL GROUPS!**

Intensify your faith with these eight unusual hours. Grow closer to God while growing closer to other church members. Small groups will meet for eight weeks this fall, once per week. **Sign up by September 24** to be placed in a group – you can note group affinity preferences in the sign-up. Groups will begin meeting the week of October 2 after deciding their meeting time and place together.

Questions? Please contact Pastor Matt, [mfitzgerald@spucc.org](mailto:mfitzgerald@spucc.org).

Register here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1425620](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1425620)

### **VOLUNTEER FOR OKTOBERFEST, Saturday, October 1, 3-9 p.m.**

St. Pauls Oktoberfest block party returns this fall. How do we pour 600 beers, serve 500 brats/hot dogs, and run kids' activities for six hours? With the help of many volunteers! Can we count on you to be one of them? As a volunteer, you will work a 2-hour shift and receive a free food/drink ticket, as well as enjoy the chance to meet new friends, support St. Pauls neighborhood outreach efforts, and have fun! Please sign up here, [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1429089](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1429089), or contact Lorne Frank at [lornefrank@lornefrank.com](mailto:lornefrank@lornefrank.com). PROST!

### **REGISTER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!**

If you plan to have your child or youth participate in Sunday School during the 2022-2023 school year, we ask that you please register them at the link below. This is a one-time registration for the school year. Please register each child who will be attending. Sunday School is open to children 2-years-old to high school. Our Nursery will be open for children under age 2. Email questions to Children's Program Coordinator Danielle Mayfield at [danielle.mayfield@spucc.org](mailto:danielle.mayfield@spucc.org).

Register here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1306755](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1306755)

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

**What do reparations look like in real life?** Since 2019, our neighbor Evanston has engaged in a discernment process and created a program for reparations for their Black citizens. What actions have they taken and what challenges do they face? Read more here, [tinyurl.com/2s4e4r4v](https://tinyurl.com/2s4e4r4v).

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

#### **REDUCE ELECTRICITY USAGE**

- Use a low-flow faucet. Are your water bills getting higher by the day? Replace your current showerhead with one with a flow rate of less than 8 liters per minute to save on water bills.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

*See our full event calendar online at [spucc.churchcenter.com/calendar](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/calendar)*

*Evening meetings enter through the courtyard door*

### **TODAY - ST. PAULS HANDWORK MEET-UP** - After Worship, Social Hall

If you enjoy handwork, you're invited to continue our time with each other by sitting together in communion and community on the first Sunday of the month at a drop-in handwork group. We will gather in a corner of the Social Hall for one hour after the worship service. Bring along a sandwich if you wish. New to handwork? We have expert knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, and sewers to help you get started with a project.

### **TODAY - MEMORIAL ORGAN RECITAL BY NATHAN LAUBE** - 2 p.m., Sanctuary

Nathan Laube, internationally renowned organist and longtime friend of St. Pauls, will present a free organ recital in memory of his friend, our beloved Larry Butcher. A free will offering will be received to benefit the Chapel Recital and Piano Maintenance Fund which was started by Larry. Please don't miss this opportunity to hear a great artist on our Phoenix organ. For more information contact Kurt R. Hansen at [KurtSingsBach@gmail.com](mailto:KurtSingsBach@gmail.com).

### **SEPT 14 - WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** - 12 p.m., Zoom

The Wednesday Bible Study will resume on September 14. Our last three sessions will be the last three chapters of the Gospel of Luke from the Last Supper to Easter. All are welcome! Get the Zoom link from Pastor Jeff at [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

### **SEPT 22 - ST. PAULS YOUNG ADULTS FALL KICK-OFF** - 7-9 p.m., Pastor Jeff & Joe's,

130 S. Canal Street, Apt. 818. Get to know and reconnect with other young adults at the home of Pastor Jeff and Joe. Supper and beverages will be provided. Just bring yourself. Their home is convenient to CTA 'L' and bus routes and there is metered street parking or garage parking available in the area. Let us know you're coming here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1418743](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1418743).

### **SEPT 25 - ST. PAULS MEDICAL FAIR** - 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Gym

We will cover: 1. AED Demonstration, 2. Blood Pressure, 3. 5 Wishes.

4. Vaccinations, given by Aisha, Rph from Walgreens, no appointment needed.

Covid, Shingles, Pneumonia, and Flu shots. Kids under 18 need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Remember to bring your Covid vaccine card and your Medicare card or insurance card for the pneumonia and shingles shots. See the event link for more details! [spucc.churchcenter.com/calendar/event/109116485](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/calendar/event/109116485)

**SEPT 25 - NEW MEMBER CLASS - 11 a.m., Social Hall**

Join pastors, members, and others curious about Saint Pauls for our Fall 2022 New Member Class. Together we'll talk about faith and our community, and we'd love you to be part of the conversation! We'll meet in the Social Hall after worship, and childcare will be provided as needed (please let us know in the sign-up). Register here, [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1406657](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1406657), or contact Pastor Matt for more information at [mfitzgerald@spucc.org](mailto:mfitzgerald@spucc.org).

**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](mailto:JenniferLKew@gmail.com), or Pastor Jeff, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto: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. There are still many dates available this year! Sign up for 2022 dates at [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1078968](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1078968).

**THE BOOK NOOK** – Find your next good read or drop off books to share on the north side of the Social Hal. 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](mailto:lindanitz@yahoo.com).

**CHURCH CENTER** – [spucc.churchcenter.com](https://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](mailto: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](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/178271).

**GREEN TEAM** – Members of St. Pauls formed its Green Team several years ago because of their strong interest in environmental and ecological issues, and to sharpen the congregation’s awareness and actions on these issues.

Joe Womack and Jan Fraccaro, the founding co-chairs of this group, are stepping down. They have truly nurtured and guided the Green Team with patience, devotion and knowledge through many challenges. We are immensely grateful for their service.

The recent UN climate report reads like a litany of planetary suffering. As people of faith, members of St. Pauls are called to “Care for Creation.” To that end, the Green Team is seeking new members, particularly young adults and youth, as we become a Creation Justice church, recognized by the UCC. We would love to have you! If you are interested, please contact either of the new interim Green Team co-chairs, Ninon Freeman at [nlanda05@yahoo.com](mailto:nlanda05@yahoo.com) or Rick Peterson at [rnpeterson2017@gmail.com](mailto:rnpeterson2017@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 the 2022/23 school year. Check out [www.littlelightslp.org](http://www.littlelightslp.org). If you would like to schedule a tour or have additional questions, contact Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at [littlelights@spucc.org](mailto:littlelights@spucc.org).

### **PICKLEBALL**

Have you tried the growing sport of Pickleball yet? It's like a small court version of tennis and is gaining in popularity all over the U.S. We're holding pick-up games in the St. Pauls gym every week. Sign up at the ChurchCenter link below and show up at one of the allotted times! We 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](http://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 [jenuerssen@yahoo.com](mailto:jenuerssen@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.

**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)).

**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 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.*

- The family and friends of Pastor Emeritus Tom Henry.
- Annie Johnson at the death of her mother, Jean.
- Pat Ruch and Al Cernak as they navigate complicated medical care issues.
- Becky Blank, her husband, Hanns Kuttner, and their daughter Emily as Becky undergoes treatment for an aggressive form of cancer.
- Michael Toomin as he recovers from a back injury and is undergoing physical therapy.
- 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. 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.

Senior Pastor Matt Fitzgerald, [mfitzgerald@spucc.org](mailto:mfitzgerald@spucc.org)

Associate Pastor Jeff Carlson, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org)

Pastor Emeritus Tom Henry, *October 6, 1943 - August 27, 2022*

For a complete list of St. Pauls Staff, Governance, and Lay Leadership

Please visit [www.spucc.org/contact](http://www.spucc.org/contact)

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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.