



Bible Off Broadway
Original Blessing
February 2, 2020

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.

PRELUDE

What A Wonderful World

WELCOME

Matt Fitzgerald

Original Blessing

Prologue

**Star Wars Episode 1
The Force Awakens**

Evie Drew, Julia Brizzolara

Scene 1. BEFORE IT ALL BEGAN

Created From the Deep

The Angelic Choir

High School Class

Emma Braband, Samantha Fayhee,

Emily Hein, Collin Murray,

Jana O'Brien

David Burnett, Rebecca Brown

Group Leader

Teachers

Scene 2. LIGHT AND DARK

Ultralight Beam

Heavenly Hosts

St. Pauls Chancel Choir and

Lighthouse Church Choir

Yohan Stevenson

Kecia Waldschmidt

Soloist

Group Leader

Scene 3. LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

Sky Full of Stars

Stars

5th and 6th Graders

*Lucy Bashiti, John Due, Samantha Due,
Milo Flores, Andrew Hein, Annabel Jackson,
Eleanor McGuire, Zach Murray, Owen
Waldschmidt*

Group Leader

Karaçan Sayrun-Thomas

Scene 4. HEAVEN AND EARTH

Touch the Sky

Group Leader

Teachers

Confirmation Girls

*Christina Cedeno, Vivian Hein, Katie Kobak,
Kaitlyn McVey, Valerie Schimp,
Claudia Valwoord, Katherine Weiskirch
Phillip Smedley
Peg Wander*

Scene 5. THE LIGHT TO RULE THE DAY

Here Comes the Sun

John Lennon

The Beatles

Group Leader

Teacher

Confirmation Boys

*Miles Davidson
Clark Tavas, Nolan Tavas, Nick Walvoord,
Braeden VanZeyl
Gail Renfrow
Wayne Parman*

Scene 6. THE LIGHT TO RULE THE NIGHT

Beautiful Moon

Moon

Collin Murray

OFFERTORY

Green Grass Grows All Around

Led by Pastor Sarah Garcia, Jack Knight and Nick Swinehart

God made the earth
in the middle of space
the prettiest earth
that you ever did see
The earth was in space and
the green grass grows all around, all around
and the green grass grows all around

And on that earth
God made some plants
the prettiest plants
that you ever did see
The plants on the earth and the earth in space
and the green grass grows all around, all around
and the green grass grows all around

And by those plants
God made some flowers
the prettiest flowers
that you ever did see
The flowers by the plants and the plants on the earth and the earth in space
and the green grass grows all around, all around
and the green grass grows all around

And by those flowers
God made some trees,
The prettiest trees,
That you ever did see
The trees by the flowers and the flowers by the plants and the plants on the
earth and the earth in space
and the green grass grows all around, all around
and the green grass grows all around

And by those trees
God made some vines
the prettiest vines
that you ever did see

The vines by the trees and the trees by the flowers and the flowers by the plants
and the plants on the earth and the earth in space
and the green grass grows all around, all around
and the green grass grows all around

And on those vines,
there were some grapes
the prettiest grapes
that you ever did see

The grapes on the vines and the vines by the trees and the trees by the flowers
and the flowers by the plants and the plants on the earth and the earth in space
and the green grass grows all around, all around
and the green grass grows all around

And from those grapes
we made some wine
Communion wine
for you and me

The wine from the grapes, and the grapes on the vines and the vine by the trees
and the trees by the flowers and the flowers by the plants and the plants on the
earth and the earth in space
and the green grass grows all around, all around
and the green grass grows all around

Scene 7. THE WATERS FILL WITH LIFE

Baby Shark

Sea Creatures

Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten

*Joshua Badanes, Kenzie Burns, Winnie Castle, Cecelia Chamberlain, Myers Emmrich, Amalee Garcia Knotts, Serena Garcia Knotts, Aniston Hartanov, Mahalia Henry, Ethan Frisch, Faye Jackson, Will Jackson, Deidre McGrath, Sebastien Millard, Kai Renfrow, Kelly Sensenbrenner, Abigail Simonton, Toby Smedley, Lee Waldschmidt, Roshani Gerald Wilk
Megan Occhino
Nancy Godinez
Corinne Henry, Nicole Jackson*

Daddy Shark

Mama Shark

Group Leader

Parent Helpers

Scene 8. BIRDS ABOUND

We Are the Birds

Birds

3rd and 4th Grades

*Julia Brizzolara, Ellie Gillmore, Jennie Hamm, Annika Hull, Thomas Jackson, Eliza Johnson, Elise Pranglely, Evelyn Rodriguez, Colette Schimp, Max Waldschmidt
Christina Cedeno, Jorie Hamm, Kirsten Hull, Karin Pranglely*

Group Leaders

Scene 9. LAND ANIMALS FLOURISH

Circle of Life

Animals

1st and 2nd Grades

*Cecilia Badanes, Noah Bashiti, Maddie Forman, Julia Frisch, Claire Gallemore, Grace Gillmore, Everett Hamm, Oscar Hull, Ben Jovanovic, Brooke McGuire, Thomas Mix, James Mix, Julianne Pranglely, Maira Simonton, Boris Tong
Leo Flores
Milo Flores
Nancy Godinez
Corie Gallemore, Stacey O'Connell*

Soloist

Soloist

Group Leader

Teachers

Scene 9. THE FIRST PEOPLE

At the Beginning

Adam

Charles Wilk

Eve

Meg Tazelaar

Scene 10. MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE

God Only Knows

Ensemble

*Jeff Carlson, Breanna Coe, Todd Coe,
Joe JaQuay, Jennifer Kew, Rick Peterson,*

Kecia Waldschmidt

Group Leader

Jana O'Brien

Finale.

Entire Cast

Brand New World

BENEDICTION

Music Accompaniment

Piano	<i>Kecia Waldschmidt</i>
St. Arbucks Trio	<i>Brendan Henry, piano; Alex Austin, bass; Matt Plaskota, drums</i>
Guitar	<i>Jack Knight, Nick Swinehart</i>

Bible Off Broadway 2020 Artistic & Production Staff

Director	<i>Pastor Sarah Garcia</i>
Music Director	<i>Kecia Waldschmidt</i>
Choreographers	
Created From the Deep	<i>Jana O'Brien</i>
Sky Full of Stars	<i>Karaçan Sayrun-Thomas</i>
Touch the Sky	<i>Confirmation Girls and Christina Cedeño</i>
Here Comes the Sun	<i>Gail Renfrow</i>
Beautiful Moon	<i>Collin Murray</i>
Baby Shark	<i>Nancy Godinez</i>
We Are the Birds	<i>Christina Cedeño</i>
Circle of Life	<i>Nancy Godinez</i>
At the Beginning	<i>MegTazelaar, Charles Wilk</i>
God Only Knows	<i>Jana O'Brien</i>
Brand New World	<i>Karin Prangle</i>
Lyricists	<i>Sarah Garcia, Jorie Hamm, Jana O'Brien, Philip Smedley, Karaçan Sayrun- Thomas Kecia Waldschmidt</i>
Stage Manager	<i>Jim Alrutz</i>
Costume Extraordinaire	<i>Sue Finkle</i>
Costume Team	<i>Amy Bashiti, Jana O'Brien</i>
Set Production Leader	<i>Gerald Wilk</i>
Set Production	<i>Zoe, Rex and Leo Lawrence</i>
Makeup Team	<i>Renae Bradshaw, Corie Gallemore, Gail Renfrow, Creighton Hartanov</i>
Sound Consultant & Engineer	<i>Kevin Dzierzawski</i>
Stage Construction Leader	<i>Gerald Wilk</i>
Stage Design	<i>Nate Combs</i>
Stage Setup	<i>Nathan Chamberlain, Collin Murray, March Roschen, Phillip Smedley, Gerald Wilk</i>

Chancel Choir

Music Director
Organist

Kurt R. Hansen
Kevin Dzierzawski

Sopranos

Christie DeForest
Heidi Gillmore
Gay Kelly
Jennifer Kew
Karin Magnuson +
Nancy Pifer *
Ashley Saluga
Grace Stauskas
Meg Tazelaar
Kecia Waldschmidt

Altos

Cindy Ball
Amy Barton
Lois Basil
Terry Brancaccio Hansen
Carrie Bruggers - Librarian
Breanna Coe *
Micki Fayhee
Brynna Freitag
Sally Glowiak
Natalie Grana
Karen Johnson
Winnie Kearns
Patricia Mayer
Jana O'Brien +
Marti Pechnyo
Amy Petersen Beck
Pat Ruch

Pam Woll

Tenors

Debbie Ballard
Lee Ballard
Larry Butcher
Todd Coe
Andy Davis
Doug Heyboer +
Joe JaQuay
Rick Peterson
Nathan Streeter *

Basses

Bill Borden
Jim Brandt +
Jeff Carlson
Allen Heineman
Graham Hicks
Mark Huddle
Julian Jarzebowski
Lee Lichamer *
Mark Mosley
Mark Swanson
Jeff Wagner

*Section leader
+ Advisory Committee

Acknowledgements

Thank you to the creative team that worked with Pastor Sarah to put this all together. Without the brilliant ideas of Sue Finkle, Jorie Hamm, Jana O'Brien, Karin Prangle, Philip Smedley, Kecia Waldschmidt, and Gerald Wilk we would not have a show. We are so grateful to all the Sunday School teachers who shared their creative talents and child-wrangling skills for this endeavor and do the yeoman's work of giving our children a solid foundation in the Christian faith week after week. Thank you to all the parents who made the commitment to get their kids to rehearsals and practice at home. We appreciate the support of the whole St. Pauls staff in supporting this project. Special thanks to Ramiro for all his set-up help. Thank you to Fernando for taking down the stage and to Claire for her patience and technical support. We would like to thank Mary Rosebrock for finding the fantastic Sergeant Pepper jackets and Adelle dresses for us and shipping them all the way from California in time for the show. Last, but not least, our hearts will always be filled with gratitude to Pastor Emeritus Tom Henry and Sharon Phillips who began the tradition of bringing theater arts into the church 41 years ago. You continue to be our inspiration.

Director's Note from Sarah Garcia

Several years ago, I went to a children's ministry conference called Faith Forward. There I had the great pleasure of seeing a presentation by Pastor Danielle Shroyer. She made the case that the words "original blessing" should be as familiar to us as "original sin." Before that time, I had never even heard of original blessing. Pastor Danielle wrote in her book that "Original blessing reminds us that God calls us *good and beloved* before we are anything else. That didn't stop being true because Adam and Eve ate fruit in the garden. In fact, it has never stopped being true. The story begins with God-with-us and ends with God-with-us and everything that happens in between declares God-with-us. Blessing allows you to look at the brokenness of the world (and within yourself) with grace and loving-kindness, rather than with shame, hostility or despair. In blessing you find your calling and purpose and in blessing you find an unbreakable bond with God." I know many people who feel a great deal

of despair today, looking at the state of our world and its people in conflict. There are so many things happening that are horrific. I am not inviting you to pretend those things are not going on. Alongside that, I want to offer a reminder that we worship a Creator who is still creating. God's goodness and original blessing is still present in our world and in us. God herself is still with us, with her heart breaking alongside ours, and her creative spirit continuing to imagine new possibilities. It is still a beautiful world and you are God's beautiful people. Today we get to live in the joy of our little ones dressed in cute costumes and our youth with the courage to get onstage and sing. May your heart be lifted by the blessing of the songs and dances this morning and, beyond this, may your spirit be renewed by the sustaining and redeeming work of our loving Creator.

Sincerely,
Pastor Sarah

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 downstairs in the Gym.

Make sure to stop by the Youth Mission Trip Bake Sale for yummy treats!

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Jenny Benefield, Benny VanDerburgh, Fred Pearson, Brian Hafner, Mary A. Brown, Doug Clark

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Greeter: Sheryl Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

A GIFT HAS BEEN MADE by the St. Pauls Brass to the Faith and Public Issues program in memory of Nancy Brandt.

BORN THIS WEEK IN FEBRUARY

Donations to the Birthday Fund support A Just Harvest

We celebrate and give thanks for your life at St. Pauls. A perfect way to celebrate and help St. Pauls: give one dollar for each year of your life to our Birthday Fund.

- Feb 2 Karen Spivey, Denise Byrne, Brianna Gist, Rod Sippy, Sharon Phillips, Elysa Bond
- Feb 3 Niels Peterson, Alexis Miller, Izzy Smith-Ritchie, Kathleen Moulton, Christie DeForest
- Feb 4 Marcia Knudson
- Feb 5 Kathleen Truskey, Emma Peterson
- Feb 6 James Weimer, Rebecca Brown
- Feb 7 Kilian Zindel, Nolan Tavas, Aaron Fangman, Nathan Jernigan
- Feb 8 Carson Jacobs, Ethan Frisch, Sherrie Myers, Thomas Batalla

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUPER BOWL BAKE SALE - Come get some goodies during coffee hour and support the June youth mission trip to the U.S.-Mexico border.

2020 CHURCH COUNCIL - St. Pauls Nominating Task Force is currently working to identify and nominate members of St. Pauls who wish to serve on our Church Council. Open 2020 Council positions include: Vice President (2-year term), Treasurer (2-year term), Worship, Formation and Education Ministry (3-year term), Care and Connection Ministry (3-year term), and two At-large Member positions (3-year term). If you are interested in serving on St. Pauls Church Council, or have questions regarding the responsibilities related to certain Council positions, please contact one of the following Nominating Task Force members: Sheryl Mooney, Lois Basil, Mary Brown, Nathan Chamberlin and Emma Peterson. You may also contact current Council President, Karen Johnson, or Pastor Matt Fitzgerald. Contact information is available in the church office member directory, or by calling (773) 348-3829.

JOIN OUR ORCHESTRA - The St. Pauls Intergenerational Orchestra will perform in worship on Sunday, March 1. This year, we celebrate our church's German heritage with an all-Beethoven program. Orchestra members include teens and adults of all ages and abilities. We rehearse immediately after church in the Oscar Mayer Room on February 9, 16 and 23. If you are interested, please contact our conductor Mark Mosley at (773) 732-0625 or mwmosley@gmail.com. If you play a string, woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument, please join us as together we "Make a Joyful Sound in the City!"

2020 READING GROUP SELECTIONS: Four Novels by African American Women

This year, the "Long, Classic Novels Reading Group" will be reading selections from the Zora Canon:

Moses, Man of the Mountain, Zora Neale Hurston (1939) - Discussion date: March 16

Oreo, Fran Ross (1974) - Discussion Date: June 15

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A Mercy, Toni Morrison (2008) - Discussion Date: December 14

All discussions at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. Anyone is welcome to join us for one or all four. Please RSVP to Pastor Jeff for email updates: jcarlson@spucc.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEB 3 - NEW! YOUNG ADULTS SPIRITED DISCUSSIONS - 7:30 p.m., at Lincoln Station, 2432 N. Lincoln Avenue

The St. Pauls Young Adults Group is starting a new quarterly event combining theological discussions with social connection. If you are a 20-30-something looking to meet other young adults at church and connect with Pastor Jeff, this is a great way to do so! At our kickoff event, we will discuss our personal theological journeys and what brought us to St. Pauls. Table for 12 is reserved, RSVP to Julia at juliaqmercerc@gmail.com.

FEB 9 - NEW MEMBER CLASS - 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Oscar Mayer Room

Come after worship to this meeting and talk with pastors and members about faith and the community here at St. Pauls. Lunch and childcare are provided. Joining Sunday is February 23. Contact Pastor Matt for more information or to RSVP at mfitzgerald@spucc.org.

FEB 13-20 - 2020 HAITI ADULT MISSION TRIP - Greg Mooney has reserved this week for an adult mission trip to volunteer at Three Angels orphanage and school with the hope that current tensions will have subsided to make it safe for travel. The need in Haiti is great. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Greg at greg-mooney@msn.com, or look for him greeting in the Narthex.

FEB 14 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL POTLUCK DINNER - Join Saint Pauls Social and collector Susann Craig on Friday, February 14, 6-9 p.m. at her Logan Square loft designed by world famous architect Jeanne Gang. This potluck dinner is limited to the first 25 people who register by calling her at (312) 399-8843. Each guest should bring a dish or drink.

FEB 15 - LOVELY WINE AND CHOCOLATE TASTING PARTY - 7:30 p.m. at Hannah and Caleb Bryant's home in Edgewater.

Join the Young Adults Group for a wine tasting party! In honor of Valentine's Day, bring a favorite bar of chocolate along with a bottle of wine to share. Toast Hannah's final Young Adults Group event she's planning as she transitions her role. People single, partnered and everywhere in between are welcome. RSVP to the Punchbowl evite. Space is limited to the first 20 people who RSVP; there are fewer than 10 spots left!

FEB 22- QUEER CHRISTIAN POETRY, POP, WINE, AND BEER - 7 p.m., Parlor
Join Matt, Lighthouse Church members and Pastor Jamie for this fun and meaningful event. Jamie and Matt will bring a few of their favorite poems by queer poets. We'll read the poems and enjoy a free flowing conversation. Make new friends, love new poems. Join us!

MARCH 15 - CONFRONTING RACISM AND WHITE PRIVILEGE WITH *WHITE FRAGILITY* - 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m., Oscar Mayer Room

The Faith and Public Issues book study group has decided to continue meeting and has selected *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* as its next discussion text. *White Fragility* is the 2018 New York Times bestseller that explores the counterproductive reactions white people have when their assumptions about race are challenged and how these reactions maintain racial inequality. The author, Robin DiAngelo, a white antiracist educator, explains how white privilege develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively. Questions: please contact Rick Peterson at rnpeterson2017@gmail.com.

MARCH 28 - GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY VOLUNTEER DAY - 1 p.m. - 3:45 p.m., 4100 W. Ann Lurie Place

Give back to the community by helping to sort and repack donated food at the GCFD warehouse. We need 15 volunteers ages 11 and up. RSVP to Maureen Reilly by March 21 at mreilly773@gmail.com.

OPPORTUNITIES

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP - Providing flowers for the altar is a great way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or honor someone special in your life. You can sign up in the Social Hall or email Claire Higgins to check open Sundays, chiggins@spucc.org. There are many Sundays available, but be sure to sign up early so you can bring flowers on your preferred date!

COLLEEN HENRY WRITING CENTER - Tutors Needed

This program at Lincoln Park High School was initiated by St. Pauls and developed in connection with the English and Social Studies Departments. Tutors volunteer two hours once a week, Monday through Thursday. Training and mentoring are available. For more info or to volunteer, contact Linda Patton, lpattton21@yahoo.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.

CONSIDER THE LILIES - Deliver our Sunday altar flowers to members and friends who need to know St. Pauls is thinking of them. If you would like to be part of this initiative, please contact Maureen Grunst at mvgrunst@gmail.com.

FAITH IN ACTION - Some people call it showing up for a protest. Others call it public witness for the values inherent in our faith. Most of us appreciate being able to do both with like-minded congregational members. We are continually building a Faith-in-Action list of people who wish to receive notice of such protests and gatherings – frequently on short notice due to swift governmental action. Please join this email list by contacting Claire Higgins at chiggins@spucc.org.

FAITH AND 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. Contact Toby Rogers at toby@rogers-home.com for information about meetings.

FEED THE HUNGRY - Volunteers needed February 16 and February 23. Each week St. Pauls welcomes homeless and hungry people to Sunday dinner as part of the Community Engagement Program (CEP). Teams of 4-6 volunteers prepare and serve dinner. To sign up, contact Jennifer Kew at CEPsupper@gmail.com.

GIFTS, PASSIONS, SKILLS - If you have not already completed our GPS Survey, we still need to hear from you. Please go to forms.gle/jK54YezLs8Ea27uW8 to fill it out. This is an important component of our overall member engagement initiative, as mentioned in the November 10, 2019 congregational meeting. If you prefer to complete a paper document, they are available on the front counter of the office next to the labeled return box. Thank you in advance for your participation.

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER NEEDS OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEERS
To sign up: volunteer@lpcsonline.org or call 773-549-6111.

LITTLE LIGHTS is a St. Pauls early childhood program with classes for 2, 3, and 4-year olds. We are now accepting applications for 2020. Check out www.littlelightslp.org. Email Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at littlelights@spucc.org.

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NEW OR EXPECTING PARENTS - If you have a new baby or are expecting a baby, please let Corie Gallemore know so that we can find ways to support you (meals, prayer, etc.). Email Corie at corie.gallemore@gmail.com.

OUTREACH AND BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE - Do you have a passion for reaching out to others? The St. Pauls O&B Committee would love to have you join us in keeping our church engaged in community outreach. For more information contact Pauline Taylor, paulinetaylor933@gmail.com, or Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org.

PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES - POLO has play dates, Moms night out, Dads night out, family pizza parties, prayer groups, and more activities to support families with little ones between the ages of 0 and 5. If you have young children and would like to get involved, please contact Joanne Tong at jctong@yahoo.com.

SARAH'S SIBS gather every Wednesday morning to make 40 bag lunches to be distributed to homeless people. Come to the church kitchen at 9:30 a.m.

ST. PAULS BASKETBALL - 7 p.m. Wednesdays

Our weekly pick-up games are co-ed. Ages range widely and skill levels go from enthusiastic to "I think she played in college." All are welcome!

mfitzgerald@spucc.org.

ST. PAULS SOCIAL - Get better acquainted with other adults at St. Pauls. If interested in hosting, please contact Jen Luerssen at jenluerssen@yahoo.com and stay tuned for future events.

SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY - One Saturday a month, 10-11:45 a.m. Newcomers are always welcome. Increase your faith and your knowledge of the Bible in this monthly study. RSVP: Pastor Jeff at jcarlson@spucc.org.

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).

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 Tuesday.

Please limit announcements to 100 words. Thank you!

SAINT PAULS PRAYS

Please clip this page and pray for those who are named below. We only print requests we receive. To make a request, 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 Basil family at the death of Lois's mother, Carol Stoub.
- Pat Ruch's sister, Aline, who was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor and scheduled for surgery.
- Prayers of healing for the young patients at Lurie and Comer Children's Hospitals
- Pat Kirby, who is rehabbing at Wesley Place.
- Jenny, who lost both her daughter (who leaves behind three children) and her brother in the days before Christmas.
- Jenny Benefield, grieving her mother's death.
- Tom Klein, grieving his mother's death.
- Nancy Bingaman's niece, Julia, continuing to have a difficult recovery from serious liver surgery.
- Gary Ashley and family at the death of his mother, Frances.
- Stephen Anderson at the death of his wife, Sally.
- John Schloerb at the death of his father, Robert.
- Nina Whitsel, recovering from surgery.
- Lisa, sister-in-law of Libby Braband and aunt of Emma, as she battles breast cancer.
- Jim Brandt and family at the death of his beloved wife, Nancy.
- Diane Biegert at the death of her father, Rev. John Biegert.
- Karen, aunt of Layne Lebahn, who is going through cancer treatment.
- Carol B., sister-in-law of Mark P., as she undergoes treatment for cancer.
- Mary Train, recovering from her second knee surgery.
- Mike, friend of Rob and Shannon Castle, in treatment for cancer.
- Pastor Sarah's sister-in-law, Tina, diagnosed with skin cancer.
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.
- Karl Wirsum, in rehabilitation for mini-strokes.
- Veterans and those in wars.

You are beloved – to others, to the world you live in, and most important, to God. God knows your struggles and failures, as well as your joys and triumphs. Even when you walk through the valley of shadows, God is with you. If you or someone you love has lost hope, is feeling completely alone or like life doesn't matter, reach out for help. Contact one of the pastors today for information about mental health care advocacy and resources that can help you and your loved ones. Contact information for the pastors is at the back of this bulletin.

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TO GIVE

TO ST. PAULS

AND SUPPORT OUR 2020 VISION

Make an annual pledge to St. Pauls, of money, time and talent, and you'll bring our 2020 vision into sharp focus. New ways to give make the process quick and easy. Watch for a pledge card in the mail, look for one in the pews, or get details on our website.

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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 to and Affirming of" LGBTQ women and men.

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 176 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.