



“No matter who you are,
No matter where you are
on life’s journey,
You are welcome here.”



Welcome to Worship

Welcome to St. Paul Church. We are glad you are here!

9:00 am Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary
11:00 am Celebration Worship Service in Heritage Hall

Information for our friends...

Weekly Sunday morning services ~

Our **9am Traditional Service** is inspired with hymns and has Children's Church. Bring your children to attend service, after our Children's time, go for a lesson & kids can be picked up in the Welcome Center after service.

Try our relaxed family-friendly **11am Celebration Service**.

The B Street Band is proud to share their contemporary Christian music and welcomes you to listen and sing along. *Please feel free to try one or both styles of worship.*

The Nursery is open during 9 am services, and is the first classroom in the hallway off the sanctuary. If the small person who is with you gets wiggly, there are toys & books to enjoy. Hearing devices, large print bulletins, and large Bibles (in church library) are available, please see your ushers if you have any questions.

Our Worship Service is broadcast on KSTL-690 AM radio & streamed on Jubilee690.com at 9am Sundays and repeated at 9pm.

We want to know you!! Please sign the Pew Pad today. If you are new to St. Paul, want your information updated or with us every week— let us know you are here!! Please fill in your contact information and we will happily contact you as you wish.

When you or a loved one is admitted to a hospital, please ask the hospital to notify the church office. Also please notify the Church Office regarding hospitalized members of the St. Paul faith family. If you have a new addition to your family, if your address or phone changes, please contact the church office so we can keep our records current.

Your phone call is crucial to our ministry!

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St. Paul United Church of Christ

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time / Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 26, 2018 9:00 am

OT = Old Testament NT = New Testament † Please stand if able

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Almighty King

Richard Proulx

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We who dwell in the shelter of the Most High

All: **Seek God here.**

One: We who come to be inspired and changed

All: **Seek God's Spirit here.**

One: We who know how little we know

All: **Seek God's Word here.**

INVOCATION (Unison)

God, you are made known to us in the rustling wind that blows, in the blazing fire that does not consume, in the face of the good, in the deep of the unknown. We meet you here. We accept your greeting. We welcome your inspiration. We await the change you have in store for us. Inhabit our spirits. Focus our attention. Bring us to you – you who are already with us. Help us to be as you would have us be. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, here and everywhere, now and always. Amen.

+OPENING SONG #19

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

+PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

One: In this time of confession, God invites us to examine our lives and to repent –which really just means to turn back. Let us confess how we have fallen short and, as we do, let us turn back.

All: **God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that our love isn't always genuine. We see evil and wring our hands instead of resisting it. We forget to consider more ways to serve you. We turn our back on strangers who could benefit from our hospitality. We do not pray enough for our enemies. We associate with our own kind, fearing the "other." We relish in fantasies of revenge.**

For all this, and for all that burdens our heart today, O God, we seek your forgiveness. Continue to call us to new beginnings even in the face of our shortcomings. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: In God's wisdom and compassion we receive grace that we might live anew, unburdened by the obstacles and pride of the past. Let us continue embracing the flowing wisdom of God. Give thanks to God who lifts us up with the gift of forgiveness.

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us share a sign of the peace with one another.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT with Pastor Michelle

SUMMER CHOIR

We Would Be Building

Jean Sibelius

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 28:10-22 1 Kings 8:1-30, 41-43

SERMON

Holy Spaces

HYMN #288

Let All The World

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE with 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.

RECEIVING OUR MORNING GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

One: If we pay close enough attention, when we look around, all we can see is need. But is that how you think God sees it? I think that as God looks around, God sees need AND God also sees great abundance. God sees all the gifts God has already given us, and God sees opportunity.

As a church, we are invited to look around through the same lens – seeing opportunity, gifts, possibilities around us while acknowledging the deep needs that surround us.

Today's offering of needs and gifts will now be received with gratitude.

OFFERTORY

Arioso

J.S. Bach

+DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ in whom God's grace we know

Praise Spirit, with us evermore; One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER of DEDICATION

In your Creation, O God, we abide with you in holy spaces. May these gifts be a blessing to all that you have made. May the church, organizations and people that receive them act as your hands. May needs be seen and met, and may the giving fit the need. Through Christ, who models infinite giving. Amen.

+HYMN #21

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

+BENEDICTION

One: No matter where we travel, how rocky the road, how windy the air- know that God is your companion, and in every step, you are in holy spaces. May you love your neighbor and celebrate God's love as you abide in God's sacred world!

All: Amen!

+POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

Call to Worship, Invocation, Prayer of Reconciliation, Assurance of Grace, Call to Offering, Prayer of Dedication from Standing on Holy Ground: Service Prayers for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost written by the Rev. Kaji Douša, senior pastor of Park Avenue Christian Church in Manhattan. Benediction written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian



NEWS & NOTES

Aug 26, 2018

Worship Service Volunteers Training Day

All worship service volunteers are encouraged to attend a volunteer training on **Sunday, August 26**. If you usher, run the radio room, sound systems, worked in the control room, read during a service or shook a hand as a greeter, lit a candle... join us!!

We will meet in the sanctuary after the 9am service.

We will be learning more about how to have a safe and caring church environment.

Please join us for summer choir!

What's that? Come on up to the choir room on **TODAY & Sept 2** at 8:30am and we will rehearse a piece you will enjoy singing for the service that day. Low commitment and a chance to help minister with music-what a great combination! Contact Dan with any questions.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

WITH ST. PAUL UCC BELLEVILLE

ST. PAUL UCC WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS TO OUR FIRST MONTHLY GATHERING OF THE YEAR. GET TO KNOW THE COMMUNITY AND FELLOW LINDENWOOD STUDENTS!

LOCATION: BALANCE COFFEE AND TEA

**ADDRESS: 732 S ILLINOIS ST,
BELLEVILLE, IL 62220**

WHEN: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

TIME: 7:00PM TO 9:00PM



Don't forget to get your baseball tickets!!!
ASAP
Last day to get tickets is Aug 31st
See next page for more info!!
Don't miss the fun!



PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS FOR OUR
ST. PAUL NIGHT AT BUSCH STADIUM

**CARDINAL BASEBALL!!
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
CARDINALS VS. GIANTS**

6:15 pm game



Tickets go on sale Sunday, August 5
in the Welcome Center/Activity Center or from the Church Office on weekdays.
\$20 per person (no children's ticket price) Seats are in the Left Field Pavilion Section 371

We'll have a panoramic view of the entire field!

The give away that evening is a Cardinal sweatshirt for those 16 and older.

This is a fundraiser for St. Paul and our goal is to sell 300 tickets – so invite friends, family – everyone you know who's a baseball fan – even if they root for the Giants! **If we reach our goal, 4 lucky ticket holders will win a pregame field visit to watch batting practice, we'll get a group photo, group recognition on the scoreboard during the game and, if available, sing God Bless America or Take Me Out to the Ballgame.** Plus, we'll be earning \$\$ for St. Paul while having a great evening of fun and fellowship! You just can't miss this event!!

Here are a few tips that might be helpful:

- *Only soft-sided coolers no larger than 16"x16"x8" are allowed in the stadium
- *No backpacks are allowed, unless it's a diaper bag
- *Factory sealed soda, water in clear plastic bottles, no larger than 2 liters, are allowed
- *No alcohol or non-alcoholic beer is allowed *Empty cups, mugs or plastic bottles are allowed
- *No aluminum containers, glass bottles, metal cans or thermoses are allowed
- *Food items are allowed but must fit in a bag no bigger than 16"x16"x8"

Redbird Express Information:

- *Cost for round trip (cash only) adults \$5; ages 2 – 12 \$2; under 2 free
- *Buses leave (about every 5 – 8 minutes) beginning 2 ½ hours before game time from the water tower at St. Clair Square in Fairview Heights and *if we know that we'll have more than 25 riders, we might be able to get our own bus*
- *Drop off is at the corner of Clark & Broadway near Gates 5 & 6
- *The last bus leaves stadium -Clark Street between Broadway & 4th, 45 minutes after game ends

Let's make this a super success & start off our new church year with a home run!!

Brought to you by your St. Paul Stewardship Board



YOU are needed on the St. Paul UCC Team to help raise money for the cure to end Alzheimer's. Join us on Saturday, September 29th for the Walk to End Alzheimer's at SWIC. To register for the St. Paul UCC Team, go online to "Walk To End Alzheimer's, Belleville" OR Contact Susan Relfe at susanrelfe@att.net or 234-2176



Franklin Neighborhood Comm Assn need tutors for after-school at-risk students. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact FNCA118@yahoo.com or call 233-1710. Begins Sept 10 from 3:15-4:15.

Have You Met The 12?

This fall, running from Sept 6 through Nov8, there will be an opportunity for you to "Meet the 12".

What 12 do you ask? Those men who traveled the road less traveled with Jesus Christ.

We will get to know each of these men on a personal level.

We will find they are not exceptional—but in fact—quite ordinary. Men who were available and obedient to the Master's call. You will walk in their shoes. You will understand their doubts and hopes.

Please join me on Thursday mornings, from 10-11 am, in the Genesis Rm for this 10 week study and imagine if Christ can accomplish His purpose through the lives of common men like theses 12 - just imagine what he has in store for you! —Dee Zopp, facilitator



Walgreens will be here with Flu Shots on Oct 21st from 9:30-11:30am Please pick up your pre-registration /pre-payment form in the Welcome Center today! Questions—Tina at tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org

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For Our Prayers

Darwin Bretsch - Amy Drake - Mike Foppe - Debbie Hailstone
 Marsha McCoy - Kamden Newman - Geneva Rehg
 Russell Scheibel - Verna Votrian - Bill Whicher

For Our Thoughts

Men can starve from a lack of self-realization as much as they can from a lack of bread.

Richard Wright

People are not disturbed by things, but by the view they take of them.

Epictetus

The most I can do for my friend is simply be his friend.

Henry David Thoreau

Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers.

Alfred Lord Tennyson

— This week at — St. Paul UCC

Please see stpaulucc.org for full calendar of events!

- Sun, Aug 26 **9am Traditional Service**
 Worship Volunteer
 Training
11am Celebration Service
 6pm Fireside Club
- Mon, Aug 27 10am exercise
- Tues, Aug 28 9am Staff
 and Teacher Training
 9am Quilters
 5pm Comm Dinner
- Wed, Aug 29 9am MDO Orientation
 12noon CASA-Gen Rm
 Band / Bells / Choir
- Thurs, Aug 30 9am MDO Orientation
 12noon CASA-Gen Rm
 4pm Masterworks

For Your Information! Craftymania!!

Sept 22nd - sign up now!
 Sign up Sheets on bulletin
 board or stpaulucc.org!

Fireside Club Meeting

Aug 26th, 6pm, Heritage Hall
 Guest speaker, Dee Zopp-
 "Have you met the Twelve?"
 All are welcome!

Women's Guild Founders Day

Will be held at O'Charley's
 6:30pm in O'Fallon
 Tues, Sept 18
 Fun, Food, & Fellowship!!

Men's Breakfast Group

Meet Wednesday morning
 about 7am at Swansea
 Family Restaurant at
 4425 West Main, Bville

Weekly Attendance

9am / Celebration	<u>Aug 12, 2018</u>	<u>Aug 11, 2017</u>
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