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THE HOLY NAME

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER
JANUARY 1, 2023 | 10:00 AM

You are welcome here.

A Little About St. Paul & the Redeemer

What kind of church is this?

St. Paul & the Redeemer (SPR) is a community that seeks to mirror the radical hospitality practiced by Jesus, holding together a progressive outlook and a rootedness in the Christian faith. We are woven of different races, economic statuses, cultural backgrounds, faith backgrounds, gender identities, and sexual orientations, and we are strengthened and enriched by each person's story and voice.

Let's Get Connected

Welcome! If you are new, tell us about yourself and get connected to what's happening at St. Paul & the Redeemer.

Scan the code or visit sprchicago.org/new to complete a Let's Get Connected form.

Children & Youth at SPR

All children's and youth ministries will resume on Sunday, January 8.

Nursery, 9:00am-12:00pm

Professionally staffed nursery care is available during the service for children ages 0–4. The nursery is down the southwest stairs. Changing tables are in the downstairs restrooms and the nursery.

Children's Chapel, Sundays, during sermon

During the sermon at the 10:00am service, children from preschool to second grade are invited to a special liturgy in the children's chapel, featuring songs and a Bible story.

Godly Play, Sundays, after church

Children in preschool through fifth grade are invited to Godly Play. Children are welcome to join Godly Play at any time during the year.

Youth Group, Sundays, after church

Join us for youth group (grades 6–12). We gather every Sunday for 45 minutes to enjoy donuts, games, and discussion, and meet once or twice a month for field trips and special events.

SPR's Anti-Racism Vision Statement

We strive to become a beloved community that reflects on our own racial identities and recognizes racism and privilege in our church and society; works for justice by building relationships and sustained efforts to heal, reconcile, and seek Christ in each other; and acts to interrupt and dismantle white supremacist structures, transforming ourselves and our church to become a living embodiment of justice and peace.

Bulletin Rubrics

Throughout the bulletin, the congregation is invited to say all **bolded** text aloud. There are also times when it is customary to make the sign of the cross by touching your forehead, chest, left shoulder, and right shoulder. If you wish to do so, the + indicates that.

Giving to SPR

Every dollar you give to SPR supports our ministry to and with our community. You may place cash or a check in the offering plate, give online at sprchicago.org/give-online or scan this code. If you are visiting, please do not feel obligated to give—it is our honor to have you as our guest!

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About the Cover Artwork

"I was not taught by a traditional Iconographer, and so to some, I am breaking many rules," writes Kelly Lattimer. "There are icons here that people may find theologically unsound and wrong, or for others, helpful and inspiring. I think both reactions are important. My hope is that these icons do what all art can potentially do, which is, to create more dialogue." To purchase prints and other works by Kelly Latimore, visit https://kellylatimoreicons.com/

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Das Alte Jahr vergangen ist (The old year now has passed away) J.S. Bach

Entrance Hymn

All sing.



The Hymnal 1982 #680: "O God, our help in ages past"
Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. Of Psalm 90:1-5.
Music: St. Anne, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

Welcome

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal Father,

you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

The Lessons

Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) Reading

A reading from the book of Numbers

Numbers 6:22-27

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

The LORD bless you and keep you;

the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8 Domine, Dominus noster Let us read the psalm responsively by verse.

O LORD our Governor,

how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Out of the mouths of infants and children your majesty is praised above the heavens.

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, to quell the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

What is man that you should be mindful of him? the son of man that you should seek him out?

You have made him but little lower than the angels; you adorn him with glory and honor;

You give him mastery over the works of your hands; you put all things under his feet:

All sheep and oxen,

even the wild beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

O LORD our Governor,

how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Epistle (New Testament) Reading

A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians.

Galatians 4:4-7

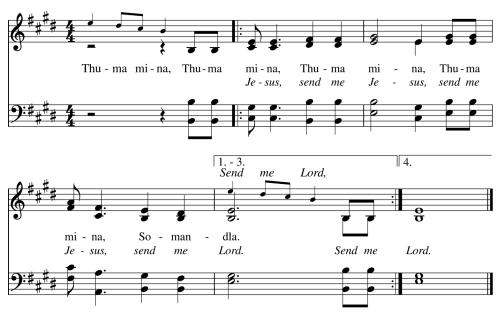
When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

All sing.



Additional verses

- 3. Call: Lead me, Lord, Response: Lead me, Jesus.
- 4. Call: Fill me, Lord, Response: Fill me, Jesus.

Wonder, Love, and Praise #808 "Thuma mina [Send me, Lord]"

Words: South African.

Music: Thuma Mina, South African.

Gospel Reading

At the + below, you are invited to trace a cross over your forehead, your mouth, and your heart.

+ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Luke 2:15-21

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Today's Preacher: The Rev. Meghan Murphy-Gill

Apostles' Creed

Please stand as able.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, + the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the church and for the world.

Gracious God, as we remember the birth of your Son, open our eyes that we may behold your face; open our hearts and minds to your presence. We give thanks that in Christ you share in our humanity and open for us the gate of glory.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the health and well-being of all children, especially those who are homeless or in homes that are unsafe. Bless the work of all those who nurture, teach, and advocate for them.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all who have enriched our lives by their goodness, all who have accepted us and cared for us. We pray for all who are separated from loved ones at this time and all who are lonely.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We thank you for all the joys of this life. We ask your blessing on **Peggy** Johnson (1/2), **Ruth** Woll (1/2), **Bob** Bator (1/3), **Kerstin** Wellbery (1/4), **Vicky** Legge (1/4), **Mary** Wildenberg (1/4), **Sam** Lear (1/5), **Caleb** Scott (1/6), **Van** Myers (1/6), **Elvis** Wolcott (1/6), and **Connor** Lane (1/7) as they begin another year, and **Kim** Hart & **Charlie** Cooper (1/1) as they celebrate their anniversary. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all those who are weary and weak, all those who are in pain, sick, or suffering, especially **Audrey Lisa** Tate (friend of Shirley Knight), **Jo Ann** Roberts, **Teresa** Massie Peterson (friend of Jo Ann Roberts), **Patrick** Ferlo (brother of Roger Ferlo), **D. Maria** Neighbors, **Stacey** Morris, **Rock** Sehr, and all those on our prayer list. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We ask that you bless our friends and loved ones who have departed this life with the gift of life and love eternal. We especially remember **Albert** Ferlo (1/1/2015, father of Roger Ferlo), **Victor** Heyman (1/6/2009, father of Steve Heyman), and **Richard** Underwood (1/7/2012, brother of Hank Underwood).

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

I invite you to offer your own prayers and thanksgivings, ending each with "Lord, in your mercy."

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer List: Audrey Lisa Tate (friend of Shirley Knight), Jo Ann Roberts, Teresa Massie Peterson (friend of Jo Ann Roberts), Roger Wolcott (brother-in-law of Curtis Myers), Patrick Ferlo (brother of Roger Ferlo), Jake Dombroski (friend of Ryan Bailey), Mel Hodder (brother-in-law of Mary Naftzger), Bob Bator, David Farris, Jennifer Penn, Hyacinth Evans, Rahsaan Clark Morris, Tim Sehr, Pamela Anderson, D. Maria Neighbors, Dan Goering (brother of Barbra Goering), Barbara Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer), Stacey Morris, David Daniels, Marian Elliott, Naomi Haynes, Amelia Dammen (grandniece of Lisa Rademacher), Pauline and Bill Reynolds (parents of Liza Reynolds), Tim Brown (cousin of Maureen Jesuthasan), William Jenkins (uncle of Twila Jones), and Rock Sehr, as well as their caregivers.

Prayers of the People: Adapted from David Adam, *Glimpses of Glory: Prayers for the Church Year (Year C)*. Collect at the Prayers: *A New Zealand Prayer Book*, Liturgies of the Eucharist: Thanksgiving for Creation & Redemption.

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Please remain at your seat and wave to greet your neighbors. Some announcements will be given; there's much more to find out in the front and back pages of this bulletin.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Jesus, Name Above All Names by Naida Hearn arr. Mark Hayes

The Great Thanksgiving

All stand as the offering is brought to the altar.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

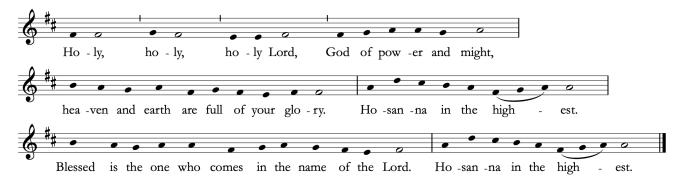
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

A proper preface is sung or said.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Music: A New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950).

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

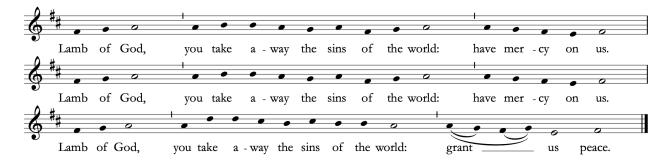
The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, Eucharistic Prayer A.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

The Breaking of the Bread

now and for ever. Amen.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

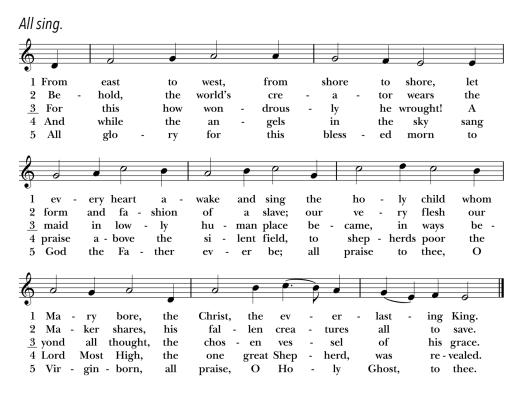


Music: A New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950).

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All, without exception, are invited to receive communion. If you would like to receive communion at your seat, please let the ushers know. If you want gluten-free bread, tell the communion minister. If you would like a blessing in place of communion, cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Music



The Hymnal 1982 #77 "From east to west, from shore to shore"
Words: Caelius Sedilius (5th cent.); tr. John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt.

Music: Vom Himmel Kam der Engel Schar, melody source unknown; acc. Carol Doran (b. 1936).

Sending Forth

Please stand as able.

Let us pray.

God of abundance,

you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;

you have united us with Christ and one another;

and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

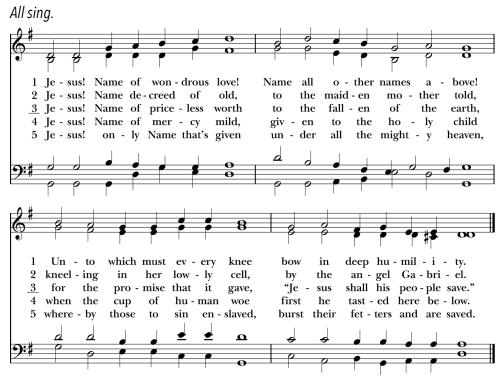
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Live without fear: Your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road, and may the blessing of God, + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Mother of us all, be with you always. **Amen.**



The Hymnal 1982 #252 "Jesus, name of wondrous love" Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897), alt.

Music: Louez Dieu, from Les cent ciquante Pseaumes de David, 1564, alt.

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name by Oliver Holden arr. Melody Bober

Coming Up at SPR

New Worship Schedule Begins January 8

Thank you to all those who completed our recent survey about worship times! Over 80% of respondents were open to trying out a combined service, and 95% were excited about hearing a combined choir.

Beginning January 8 and continuing through June 11, we will try out the following worship schedule:

8:00 AM: Worship (Rite I, spoken)

9:00 AM: Free time with child care provided; open space for small groups and committee meetings

10:00 AM: Worship (Rite II, with music) **11:05 AM:** Formation for all ages

To ask questions or share feedback, please contact the Rev. Catherine Healy at healy@sprchicago.org.

Epiphany Zoom Service & House Blessing

Last year's virtual house blessing was such a hit that we've decided to keep it going! On **Friday**, **January 6**, at **7:30 PM**, join us on Zoom for a brief Epiphany liturgy. From our homes, we'll all participate in the traditional Epiphany house blessing. Link to come.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the parish, with budget review and election of new vestry members, will be held Sunday, January 29, at 11:00 AM.

Love in a Dish

Please consider making a "Love in a Dish" meal for the Swift family as they transition into life with new family member Chloe (mealtrain.com/g6nq93), or for Patti Lanfair as she rebuilds her home after the recent Hyde Park condo fire (mealtrain.com/r2z81L).

Crèche Exhibit

Visit the Byllesby Room to see a display of crèches from around the world! This exhibit, created by Bob Bator, will be open until January 8.

Choir Resumes

Choir rehearsals will resume **Thursday, January 5th**. Choristers meet from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the St. Cecilia Room, and Adults meet from 7:00 PM to 8:40 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join our (now combined!) Sunday choir, which will meet at 9:00 AM for our 10:00 AM worship services.

January Adult Formation

In January 2023, **SPR's Faith in Action Team** will be hosting a 3-part series called "Putting Faith into Action: Housing Justice in Chicago." Join us in the parish hall at 11:05am on the following dates:

- January 8: Learn about the theology around housing and homelessness, and housing justice work of fellow parishioners, with the Rev. Lydia Gajdel and Leslie and Ron Gatton.
- **January 15**: Rev. Catherine Healy talks about the history of Martin Luther King Jr.'s work on housing justice in Chicago.
- January 22: Hear from other organizations about their housing justice work and how to get involved, with Janice Miller from Sunshine Gospel Ministries and their Housing Equity Initiative

New COVID-19 Protocols

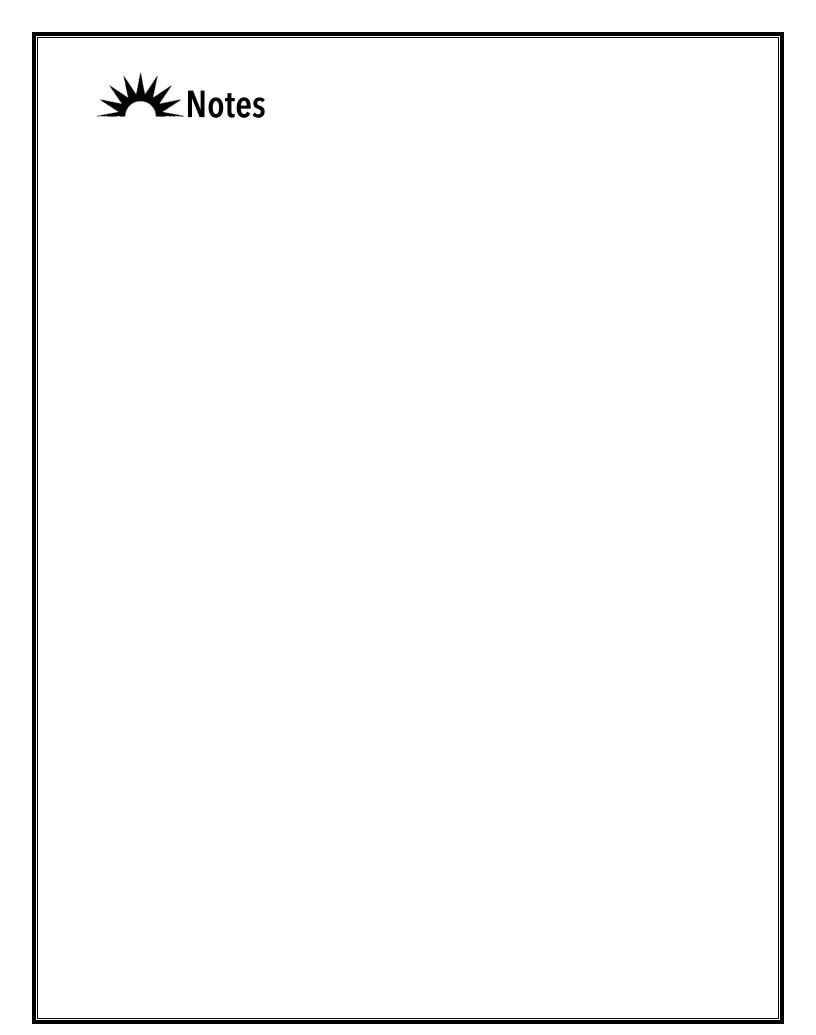
After discussion with the vestry and staff, we are altering our masking policy to be responsive to the CDC COVID-19 Community Levels for Cook County from week to week:

Low: Masks optional in all parts of building **Medium:** Masks required in sanctuary, optional

elsewhere in building

High: Masks required in all parts of building

Our current community level is Medium.



Serving Today

January 1, 2023 10:00 AM

Presiders: The Rev. Meghan Murphy-Gill Preacher: The Rev. Meghan Murphy-Gill

Deacon: The Rev. Jack Seymour Music Leader: Mark Bilyeu

Lectors: Ian Murrell, Jason Cather

Intercessor: Fran Spaltro Acolyte: Matthew Erlec

Ushers: Baiju Markose, Shawn Hannan

Altar Guild: Andrew Rostan Vestry Greeter: Fran Spaltro Livestream: Jared Beverly

Staff

The Rev. Catherine E. Healy, Rector

The Rev. Barnabas E. Pusnur, Associate Rector

The Rev. Jack Seymour, *Deacon* Mark Bilyeu, *Director of Music*

Megan Cather, Children's Music Assistant

Lindsey Strieter, *Director of Children's Formation*

The Rev. Roger Ferlo, *Priest Associate* The Rev. Lydia Gajdel, *Priest Associate*

Lukasz Jedrzejewski, *Sexton* Savannah Hegyi, Dennis Kalup,

lan Murrell, & Ariana Strahl, *Staff Singers*

Sabrina Foster, Ashley Lanfair, & Patricia Lanfair,

Nursery Teachers

Vestry

Twila Jones, WardenO. Michael AginaFrances Spaltro, WardenTayo Adegoke, Treasurer

Traci Beck Nicholas Bellomy

Jonathan Foiles Vicky Legge Meryl Prochaska Jason Evans Rebecca Luttrell Celia Paris

Partners in Ministry

Beulah Shoesmith Elementary School

We support our neighborhood school through tutoring, arts programs, and gardening.

Community Renewal Society

We are a member congregation of CRS, which organizes faith communities for social change.

Crossroads/Chicago ROAR

Chicago ROAR supports our anti-racism commitments through facilitation and training.

Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

We are proud to belong to the Chicago South Deanery of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago.

Murray Fellows

Through this program, we mentor and encourage the next generation of LGBTQ+ Christian leaders.

Open Kitchen

SPR members gather monthly to cook meals for Kenwood UCC's Feed the People Soup Kitchen.

St. Patrick's Church & School, Haiti

Our collaboration with St. Patrick's in Tom Gateau, Haiti, includes school lunch and music programs, teacher salaries, and capital projects.

St. Paul & the Redeemer Food Pantry

Our food pantry is open to the community every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 PM.

Syrian Community Network

Each year, SPR sponsors a newly resettled refugee family from Syria through visits, tutoring and more.

