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# **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER
JANUARY 8, 2023 | 10:00 AM



## 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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## **THE WORD OF GOD**

## **Prelude**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is Irish Melody (St. Columbia), arr. Daniel Burton.

Prelude in C Major, BWV 846

J.S. Bach (1685-1750), trans. Betty Paret.

## **Entrance Hymn**



The Hymnal 1982 #120 "The sinless one to Jordan came"

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Words: George B Timms (b. 1910), alt.

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Music: Solemnis haec festivitas, melody from Graduale, 1865; harm. Arthur Hutchings (b. 1906).

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## 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.

Father in heaven,
who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan
proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit:
Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made,
and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior;
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,
one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

## The Lessons

## **Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) Reading**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 42:1-9

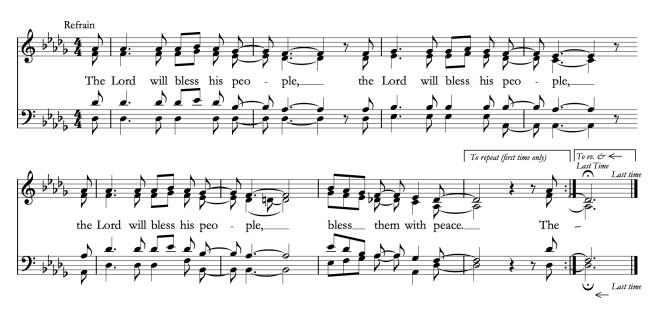
Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street: a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it

and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29: 1-4, 9-10 Afferte Domino



Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly powers,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
bow down before the Lord, majestic in holiness. **Refrain.** 

The voice of the Lord upon the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord full of power;
The voice of the Lord full of splendor. **Refrain.** 

The God of glory thunders;
In his temple the all cry, "Glory!"
The Lord say enthroned about the flood;
The Lord sits as king forever. **Refrain.** 

Lead Me, Guide Me: Psalm 29 for the Baptism of the Lord.
Words: Psalm 29, The Revised Grail Psalms.
Music: Lectionary for Mass, Richard Cheri and Jalonda Robertson.

## **Epistle (New Testament) Reading**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with

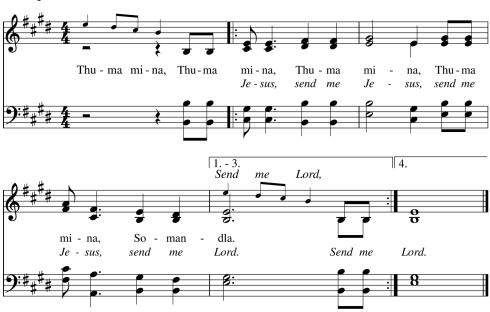
power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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 Matthew.

Matthew 3:13-17

## Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so

now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Sermon

Today's Preacher: The Rev. Catherine Healy, Rector

## **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.

Almighty God, our strength and our spring in desolate valleys, we thank you for bringing us safely through the past year. We ask that you guide and bless us in this new year, withholding no good thing from your people. Lord, in your mercy,

## Hear our prayer.

God of Life, give us courage to live into the vows of our baptism. Help your Christian children to walk in integrity and respond faithfully to the call to confront bigotry and hatred in every form.

Lord, in your mercy,

## Hear our prayer.

Holy One, give your Church grace and glory. May her bishops, priests, deacons, and lay people always find resplendent joy in your courts and radiate that same joy into the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

## Hear our prayer.

Just One, refine the hearts of our temporal leaders so that they may govern in wisdom and righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,

## Hear our prayer.

We humbly ask that you bless **Celia** Paris (1/9), **Jack** Seymour (1/9), **Bryce** Guillory (1/11), **Soren** Paris-McAuley (1/11), and **Sarah** Lincoln (1/12), who are celebrating birthdays this week. Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

We pray for all those suffering in body, mind, or spirit, and for those experiencing troubles or losses. Continue to support and comfort them, Lord, especially **Kenneth** McNeil (father of Melissa McNeil), **Joe** Ferlo (brother of Roger Ferlo), **Audrey Lisa** Tate (friend of Shirley Knight), **Jo Ann** Roberts, **Teresa** Massie Peterson, **Patrick** Ferlo (brother of Roger Ferlo), **David** Farris, **Tim** Sehr, **William** Jenkins (uncle of Twila Jones), and all those on our prayer list.

Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

We celebrate and offer thanksgiving for the lives of our ancestors and all of our beloved dead. We ask that you hold them safe in your eternal care, especially **Mary** Underwood (mother of Hank Underwood, 1/8/2003), **Jacob** D. Goering (father of Barbra Goering, 1/12/2019), **Evelyn** Tiemann (mother of Kara Tiemann Scott, 1/12/2022), **Minnie** Dunams (grandmother of Char Jones-Foster, 1/13/1991), **Francoise** De Bourqueney (late wife of Jack Knapp, 1/13/1999), and **Isabelle** Walker (aunt of Ron Thisted, 1/14/2007). Lord, in your mercy,

## Hear our prayer.

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

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

Prayer List: Audrey Lisa Tate (friend of Shirley Knight), Jo Ann Roberts, Teresa Massie Peterson, 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: Written by Twila Jones. Collect at the Prayers: Book of Common Prayer.

## 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

SPR Choir with LeAnne Bennion, harpist

We open here our treasures and our gifts,
And some of it is gold,
And some is frankincense,
And some is myrrh;
For some has come from plenty,
Some from joy,
And some from deepest sorrow of the soul.
But Thou, O God, dost know the gift is love,
Our pledge of peace, our promise of good will.
Accept the gift and all the life we bring.

Music: "Treasures and Gifts," Jeffrey Van (b. 1941). Text: "A Christmas Prayer," Herbert H. Hines (1890-1946).

## 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.

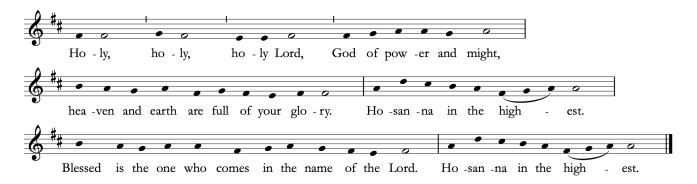
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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).

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

## We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.** 

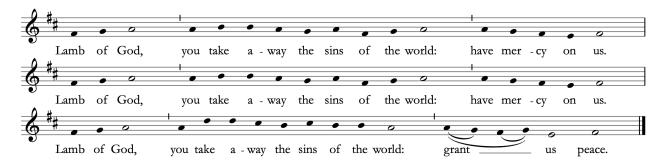
The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, Eucharistic Prayer B.

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,
now and for ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

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



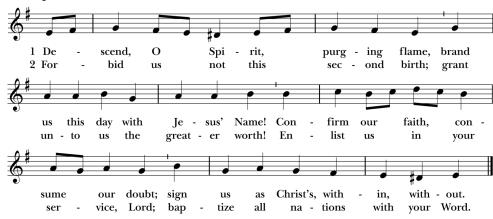
Music: A New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950).

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**

All sing.



The Hymnal 1982 #297 "Descend, O Spirit, purging flame"

Words: Scott Francis Brenner (1903-1991), alt.

Music: Erhalt uns Herr, melody from Geistliche Lieder, 1543; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).



Lift Every Voice and Sing II #143 "Wade in the water"

Words: Traditional.

Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Carol Haywood (b. 1949), from The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals.

## **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,

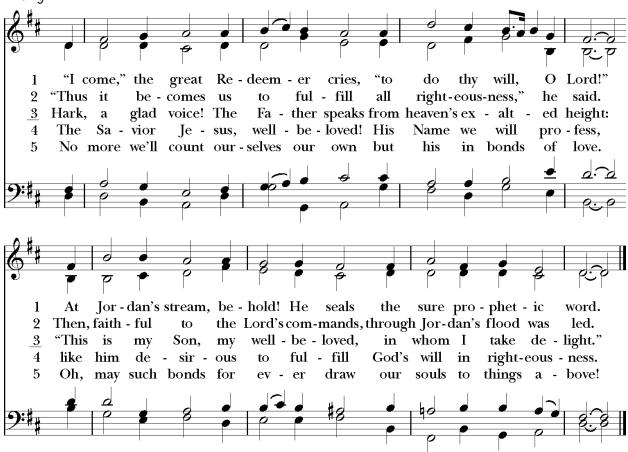
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

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

## **Blessing**

+ Holy eternal Majesty, Holy incarnate Word, Holy abiding Spirit, Bless you for evermore. **Amen.** 





The Hymnal 1982 #116 "'I come," the great Redeemer cries'"

Words: Christian Hymnbook, 1865, alt.

Music: This Endris Nyght, English melody; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

## **Dismissal**

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

## **Postlude**

Prelude from Violin Partita No. 3

J.S. Bach, trans. Marcel Grandjany (1891-1975).

# 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.

#### Love in a Dish

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

#### **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.

#### **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**.

## **January Adult Formation**

In January 2023, SPR's Faith in Action Team will host a 3-part series called "Putting Faith into Action: Housing Justice in Chicago." Join us in the parish hall at 11:05 AM 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.

#### Crèche Exhibit

Visit the Byllesby Room to see a display of crèches from around the world! This exhibit, curated by Bob Bator, will be open through today, **Sunday**, **January 8**, and can be accessed online at sprchicago.org/nativity.

#### **About This Week's Music**

We offer a warm welcome to one of Chicago's premiere professional harpists, **LeAnne Bennion**. She began playing the harp at the age of nine, and earned a master's degree from Roosevelt University (CCPA). LeAnne is a full-time harp teacher with studios at Lake Forest College, The Chicago School of Music, Lane Tech High School and Stevenson High School (Ibharp.com). The **anthem** this week is by guitarist and composer Jeffrey Van. As a guitarist, he has premiered works by Dominick Argento, Tania León, Frank Ferko, and dozens of other composers. "Treasures and Gifts" was commissioned for the Dale Warland Singers in 2009.

## **Serving Today**

## January 8, 2023 10:00 AM

Presiders: The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur Preacher: The Rev. Catherine Healey Deacon: The Rev. Jack Seymour Music Leader: Mark Bilyeu

Lectors: Steven Heyman, Jonathan Foiles

Intercessor: Andrew Chipman Prayer Writer: Twila Jones

Chalice Ministers: John Adewoye, Kenji Kuramitsu

Acolyte: Matthew Erlec

Ushers: Alicia Chipman, Vincent Johnson

Altar Guild: Twila Jones Vestry Greeter: Twila Jones Livestream: Simon Lane

## 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,

Ian 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.

