

"My Heart for the Lord" (2021), Liz Valente.
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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER

JANUARY 28, 2024 | 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.



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Children & Youth at SPR

KidZone (Nursery), Sundays, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Professionally staffed nursery care is available for children ages 1-4 in our KidZone, located down the southwest stairs. Changing tables are in the downstairs restrooms and the KidZone.

Children's Chapel, Sundays during sermon

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

Christian Formation

From September through May, we welcome all ages to join our formation (Christian education) gatherings, downstairs from 11:05 to 11:50 AM.

- Godly Play: Preschool to grade 2
- Junior Youth Group: Grades 3 to 5
- Youth Group: Grades 6 to 12
- Adult Formation: Teens and adults

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 goes toward 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. Thank you so much for your support of our church!

About the Cover Artwork

Liz Valente is a liturgical artist, wife and mother of 4 children; she has a master's degree in architecture and urbanism and is a professor of drawing for training architects at higher education levels. She works on several artistic fronts, such as theatre, visual arts and music, having created the album "Pipa Amarela," released in 2013. She has worked with teenagers and young people at the Presbyterian Church of Viçosa, Brazil, where her husband serves as a pastor. In her spare time, she writes prayers with accompanying art images and shares them on Instagram @donalizvalente

Source: Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Invention

Flor Peeters (1903-1986).

Entrance Hymn

All sing

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!
4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;
and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.
Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.
All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:
The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.
as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.
and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

The Hymnal 1982 #535 "Ye servants of God"

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: Paderborn, melody from *Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch*, 1765; harm. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947).

Welcome

+ Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

Source: Enriching Our Worship 1, p. 50.

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everlasting God,
you govern all things both in heaven and on earth:
Mercifully hear the supplications of your people,
and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Song of Praise

Sung by the Saint Nicholas Choir, Megan Cather, Children's Music Assistant

Hakuna wakaita sa Jesu,	There's no one, there's no one like Jesus,
Hakuna wakaita sa Yee,	There's no one, there's no one like you;
Hakuna wakaita sa Jesu,	There's no one, there's no one like Jesus,
Haku hakunaba.	There's no one, there's no one like you.

Hakuna Wakaita sa Jesu (There's No One Like Jesus)
Words and Music: traditional Shona.

The Lessons

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

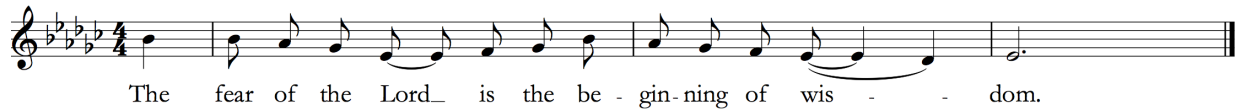
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111 *Confitebor tibi*

The Choir intones the refrain, then all sing the refrain. Choir sings the verses, all sing refrain where indicated.

Refrain



Alleluia! I will give thanks to you,
O God, with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright,
in the congregation.

Great are your deeds, O God;
they are studied by all who delight in them. **Refrain.**

Your work is full of majesty and splendor,
and your righteousness endures for ever.

You make your marvelous works to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion. **Refrain.**

You give food to those who fear you;
you are ever mindful of your covenant.

You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations. **Refrain.**

The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all your commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity. **Refrain..**

You sent redemption to your people;
you commanded your covenant for ever;
holy and awesome is your Name.

The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom;
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
God's praise endures for ever. **Refrain.**

Psalm 111, *The Saint Helena Psalter*.

Music: *The Portland Psalter*, Robert A. Hawthorne.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you,

who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

All sing.

Good-ness is strong - er than e - vil; love is strong - er than hate,
 light is strong - er than dark - ness; life is strong - er than death.
 Vic-t'ry is ours, vic-t'ry is ours through him who loved us. us.
 Oh, vic-t'ry is ours, vic-t'ry is ours through him who loved us. us.

Lead Me, Guide Me #313 "Goodness is stronger than evil"
 Words: Desmond Tutu (1931-2021), ©; adapt. John L. Bell (b. 1949).
 Music: *Goodness is stronger*, John L. Bell, © 1996, Iona Community.

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 Mark.

Mark 1:21-28

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a

loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children's Chapel

Children in preschool to second grade are invited to attend their own liturgy in the chapel, led by children's ministry staff Lindsey Strieter and Megan Cather. Participants under age 3 are encouraged to bring a parent. The children will return to the main service at the peace.

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

Dear God, grant us the wisdom to pray lovingly for your church and your world.

God who raises up prophets from among us—us, in this very building—may our words and actions express your love truthfully, to ourselves and others; be present to us during our annual meeting as we set our course for the coming year. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God who holds us accountable for our leading and our following, help us to discern which courses of life and action sold by those in authority over us, best represent your loving will, and so best help us not to indulge our own or exploit others' weaknesses. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God who builds up love among us, save us from the inflation of our own knowledge and wisdom so that it doesn't excuse us from prioritizing the oppressed and dispossessed in our midst. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Rejoice with those celebrating birthdays including **Josephine** Adewoye (1/24), **Michael** Adewoye (1/28), **Jason** Evans (1/29), **Jonathan** Foiles (1/30), **Vivienne** Kennedy Chlipala (1/30), and **Sarah** Welch-Larson (2/2), and with those celebrating anniversaries, including **Sem** Sutter & **John** Easton (1/29) and **Kerstin & David** Wellbery (2/3). Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Comfort those who are sick and suffering, especially **Pamela** Anderson, **Jacky** Corey Hain, **Josef** Michael Carr, **Helen** Johnson, **Jennifer** Penn, **Biodun** Olaiya, **Jayne** Khalifa (mother of Traci Beck), **Alarra** Tozin (friend of Twila Jones), **Brenden** Jones (godson of Cecilia Mowatt), **Penny** Piantedosi (sister of Val Tonsgard), and all those on our prayer list. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Remember those who have returned to your kingdom, especially **George** Whitley (parishioner, 2/2/2022).
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 and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers written by Joshua Daniel.

Prayer List: Pamela Anderson, Josef Michael Carr, Jacky Corey Hain, Marian Elliott, Susan Hartger, Naomi Haynes, Helen Johnson, Brenda Kilpatrick, Becky Kruse, Rahsaan Clark Morris, John Mulholland, D. Maria Neighbors, Biodun Olaiya, Jennifer Penn, Peter Pereira, Celia Scott, Tim Brown (cousin of Maureen Jesuthasan), Alarra Tozin (friend of Twila Jones), Hilton Clark (friend of Cecilia Mowatt), Alphonso Guerrero (nephew of Cecilia Mowatt), Rosalyn Hill (friend of Cecilia Mowatt), Brenden Jones (godson of Cecilia Mowatt), Jayne Khalifa (mother of Traci Beck), Becky Newman (sister of Mary Naftzger), Ann Rigney (friend of Mary Naftzger), Amelia Dammen (grandniece of Lisa Rademacher), and Penny & Dom Piantedosi (sister and brother-in-law of Val Tonsgard), as well as their caregivers.

Confession & Absolution

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.

You are invited to greet those around you with the words "Peace be with you." 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

Sung by the Choir and Choristers.

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green;
The trees of nature fruitless be,
Compared with Christ the Apple Tree.

His beauty doth all things excel,
By faith I know but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see,
In Jesus Christ the Apple Tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought;
I missed of all but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the Apple Tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the Apple Tree.

"Jesus Christ the Apple Tree"

Words: Rev. Richard Hutchins (1740-1790).

Music: Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987).

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, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Presider adds a proper preface.

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.

All sing.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lift Every Voice and Sing II #269 "Lamb of God"
Music: *Eucharist of the Soul*, Lena McLin (1928-2023).

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

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

All sing.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you
take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Lift Every Voice and Sing II #269 "Lamb of God"
Music: *Eucharist of the Soul*, Lena McLin (1928-2023).

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.

No matter whether or how you choose to receive the Eucharist, may this time in the service be one of contemplation and prayer, enabling you to draw nearer to the quiet presence of God.

Communion Music

All sing.

1. Yield not to temp - ta - tion, For yield - ing is sin; —
2. Shun e - vil com - pan - ions, Bad lan - guage dis - dain; —
3. To him that o'er - com - eth, God giv - eth a crown; —

1. Each vic - t'ry will help you, Some o - ther to win; —
2. God's name hold in rev - 'rence, Nor take it in vain; —
3. Through faith we will con - quer, Though oft - en cast down; —

1. Fight, still pres - sing on - ward, Dark pas - sions sub - due; —
2. Be thought - ful and ear - nest, Kind - heart - ed and true; —
3. He who is our sav - ior, Our strength will re - new; —

Look ev - er to Je - sus, He will car - ry you through. —

Ask the sav - ior to help you, Com - fort, strength - en and keep you;

He is will - ing to aid you, He will car - ry you through. —

Lift Every Voice and Sing II #170 "Yield not to temptation"

Words: Horatio R. Palmer (1834-1907).

Music: Horatio R. Palmer, arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from Songs of Praise.

All sing.

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Ubi caritas'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The score includes a triplet of eighth notes in the final measure of the treble staff.

Wonder, Love, and Praise #831 "Ubi caritas"

Words: Unknown.

Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

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.**

The Presider blesses the people.

+ May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Mother of us all, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Source: Book of Occasional Services, "Seasonal Blessings: Epiphany," p. 24.

All sing.

Following our final hymn, please remain in the sanctuary for our annual meeting.

1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to
 2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hear - ing,
 3 Be thou our great de - liv - erer still, thou Lord of

heal and save; it tri - umphed o'er dis - ease and death,
 strength, and sight; and youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed
 life and death; re - store and quick - en, soothe and bless,

o'er dark - ness and the grave. To thee they went, the
 owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be
 with thine al - might - y breath: to hands that work and

blind, the deaf, the pal - sied, and the lame, the lep - er
 near to bless, al - might - y as of yore, in crowd - ed
 eyes that see, give wis - dom's heaven - ly lore, that whole and

set a - part and shunned, the sick with fe - vered frame.
 street, by rest - less couch, as by Gen - es - aret's shore.
 sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee ev - er - more.

The Hymnal 1982 #567 "Thine arm, O Lord"

Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891), alt.

Music: *St. Matthew*, from *Supplemental to the New Version of Psalms* by Dr. Brady and Mr. Tate, 1708.

Organ Interlude

Wie Schon Leuchtet (Oh Morning Star, How Fair and Bright)

arr. Mark Sedio (1954).



Coming Up at SPR

Annual Meeting

Join us **today, January 28, after the 10:00 service** for SPR's annual meeting! We will elect new vestry members and discuss the year to come.

Black History Month Speaker: Michelle Duster

Michelle Duster, great-granddaughter of journalist and abolitionist Ida B. Wells, will be our 2024 Black History Month speaker on **Sunday, February 18, at 1:30 PM** in the sanctuary. A reception will follow, featuring a taste of African American soul food cuisine from Bronzeville's popular Pearl's Place restaurant. Invite your friends! Dessert donations are welcome. Please sign up in the narthex and confirm your dessert contribution, or RSVP at sprchicago.org/black-history-month-rsvp by **Thursday, February 12**.

Black History Month Trip: Faith Ringgold Exhibit

On the afternoon of **Sunday, February 4**, you are invited to the Museum of Contemporary Art to see *American People*, an exhibit by Black painter/quilter Faith Ringgold. To RSVP or coordinate rides, contact Sara Bigger (sarafaganbigger@gmail.com).

Bring Chicago Home: Adult Formation

Join the SPR Faith in Action Team (FIAT) and the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless on **Sunday, February 4**, after the 10:00 service to learn about the Bring Chicago Home ballot initiative, which aims to address the city's growing housing crisis.

Tell Me the Truth About Racism

On **Sunday, February 11**, after the 10:00 service, children and youth are invited to participate in *Tell Me the Truth About Racism*, a series to help kids dismantle racism through the lens of Christian faith. On **Sunday, February 4**, at 9:30 AM, adults are invited to the story rehearsal. Contact: Storytellers Celia Paris (celia.paris@gmail.com) and Amanda Ruch (amanda.ruch@gmail.com).

Vacation Bible Camp: Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible Camp from **Monday, August 5 to Friday, August 9, 2024**.

Carnival Sunday Bake Sale

Join us on **Sunday, February 11** to celebrate Carnival Sunday, the final Sunday before Lent! This year, our Carnival Sunday feast will be a bake sale to support our partnership with Shoemith Elementary School, and we will welcome students of the Shoemith Choir in our worship. Everyone is invited to contribute homemade baked treats or help with pricing, wrapping, or staffing the table. To volunteer, sign up in the narthex or contact Kate Baldwin (akbaldwin@sbcglobal.net).

About This Week's Music

Today's **prelude** is by Belgian composer Flor Peeters, who served as director of the Conservatorium in Antwerp, Belgium, and was the organist at Mechelen Cathedral for over sixty years: from 1923 until his death in 1986. Elizabeth Poston, the composer of this morning's **offertory anthem**, had a varied career as a musician. After her training at London's Royal Academy of Music (where her music was supported by Peter Warlock and Ralph Vaughan Williams), she joined the staff of the BBC at the start of WWII, and became the director of music in the European Service. She is said to have carried out secretive work as an agent, using gramophone records to send coded messages to allies in Europe. The **postlude** is by Mark Sedio: an organist and church musician, charter member of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, and faculty at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN.

Serving Today

January 28, 2024 | 10:00 AM

Presider: The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur

Preacher: The Rev. Catherine Healy

Music Leader: Mark Bilyeu

Children's Chapel Leader: Lindsey Strieter

Lectors: Andrew Rostan, Kari Martin

Intercessor: Mike Agina

Chalice Ministers: Meryl Prochaska, Peggy Johnson,

Esther Foiles, Tayo Adegoke

Ushers: Chinyere Agina, Mike Agina

Linen Washer: Janet Underwood

Vestry Greeter: Anne Harlan

Livestream: Matthew Erlec

Communion Bread Baker: Jim Tongsgard

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Ash Wednesday Worship

On **Wednesday, February 14**, join us in worship as we begin the season of Lent. Our service schedule includes:

- 12:00 PM: Contemplative spoken Eucharist
- 5:30 PM: Children's service, followed by a soup supper
- 7:30 PM: Choral Eucharist

Ash Wednesday Meal: Calling All Youth Chefs

On **Wednesday, February 14, at 4:30 PM**, all youth in grades 6-12 are invited to meet in the parish kitchen and cook a simple pasta dinner for the whole parish. RSVP to Lindsey Strieter (lstriete@gmail.com).

Ash Wednesday Meal RSVP

Please sign up for the Ash Wednesday meal following the 5:30pm service on our website:

<https://www.sprchicago.org/ash-wednesday-sign-up>

Lenten Small Groups: *Rest Is Resistance*

Our six-week Lenten small groups will begin on February 15. Together, we'll read *Rest Is Resistance: A Manifesto*, by Tricia Hersey. Copies will be available for purchase at church for \$25, starting on Sunday, January 28 (financial assistance is available). Sign up in the narthex, starting on January 28!

Lenten Holy Communion Education for Kids

Children ages 5-8 are invited to join a 5-week Holy Communion education class during the season of Lent, culminating in a celebration on **Maundy Thursday, March 28**. This class is appropriate for all children who want to learn more about the sacrament, whether or not they already receive communion. RSVP by **Wednesday, February 14** to Lindsey Strieter (lstriete@gmail.com).



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