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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER

FEBRUARY 4, 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

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THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Meditation, Op. 31.

Louis Vierne (1870-1937).

Entrance Hymn

All sing



1 Fa - ther, we praise thee, now the night is
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for thy
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual



o - ver, ac - tive and watch - ful, stand we all be -
man - sions; ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness
Spi - rit, Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us thy sal -



fore thee; sing - ing we of - fer prayer and med - i -
send - ing; bring us to hea - ven, where thy saints u -
va - tion; thine is the glo - ry, gleam - ing and re -



ta - tion: thus we a - dore thee.
nit - ed joy with - out end - ing.
sound - ing through all cre - a - tion.

The Hymnal 1982 #1 "Father, we praise you now the night is over"

Words: Latin, 10th cent.; tr. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936).

Music: *Christie sanctorum*, melody from *Antiphoner*, 1681; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

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.

**Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins,
and give us the liberty of that abundant life
which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

Please be seated.

The Lessons

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c *Laudate Dominum*

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

Refrain



Alleluia! How good it is to sing praises to you, O God;
how pleasant it is to honor you with praise!
For you rebuild Jerusalem
and gather the exiles of Israel. **Refrain**

You heal the brokenhearted
and bind up their wounds.
You count the number of the stars
and call them all by their names. **Refrain**

Great are you and mighty in power;
there is no limit to your wisdom.
You lift up the lowly,
but cast the wicked to the ground. **Refrain**

We sing to you, Most High, with thanksgiving;
we make music to you upon the harp,
For you cover the heavens with clouds
and prepare rain for the earth; **Refrain**

You make grass to grow upon the mountains
and green plants to serve humankind.
You provide food for flocks and herds
and for the young ravens when they cry. **Refrain**

You are not impressed by the might of a horse;
you have no pleasure in human strength;
But you have pleasure in those who fear you,
in those who await your gracious favor.
Hallelujah! **Refrain**

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c, *The Saint Helena Psalter*.
Music: *The Portland Psalter*, Robert A. Hawthorne.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those

outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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 1:29-39

Glorify to you, Lord Christ.

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many

demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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. KJ Oh, Priest Associate

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.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bless all who celebrate birthdays this week, especially **Kirk** Bagrowski (2/7), **Ore** Arogundade (2/8), **Michelle** Dassinger (2/9), **Twila** Jones (2/9), and **Ravin** Jesuthasan (2/10) and those celebrating anniversaries. May we rejoice with them and be ever grateful for the delights and blessings you offer us in this life.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We remember especially **Mary** Nafzger, **Pamela** Anderson, **Jacky** Corey Hain, **Josef** Michael Carr, **Helen** Johnson, **Jennifer** Penn, **Biodun** Olaiya, **Jayne** Khalifa (mother of Traci Beck), **Ann** Rigney (friend of Mary Nafzger), **Rosalyn** Hill (friend of Cecilia Mowatt), and all those on our prayer list.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled, especially **Herbert** Burtis (partner of David Fleer, 2/5/2021); we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray that we may share with them and with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

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 of the People, Form IV in the Book of Common Prayer.

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.

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
He gives power to the faint
and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted,
but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

"Have you not heard?"
Words: Isaiah 40:28-31 (NRSV).
Music: Jocelyn Hagen (b. 1980).

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, 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 a-way the sins of the world:
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world:
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way 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. Heal me, hands of Je - sus, and search out all my pain:
2. Cleanse me, blood of Je - sus, take bit - ter - ness a - way;
3. Know me, mind of Je - sus, and show me all my sin;
4. Fill me, joy of Je - sus: an - xi - et - y shall cease

1. re - store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.
2. let me for - give as one for - given and bring me peace to - day.
3. dis - pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.
4. and heaven's ser - en - it - y be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

Wonder, Love, and Praise #773 "Heal me, hands of Jesus"
Words: Michael Perry (1942-1996).
Music: Sharpe, SM, Carl Haywood (b. 1949).

All sing.

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!
3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;
4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;
5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

The Hymnal 1982 #411 "O bless the Lord, my soul"

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103:1-5.

Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

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.

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

The Hymnal 1982 #423 "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.

Music: St. Denio, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

St. Denio

J. Bert Carlson (b. 1937 - 2017).



Coming Up at SPR

Bring Chicago Home: Adult Formation

Join the SPR Faith in Action Team (FIAT) and the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless today, **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.

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

Today, **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).

Vacation Bible Camp: Save the Date!

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

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. Contact: Storytellers Celia Paris (celia.paris@gmail.com) and Amanda Ruch (amanda.ruch@gmail.com).

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

Louis Vierne wrote the **prelude** in 1917, while he was serving as the organist of Notre-Dame de Paris, between 1900 until his death in 1937. The **anthem** by composer Jocelyn Hagen features a rhythm known as the "Scottish snap" or the "Lombard rhythm," where a short, accented note is followed by a longer, sustained note: as in the first occurrences of "known," "heard," and "God." The **postlude**, an arrangement of our closing hymn, is by The Rev. J. Berg Carlson, who published several volumes of organ works throughout his fifty years of ministry within the Lutheran church.

Serving Today

February 4, 2024 | 10:00 AM

Presiders: The Rev. Catherine Healy,

The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur

Preacher: The Rev. KJ Oh

Music Leader: Mark Bilyeu

Children's Chapel Leader: Lindsey Strieter

Lectors: Anna Mary Wallace, Joshua Daniel

Intercessor: Twila Jones

Chalice Ministers: Esther Foiles, Gabiel Lear, John

Omoworare, Gail Williams

Ushers: Melissa McNeill, George Chlipala

Linen Washer: Janet Underwood

Vestry Greeter: Fran Spaltro

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The Rev. Catherine E. Healy, *Rector*

The Rev. Barnabas E. Pusnur, *Associate Rector*

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Mark Bilyeu, *Director of Music*

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Lindsey Strieter, *Director of Children's Formation*

The Rev. Roger Ferlo, *Priest Associate*

The Rev. KJ Oh, *Priest Associate*

Savannah Hegyi, Wesley Krist, Ian Murrell, &

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Sabrina Foster, Ashley Lanfair, & Patricia Lanfair,

Nursery Teachers

Tony George, *Interim Sexton*

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Frances Spaltro, *Warden* Baiju Markose, *Clerk*

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Nathan Petrie Celia Paris

Andrew Rostan

✝ Lent at SPR

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).

Men's Pre-Lenten Retreat: The Nature of God

All men of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago are invited to a pre-Lenten retreat from **Friday, February 9 at 5:00 PM to Saturday, February 10 at 5:00 PM** at the DeKoven Center in Racine, Wisconsin. The Rev. Sam Portaro, will lead the retreat, on the theme "The Nature of God." To register, contact John Covell (jccovell@msn.com).