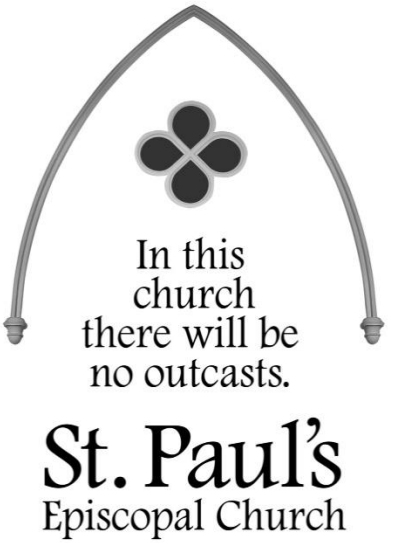
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# Welcome




## THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**November 8, 2026**

**MORNING PRAYER: RITE II**

**8:00 & 9:30 AM**

*Music notations for 9:30 service only.*

**In the name of Christ,**
**we are truly delighted to worship together.**

**Prelude** **"Sicilienne" from *Pelléas et Mélisande*** **Gabriel Fauré**
Helen Stowe, flute

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Gathering

Whether worshiping in person, online or tv, we are One in Christ. *Please place your offering in the basket as it is passed during the offertory, or give online. You may also scan the QR CODE located on the back page of the bulletin to make a donation.*

**Hymn 574** **Before thy throne, O God we kneel** ***St. Petersburg***

### Words of Welcome

**Opening Sentence** **BCP, p. 78**

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalm 122:1*

**CONFESSION & DECLARATION OF PARDON** **BCP, p. 79**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,**
**we confess that we have sinned against you**
**in thought, word, and deed,**
**by what we have done,**
**and by what we have left undone.**
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**
**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**
**have mercy on us and forgive us;**
**that we may delight in your will,**
**and walk in your ways,**
**to the glory of your Name.** ***AMEN.***

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. ***AMEN.***

**THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER** **BCP, p. 80-81**

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.
People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*The following Antiphon is said before and after the Invitatory Psalm (Venite).*
**Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.**

**Venite: Psalm 95:1-7** **BCP, p. 82**

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; ***
**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**
**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving ***
**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, ***
**and a great King above all gods.**
**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, ***
**and the heights of the hills are his also.**
**The sea is his, for he made it, ***
**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, ***
**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**
**For he is our God,**
**and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. ***
**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

*The following Antiphon is said before and after the Invitatory Psalm*
**Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.**

## PSALM 70

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O LORD, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the LORD!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O LORD, do not tarry.

Officiant and People: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## FIRST READING — Amos 5:18-24

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;
as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

The Word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 10** ***The Second Song of Isaiah*** **BCP, p. 86**

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**SECOND READING** **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 20** ***Glory to God*** **BCP, p. 94**

**At 8:00: Spoken**
**At 9:30: S 280 in the 1982 Hymnal**

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**THIRD READING** **Matthew 25:1-13**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

The Homily Kristin Liu

**The Apostles Creed** **BCP, p. 96**

**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.**

**THE PRAYERS** **BCP, p. 97**

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.
***People:*** **And also with you.**
*Officiant:* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**
**hallowed be thy Name,**
**thy kingdom come,**
**thy will be done,**
**on earth as it is in heaven.**
**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**
**as we forgive those**
**who trespass against us.**
**And lead us not into temptation,**
**but deliver us from evil.**
**For thine is the kingdom,**
**and the power, and the glory,**
**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## SUFFRAGES A — BCP, p. 97

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
**R. And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
**R. Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
**R. Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY — THE TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, YEAR A

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS** **BCP, p. 98**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**A PRAYER FOR MISSION** **BCP, p. 100**

*Officiant and People*

**O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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The Peace

**The Offertory**

*Please place your offering in the basket as it is passed, or give online . You may also scan the **QR code** on the back page of the bulletin to make a donation.* ***Please STAND as you are able as the gifts are brought forward in procession to the altar.***

**Offertory Sentence**

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

**Offertory Anthem Almighty and everlasting God Orlando Gibbons**

*Text: From the Book of Common Prayer*

Almighty and everlasting God,
mercifully look upon our infirmities,
and in all our dangers and necessities
stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A PRAYER OF ST CHRYSOSTOM** **BCP, p. 102**

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

The Dismissal **BCP, p. 102**

Let us bless the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

The Grace **BCP, p. 102**

Let us rest in you, pause in you,
See the day through your eyes, and find peace. **Amen.**

**Hymn 436 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates** ***Truro***

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Life's Milestones

Announcements

**Postlude Nun danket alle Gott Sigfrid Karg-Elert**

**THE ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST**

Today, we pray for Trinity, Wethersfield; St. Paul's, Willimantic; St. Matthew's, Wilton; Military chaplains & all who serve this country; Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo; for our Presiding Bishop Sean and our Bishops Jeffrey and Laura.

We pray for peace and justice in our world, especially places of war and conflict. We pray for peace in Sudan, Yemen, Ukraine, and Russia. We pray for peace and an end to the war in Iran, the Gulf States, Lebanon and Israel. We pray for a spirit of respect and civility in our nation that people may be free to live and speak without fear and with respect. We pray for other concerns mentioned silently or aloud…

We offer other thanksgivings mentioned now silently or aloud…

We pray for those in any need or trouble, especially for Shawn Winberg; for Donna Z., and for those named now silently or aloud…

We pray for the departed: For those named now silently or aloud…



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME — and thank you for your presence and prayers today.** Thank you to Darlene James for volunteering to play the 8:00 Prelude: Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland, J.S. Bach and the 8:00 Offertory: Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, arranged by J. Westenkuch. Thank you to Helen Stowe for playing the flute today. Thank you to Maura Ryan (8:00 Officiant), Helen Stowe (9:30 Officiant), and Kristin Liu for preaching at both services today. Thank you to Stephanie Crump (8:00 crucifer/1st reading), Patti Cullen (8:00 2nd reading), MaryLiz Williamson (8:00 3rd reading), Jackie Dietz (9:30 crucifer), Amy Foster (9:30 1st reading), Carol Gervais (9:30 2nd reading), Brian Sahlin (9:30 3rd reading). Thank you to the Tech team for tech support.

**The 242nd Annual Convention** was held on October 23 and 24th. The St. Paul's delegates (Brian Sahlin and Patti Cullen) will give a summation of the convention's highlights at the end of services on November 8th. If you just can't wait until then, you can go to the Episcopal Church of CT's website (episcopalct.org) to find the Bishop's Address as well as a list of the resolutions that were passed and the outcomes of the elections.

**Adult Forum – Loving Our Neighbor -** In Matthew 22, Jesus is asked which of the commandments is greatest, and his response is:

> You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. (Matt. 22:37-40)

This November and December the Adult Forum will focus on the second half of this, the Great Commandment. Through short biblical readings and weekly discussions, we will consider questions such as: What does it really mean to love our neighbor? Who is our neighbor? When is it a challenge to love our neighbor? What does Jesus show us about loving our neighbor? What do the law and the prophets say about this? And, perhaps most importantly, how can and do we demonstrate this love in our own lives?

The Forum meets via Zoom on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm. This session will begin on November 4 and run through December 23. Feel free to try this out—join anytime! Reach out to Amy Foster with any questions (foster9092@gmail.com). The Zoom link is https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84046492740?pwd=eWlWZ0tuZGVZejM5Rng1ekZvV0hSZz0 and the passcode is 390706.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Annual Appeal Thanksgiving -** On Sunday, November 15 we will give thanks for the pledge commitments we have received to date. Please try to get your pledge forms in before that Sunday, either through placing the pledge form in the plate, mailing it in to the office, or pledging online. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us.

**Volunteer Opportunity -** We have learned of an immigrant family in Wallingford (sponsored by IRIS) that is in need of volunteer tutors for their children. Two of the children are in elementary school, and the other two are in middle and high school. Their English is coming along, but they need support with their homework. Tutors must be 18 or older and be female. If you are interested and would like to learn more, please contact Amy Foster at foster9092@gmail.com.

**Updating directory information! -** Please use this link to update your directory information. Please contact Zac Boulier with any questions.
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**The Tech team is seeking volunteers to expand its team –**please contact Zac Boulier at **zac.boulier@gmail.com** for more information.

**Confirmation class** - Do you have a child interested in participating in Confirmation class this year? Please reach out if you're interested in taking this next step in your faith journey! --Becky Scalesse, Director of Christian Education and Formation

**Church School** - We are looking for volunteers to help teach our church school children! No need to have children in the program, we welcome all helping hands! All lesson plans are prepared in advance, and all supplies are provided, making it easy for you to share your time and talents with our young members. Please consider helping us accommodate and nurture the children of our church community. Your time makes a difference, and our children are grateful for it! Scan the code in this announcement to sign up.

If you are interested or would like more information, please reach out to Becky Scalesse.

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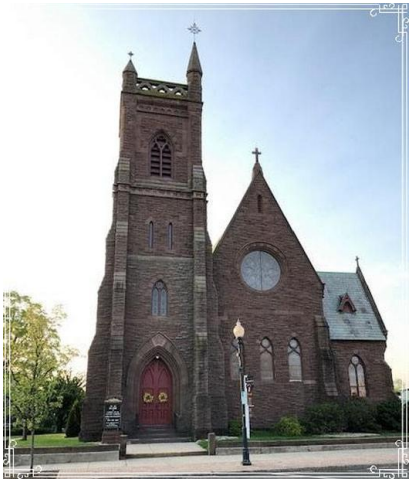
**The Wednesday Fellowship and Joy Club –** We meet at noon to worship, share a bag lunch and then join in playing some simple games and conversation. Usually ends by 2pm.

**The church is open on** Wednesdays from 10:00am to 1:00pm for prayer & reflection.

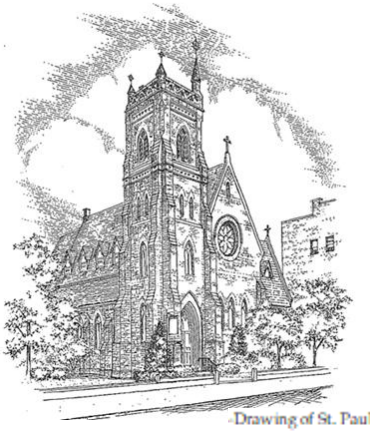
**Rector's Discretionary Fund –** The Church has a small fund to help members in times of need, and we need to replenish it from time to time. On the first Sunday of the month, we will use any loose offering (offerings other than pledge income) to fund the account. There is also a new category for online giving for donations to the Discretionary Fund. It is especially appropriate to make small donations as gifts of thanks, and we often receive gifts for weddings, baptisms, or to give thanks for a loved one.

**Contact information for the Rev. Greg Welin** – You may reach me in the office on most Wednesdays and Thursdays. It would be best to make an appointment to see me if you can. My email is rector@stpaulswallingford.org . In the event of an emergency, you may call my cell phone at 203 206 4802.

**The Parish Office Hours**–The parish office is open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:00AM-2:00PM. Calls, emails and other matters will generally be addressed during business hours of 9:00 – 3:00 Tuesday-Friday.



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