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St. Paul's
Episcopal Church

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29, 2026

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I - 8:00 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II & HOLY BAPTISM– 9:30 AM

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

8:00 AM

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You may request gluten-free wafers by turning your palms downward at the altar rail. Grape juice is also available and may be requested in the same way. If you do not wish to receive communion, please come to the altar for a blessing; this is indicated by crossing one's arms over the chest.

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9:30

Prelude **Es ist ein Ros entsprungen** **Johannes Brahms**

THE WORD OF GOD

Gathering

Hymn 57 **Lo! He comes with clouds descending** *Helmsley*

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE **First Sunday Of Advent**

Leader: Dear Friends in Christ, today we begin the season of Advent. It is a time of watching and waiting for the nearer presence of our Lord.

The Advent wreath reminds us of our yearning for God. Its circular shape tells us of God's everlasting love. Its evergreen branches tell us of eternal life. The four candles tell us of the passing of time, our human history into which God has entered through Jesus Christ.

This is a time of grace, a time for a new advent of Jesus into our lives. As we light the first candle on the Advent wreath, may its flame bid us to live in hope.

ONE candle is lit.

All: **Be our light in the darkness, O Lord: Shed your eternal light upon us who watch for you, that our lips may praise you, our lives bless you and our worship give you glory; for the love of our Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN**.

-adapted from The St. Nicholas Center Advent Customary and Evening Prayer, BCP, page 123.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

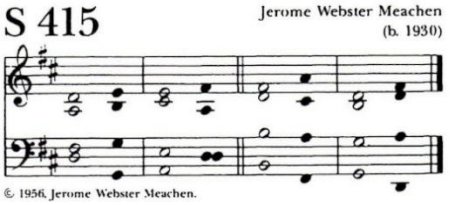
Proclaiming the Word

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.
Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING **Isaiah 64:1-9**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence-- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil--to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a | flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the | cherubim.
2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma-|nasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to | help us.

3 Restore us, O God of | hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be | saved.

4 O LORD God of | hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your | people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of | tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to | drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our | neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to | scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of | hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be | saved.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right | hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for your-|self.

17 And so will we never turn away from | you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your | Name.

18 Restore us, O LORD God of | hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be | saved.

SECOND READING **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 66 **Come, thou long-expected Jesus** ***Stuttgart***

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO **Mark 13:24-37**

Glory to you, Lord Christ.
Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the

powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily — Amy Foster

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate — **BCP, p. 301**

The Celebrant says
The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Parents and Godparents
I present Emmett to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents
Will you be responsible for seeing that Emmett is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Parents and Godparents: I will with God's help.
Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
Parents and Godparents: I will with God's help.

The Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Answer I renounce them.
Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer I renounce them.
Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer I do.
Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer I do.
Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer I do.

the Celebrant addresses the congregation saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Emmett in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with this family who is committing their son to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant **BCP p. 304**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,**
creator of heaven and earth.
Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **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.
Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **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.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates **BCP, p. 305**

The Celebrant says

Let us now pray for Emmett who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver Emmett, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer**.
Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Keep Emmett in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Send Emmett into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says
Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen*.

Thanksgiving over the Water **BCP, p. 306**

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant says
We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.
We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Baptism **BCP, pgs. 307-8**

Emmett, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

Then Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross saying

Emmett, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. ***Amen.***

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed

upon Emmett the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give Emmett an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. ***Amen.***

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People
We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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 Hymn 76 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry ***Winchester New***

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B) **BCP, p.367**

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says
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 him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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:

Sanctus **S 130** **Franz Schubert**

Then the Celebrant continues
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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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,

Celebrant and People
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues
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 Paul and 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.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, forever and ever, Amen.

Fraction Anthem **S 164** **Franz Schubert**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be said or sung

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

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

We will be offering communion in both kinds (including wine). Although communion in one kind (bread only) is full and sufficient, those who wish to receive wine as well are invited to do so. You may request gluten-free wafers by turning your palms downward at the altar rail. Grape juice is also available and may be requested in the same way. If you do not wish to receive communion, please come to the altar for a blessing; this is indicated by crossing one's arms over the chest.

Communion Anthem **A dove flew down from Heaven** **Johannes Brahms**

Text: David Gregor Corner (1585-1648)

A dove flew down from heaven, a dove rare and pure,
in angel garb appearing, to greet a maid demure:
"All grace I bring you, tender, lovely maid,
no soul with such adorning has ever been arrayed." Kyrie eleison.

"I bring you joyous greetings: The Lord is with you!
A child you will be bearing: you must believe it's true.
So welcome, welcome, open wide your heart,
that God upon this visit his favor may impart." Kyrie eleison.

To this the virgin bowing, responded with awe:
"If this is what God wishes, this wish shall be my law.
Yet more than willing I surrender me,
if such love is my master, his servant I will be." Kyrie eleison.

And so the gift was given, our helper in need,
new life to dwell among us, eternal God indeed!
This Jesus Christchild, son whom Mary bore,
is come to be our Savior, to heav'n our open door. Kyrie eleison.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving **BCP, p. 365**

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People
Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn 61 **"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us** *Wachet Auf*

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Life's Milestones

Announcements

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the people

The Dismissal

Postlude **Postlude on "Helmsley"** **James Vivian**



THE ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

Today, we pray for Christ Church, Ansonia; St. Paul's Parish: St. Paul's Church with Christ Church Chapel, Bantam/Bethlehem; Postulants & candidates for Holy Orders; the Commission on Ministry & its members; 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 Susan; 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…

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WELCOME — and thank you for your presence and prayers today. We welcome the Rev. Martha Rogers as our Celebrant today. Thank you to Darlene James for volunteering to play the organ at the 8:00 service. Thank you to Stephanie Crump (8:00 crucifer), Jane Smith (8:00 1st reading), MaryLiz Williamson (8:00 2nd reading), Patti Cullen (8:00 intercessor/Minister of Communion), Gene Gervais (8:00 usher), Jackie Dietz (9:30 crucifer), Gerda Leveille (9:30 1st reading), Carol Gervais (9:30 2nd reading), Chuck Maynard (9:30 intercessor), Frances Chamberlain (9:30 Minister of Communion) and Tammy Napoli & Marie Mumaugh (9:30 ushers). Thank you to the Tech team for tech support.

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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Holiday Stroll: Friday, December 4th - The Holiday Stroll is Friday, December 4 from 4:30-8 PM and St. Paul's will be open. Cookies or other holiday treats are needed along with volunteers to welcome visitors into our church. A sign up sheet is on the easel in the back of church. A carol sing is scheduled at 6:30 PM. Please contact Carole Ireland 203-988-7405 for additional information.



SAINT NICHOLAS SUNDAY – DECEMBER 6th -
St. Nicholas brought the joy and generosity of Christmas to people all year round. Come join us and share the spirit of Christmas. **Wear your famous Christmas sweater to Church** -- Put on your famous Christmas sweater and come to the Celebration of Saint Nicholas. If you don't have a Christmas sweater, please wear **RED**.
Bring an Ornament – During coffee hour, hang an ornament on our Covenant of Care Christmas tree. The decorated tree will be given to a needy family.
9:30 service will be a special children's service.
Children – Before coming into church, please leave their shoes downstairs in Wilkinson Hall by the Christmas tree. As was a tradition of St. Nicholas, the shoes may be filled with small gifts, like gold coins, candy and oranges.
Coffee Hour -- We will share the traditional St. Nicholas gingerbread and sugar cookies (and maybe other kinds) with cocoa (and coffee).



Holiday for Giving - St. Paul's will once again be partnering with Wallingford's townwide **"Holiday for Giving"** to help those in need in our community have a wonderful holiday. We are asking for donations of new toys for children ages 2-12 and gift cards for Walmart, Target, and grocery stores. Please take a "wishes" ornament and bring back an unwrapped gift to place under the tree. We ask when you take a "wishes" ornament off the tree, you hang a shiny ornament on the tree so it will stay decorated throughout the Christmas season reminding us of the warmth and joy we brought to others this holiday season. **This year the deadline for delivering gifts is December 12th.** Gifts may be placed under the Christmas tree through Sunday December 6th. You may also leave gifts by the office during the week of December 7th thru 11th. Gift cards may be given to Pat Sousa or Sharon Rogalski.

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.

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Christmas Memorials - Christmas is a special season to remember your loved ones. And what better way to honor their memory than with a Christmas memorial flower. If you would like to make a donation to the Christmas memorials, please submit a form with the names of those you would like remembered along with your check payable to St. Paul's Flower Fund in the amount of $40.00. Forms can be found at both entrances. You may place your form in the collection plate or drop it off at the church office on Wednesdays or Fridays between 11:00 and 2:00. **The deadline is SUNDAY, December 13th.** Please be sure to include your name, address and phone number. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Rogalski at 203- 678-4824 or srogal156@comcast.net.

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.

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

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 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.

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.

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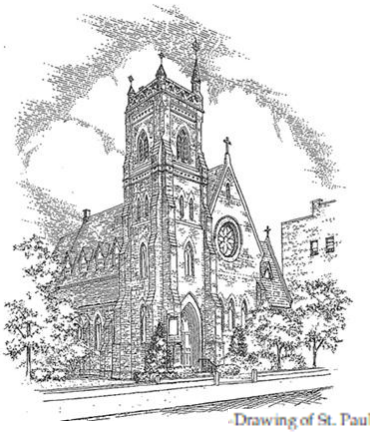

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