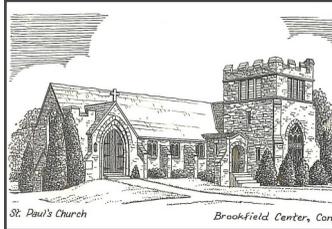


# Saint Paul's Church

(Episcopal/Anglican)

Brookfield, Connecticut

*Twenty First Sunday  
after Pentecost  
October 29, 2017*



"Celebrating 232 years in the Spirit"

*Preacher & Celebrant  
The Reverend Joseph Shepley  
Rector*

## 8:00 A.M. Worship Service

*When you enter church, talk to God. When you worship, let God talk to you. After church, talk to each other.  
Please be mindful of others' need for silence before the service.*

[www.saintpaulsbrookfield.com](http://www.saintpaulsbrookfield.com)

203-775-9587 (Office)

We extend a warm welcome to everyone who has joined us for worship this morning. We pray you experience the presence and love of Christ as we worship together! We invite you to join us after the service for coffee and fellowship in the Parish Hall, followed by The Rector's Forum in the Guild Room at 9:30 A.M. Please join us!

**Prelude**

**"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"**

**H. Willan**

**Opening Hymn**

**"Where Charity and Love Prevail"**

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.  
With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn;  
let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.  
Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;  
and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.  
Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;

be Christ the glory that we seek, be ours his holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son;  
as members of his body joined, we are in him made one.

Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name;  
our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

Words: 9<sup>th</sup> cent. Latin, trans. by Omer Westendorf; Music: Alexander R. Reinagle; Tune: St. Peter

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

Celebrant:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

# Gloria in Excelsis

Hymnal, S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## **Collect of the Day (Celebrant and People)**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **First Reading:**

Reader: A reading from Deuteronomy. (34:1-12)

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

### **Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17**

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge \*from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, \*from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, \*"Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past \*and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; \*we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; \*in the evening it is dried up and withered.

- 13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? \*be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; \*so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us \*and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works \*and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; \*prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

### **Second Reading:**

Reader: A reading from First Thessalonians. (2:1-8)

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

### **“Help Us, O Lord, to Learn” (Verses 1-2)**

**Hymnal, 628**

### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-46**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘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.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## **“Help Us, O Lord, to Learn” (Verse 3)**

**Hymnal, 628**

### **Sermon**

**The Reverend Joseph Shepley**

### **Nicene Creed (Please Stand As Able)**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Prayers of the People (You May Stand, Sit, or Kneel)**

*The Leader*

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. *(Please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.)*

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. *(Please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.)*

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. *(Please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.)*

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 he loves us. *(Please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.)*

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. *(Please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.)*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

We remember the faithful departed this day in whose memory the altar flowers are given:  
To the greater glory of God.  
*(Please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.)*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.*

### **Confession of Sin (Please Kneel)**

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*Priest and People.*

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.

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

### **Peace (Please Stand As Able)**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People: And also with you.*

### **Offertory (Please Stand As Able)**

**“How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place”**

**Hymnal, 517**

### **Presentation**

### **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### **Great Thanksgiving (Please Stand As Able)**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

*People: We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father

Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

### Sanctus

Hymnal, S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues (You may stand, sit or kneel)*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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:

*People and Celebrant*

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.

**Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

**Agnus Dei**

**John Merbecke, 1549**

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To receive in one kind is considered full communion. If you choose to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. For those who wish to intinct the Bread, by dipping it in the Wine rather than drinking directly from the Chalice, you may signify this choice by holding the consecrated Bread between your fingers. Please intinct the Bread in the small Chalice which will come before the larger Chalice. After you leave the altar rail, please know that we have healing teams in the hallway available to pray with you.*

## **Communion Songs**

**“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”**

**Hymnal, 609**

**“Day By Day”**

**Hymnal, 654**

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**

**“Father All Loving, Who Rulest in Majesty”**

**Hymnal, 568**

## **Dismissal**

Lay Reader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

**Postlude**

**“Fantasy in C Major”**

**J. S. Bach**

## **Saint Paul's Trunk or Treat**

**Today, October 29th from 4-6 pm**, we will be hosting our 7th annual Trunk or Treat. This is a parish and community wide event, filled with costumes, car decorating, games, crafts, candy and so much more. Please sign up downstairs at coffee hour if you are able to **donate candy, decorate a car trunk or serve as a volunteer for the event**. We look forward to inviting the community to come see a little more of what Saint Paul's is all about. Please join us!

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### **Pray It Up!**

Notice the Red and White prayer request cards in the pew? Each Sunday, fill out your request, put it in the red bowl on the table on the way to communion. Then take a card from the bowl either right then or after service. Pray for that request for one week. How comforting to know that your request is being prayed for and that you are praying for someone else's! You might just be praying for the person sitting next to you! Or, if you'd prefer - please send your request to St. Paul's at [prayingnow2@gmail.com](mailto:prayingnow2@gmail.com)!

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### **Synthesis CE Study Guide**

You may pick up a copy of the week's Synthesis CE Study Guide, as well as the following week's, for your personal use. They are located at the back of the church. Thank You!

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**Upon entering the church, please turn off your cell phone or switch it to a worship respectful setting. Please be sure to dispose of all food and drinks before entering the church. Thank You!**

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### **Prayer Servant Teams**

Prayer for any need or request is available at each service. After you have received communion, please see one of our trained Prayer Servant Teams (with the Blue Name Badges) who are available at the open side door at the entrance to the Vesting Room. Prayer is available in the Vesting Room, Hallway or Back Room as space is available. Our Prayer Servants are ready to confidentially take your request and pray for you and with you. Should you wish to schedule a private prayer time, please let Fr. Joe or Mary Perry, Prayer Ministry Leader ([maryperry2@me.com](mailto:maryperry2@me.com)) know and we will work with you to schedule a convenient time. Your Prayer Servants today for Healing Sunday are: 8:00 Donna Cennamo and Linda Pendergast, 10:30 Barbara Hock and Mary Ellen Olivieri.

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### **Food Pantry**

As part of our outreach, St. Paul's donates gift cards and non-perishable items to six area food pantries. Donations for the food pantry can be left in the basket at the back of the church or the collection bins in Crocker Hall. New Milford Loaves & Fishes hospitality House, is the recipient of our food basket collections for the month of October.

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### **Lessons and Carols: Save the Date!**

Our annual Festival of Lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday, December 10 at 5:00 PM. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this beautiful Advent service which consists of

Scripture readings about the birth of Jesus interspersed with the singing of traditional carols led by our choir. What a truly wonderful way to prepare your heart, mind, and voice for Christmas!  
**Or better yet, if you like to sing, you are welcome to join our special choir for this service.**  
Rehearsals are on the following 3 Mondays from 7-9 PM: 11/20, 11/27, 12/4 and Thursday, 12/7. The only prerequisites are as follows: 1) you like to sing Christmas music, and 2) you like to be around people who like to sing Christmas music. No previous participation in the music ministry required! It may be just the thing if you've been looking for a small group to join for Advent! Please contact Kirsten Peterson for more details and to sign up:  
[kirpeterson@comcast.net](mailto:kirpeterson@comcast.net)



## Calendar for the Week

(We welcome and encourage parishioners to come to any of these ministries.)

Sun., Oct. 29	-	8:00 AM	-	<b>Traditional Eucharist</b>
		9:30 AM	-	Rector's Forum
		10:30 AM	-	Sunday School
		10:30 AM	-	<b>Contemporary Eucharist</b>
		4:00 PM	-	Trunk or Treat
Tue., Oct. 31	-	9:15 AM	-	Ladies Bible Study
Wed., Nov. 1	-	10:00 AM	-	<b>Holy Eucharist and Healing</b>
Thu., Nov. 2	-	7:30 PM	-	Property Committee
		7:30 PM	-	Mission Committee
		7:30 PM	-	Music Night
Sat., Nov. 4	-	7:30 AM	-	Men's Prayer Breakfast
		9:30 AM	-	PraiseMoves

**Next Sunday — All Saints  
Holy Eucharist at 8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.**

The Reverend Joseph Shepley, Rector

### Readings

Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

### **Saint Paul's Staff**

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