

Prelude *Fantasia on "Mit Freuden Zart", arr. by Robert J. Hughes c. 1981 by Lorenz Publishing Co. in the December 1981 issue of "The Organ Portfolio"*

Announcements

Confession and Absolution

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L Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
C Amen.

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

All: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God Forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn

O God of Every Nation

ELW 713

Apostolic Greeting

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C And also with you.

Gloria

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All: Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth: we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise. Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heaven above; on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand. Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call; Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all: Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright. For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you

C And also with you

L Let us pray. Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

First Reading: Daniel 12: 1-3

¹“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ² Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.” Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C Thanks be to God!

Psalm 16 chanted responsively

¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

² **All my delight is in the God that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³ But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**

⁵ O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶ **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷ I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸ **I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹ You will show me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10: 11-25

¹¹ Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," ¹³ and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. ¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, ¹⁶ "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," ¹⁷ he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. ¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Holy Wisdom Holy Word.

C Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation

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C Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Holy Gospel according to Mark in the 13th Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ² Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

Hymn 866 v. 3 We are praying in the light of God, we are praying in the light of God. We are praying in the light of God., we are praying in the light of God. We are praying, we are praying. We are praying OOOO, we are praying in the light of God. We are praying, praying, we are praying OOOO, we are praying in the light of God.

Prayers of the Church

L Trusting not in the tumults that are sure to come and go, but in the eternal promise of God, we raise our confident prayers as one community of faith.

AM For the Church, that we may not lose sight of the assurance of God's victory, Lord, in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

AM For all who are placed in positions of authority in the world, that they may speak and act in accordance with God's loving will for those they serve, Lord in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

AM For our nation, that we may always strive for the noblest ideals of equality, liberty, justice, and mutual respect, and a place of refuge for any who seek it, Lord In your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

AM For ourselves, that our grateful hearts may overflow in generosity. Lord in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

AM For any needs you now lift In silence or out loud.... Lord in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

L For all these and any other needs, we offer our prayers in the name of Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always. **C And also with you.**

Please share a sign of God's peace.

The Offering is received and the table is prepared.

The Anthem is sung *The Gospel Light Words* by C.H. Woolson & Mary McDonald

Tune by George F. Root

Jesus loves all the children, all the children of the world. So he sent His Son of love to the world from heaven above. Jesus loves all the children of the world. We are walking in the light of his love, Sharing Jesus to the world. So He sent His Son of love to the world from heaven above. Jesus loves all the children of the world, all the children of the world. Send the light, the blessed gospel light; let it shine from shore to shore! Send the light, send the light, the blessed gospel light; let it shine forever more! There's a call comes ringing o'er the restless wave, "Send the light! Send the light!" There are souls to rescue, there are souls to save; send the light! Send the light! Send the light, the blessed gospel light; let it shine from shore to shore! Send the light, the blessed gospel light; let it shine forever more! We are walking in the light of his love, sharing Jesus to the world. We will shine the gospel light! Send the light, the blessed gospel light; let it shine from shore to shore! Send the light, the blessed gospel light; let it shine forever more! Let it shine forevermore! Let us shine the gospel light!

Offertory Hymn

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Take Our Bread

Refrain (Unison)

Take our bread, we ask you; take our hearts, we love you.

Take our lives, O Fa-ther, we are yours, we are yours.

1. Yours as we stand at the ta - ble you set;
2. Your ho - ly peo - ple stand - ing washed in your blood,

yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't for - get.
Spir - it - filled yet hun - gry we a - wait your food. We are

We are the sign of your life with us yet,
poor, but we've brought our - selves the best we could;

The Leader speaks an Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving –

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L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface is spoken

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Leader continues with the Great Thanksgiving.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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**

The Agnus Dei

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O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

All are welcome to the table of the Lord.

Communion is distributed.

Communion *If You But Trust in God to Guide You, arr. by John Carter c. 2004 by Augsburg Fortress in "Little Chorale Preludes for Piano"*

Post Communion Prayer

L Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Benediction

L The God of all grace, who has called you to glory, support you and make you strong.

C Amen

Closing Hymn

Lead On, O King Eternal

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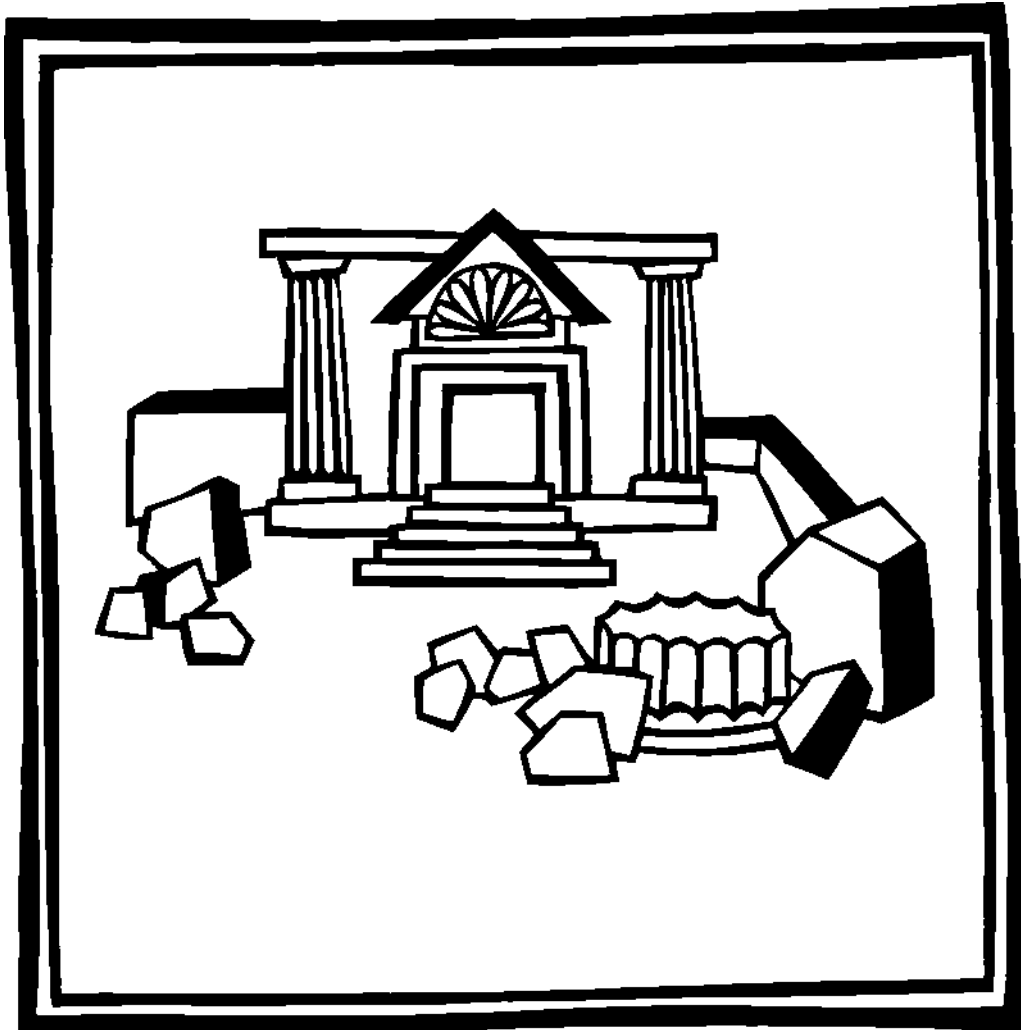
Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love, and serve the Lord and your neighbors.

C Thanks be to God

Postlude *Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor, arr. by Edwin T. Childs c. 2011 by Augsburg Fortress in "Communion Hymns for Organ Volume 1"*

Please allow a time of reflective silence during the postlude.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Kay Ackley
Francine Ahrens
Ben, Sheryl & Nik Ahrens
Peggy Ali
Joyce Almsted
Connie Aparo
Phil Bascetta
Eli Boda
Cherie Brown
Sharon Cable
Nancy Campbell
Carol Cianciolo
Cheryl Corey
Leif Dallaire
Emily Decker
Linda Dellano
Carla Derrickson
Sigrid Devita
Irene Douglas
Judy Elliott
Mark Ebbeskotte
Jan Eucallito
Jennifer Ezzo
Bruce & Liz Falls
Ashley Friday
Rosemarie Foth
Joan Gerard
Ruth Grech
Jack & Barbara Heintz
Brayden Herzberg
Kathleen Hilton
Shannon Hilton
Jake Hoadley
Sven Holmgren
Erma Horn
Amy Rose Jensen
Eunice Jones
Lynn Killingbeck
Marilyn Killingbeck
Jason Lashbrook
John Lewis
David Little
Rebecca Little
Linda Lundberg
Kari Machowski
Audrey & Ernie Marquard

Abigail Marine
Eric Marine
Michael Marine
Richard Marine
Janis Martin
Gil & Marilyn Martin
Michael Meyers
Rich Minelli
Kate Merrow
Colin Moore
Brigitte Mueller
Bill Muhl
Dennis Nalette
Karen Ness
Tom O'Brien
Lea Orriola & family
Russell Palmer
Maria Payne
Jackie Quinn Wassik
Caroline Quintal
Roman Radzins
Jonathan Richard
Louise Roche
Judy Schaller
Rosemary & Otto Schibi
Denae Seelye
Teri Seleman
George Shank
Matt Simpson
Christopher Slate
Sigrid Smitley
Paul Smith
Jennifer Stella
Deb & Jon Sterling
RuthAnn Stone
Diane Tanner
Curtiss Trippodi
Julia Thompson Carroll
Renee Woodard
Clarence & Priscilla
Ed
Jen O.
Jaiden
Shirley
Steve
Lou W.

Curtis
Steve
Todd
Robert K.
Joe
Carol G.
Kristen & Jared
Vinny
Hagbar

Family and friends of Lynn Stengal

Our Nursing Home Members Dee Gammon Midge Rosenbeck Calvin Bensch

Our Military Friends

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Tyler Quinn
Eric Beyus
Major Zachary Fulton
Brandan Holbrook
Jonathan Connell
Tom Gregg, Jr.

Eric Bremer
Peter Hutchinson
S/W Anderson James Ernst USCG
SPC Dominic Boscarino
PVT Noah Braatz
PVT 2 Christian Braatz

Around the Church

11/20	Breakfast Women's Georges Men's A/Cs	8:30 am
11/20	I/T Committee meeting Via Zoom	7:30 pm
11/21	Worship & Music committee meeting	6:00 pm
12/15	Congregation Meeting Part I	11:00 am



Offerings Summary:
Needed Weekly \$4,948
Actually Received \$2,165
Shortfall (\$2,783)
YTD Shortfall (\$81,372)

*Bible Studies 6pm most Tuesdays Zoom &
10 am most Wednesdays in person
Tai Chi 11:00 am Wednesdays
Quilting Group 1:00 pm Wednesdays*



Blood Drive

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Held in the Church Hall
837 Charles St.
Torrington, CT 06790

Thursday, December 5, 2024
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.





Please join us for an
**ECUMENICAL
 THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

Tuesday, November 26th at 7PM
 Trinity Episcopal Church
 220 Prospect Street, Torrington

Parking is available at the corner of
 Prospect and Water Street

With participation from
 Trinity Episcopal Church | Center Congregational Church
 St. Paul's Lutheran Church | Full Gospel Lighthouse Church
 Church of Christ Congregational



The Connecticut Yankee Chorale, Inc.
Cordially invites you to attend

Rejoice and Be Merry
 Holiday Choral Concert

TWO PERFORMANCES!

↪ **Friday, December 6 at 7pm**
 TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 233 Main Street - Terryville

↪ **Sunday, December 8 at 4pm**
 ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
 837 Charles Street - Torrington

In celebration of the 40th Anniversary Season, the Connecticut Yankee Chorale under the direction of Dr. William Atwood and accompanied by Laurie Hall presents this annual holiday concert, with two regional performances! The program will feature festive choral music, along with the premier performance of a new Christmas piece commissioned by the CYC. Take time out of this busy season to enjoy a heartwarming performance of seasonal music!

TICKETS:
 Adults - \$15
 Children 12 & under - \$5
 Tickets available at the door
 Donations of non-perishable food items for Friendly Hands Food Bank will be collected at the door
 Facebook: @ConnecticutYankeeChorale
 Instagram: @connecticut.yankee.chorale
 For further information, email: connecticutyankeechorale@gmail.com

Free Thanksgiving Meals

A collaboration between the Knights of Columbus and St. Paul's Lutheran Church

- ✦ Delivery of a limited number of meals is first come first serve. Please call 860-482-3555 to get on the list.
- ✦ If a message is left include your name, phone number, address, and the number of meals needed.
- ✦ If you would like to eat in, please go to the Columbia Club, no reservations needed.

✦ Members of St. Paul's are asked to provide pies to be included with delivery.



Pie drop off is the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, November 26th 9:00 to 3:00 pm. at St Paul's.

**Columbia Club– Knights of Columbus
 152 Litchfield St. Torrington, CT
 For information, call 860-482-6462**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church
 837 Charles Street Torrington, CT
 For delivery call 860-482-3555**