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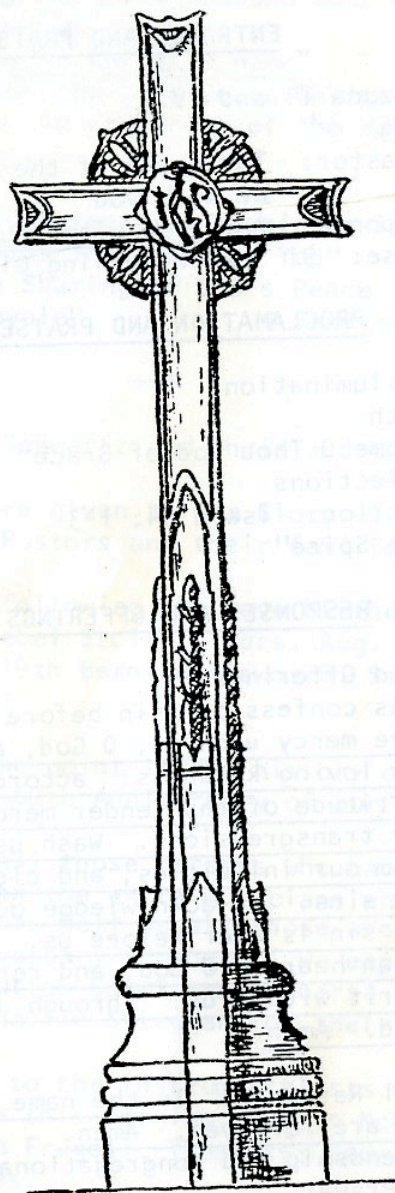
*Celebrating
Sixty Years
on Seventh Street*



*St. Paul's
United Methodist Church*

723 Seventh Street, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Celebrating 60 years on 7th St. 1923-1983



The Rev. Dr. James Brewster, Pastor
Dr. Richard Saunders, Lay Leader
Martha Blackburn, Organist, Choir Director

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

AUGUST 14, 1983
12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUMMER UNION SERVICE
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

Prelude "Canzona II and IV
The Gathering

Giovanni Gabrieli

*Greeting: Pastor: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

Response: And also with you

*Hymn of Praise: 91 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

Prayer for Illumination

Time for Youth

*Hymn 352 "Come O Thou God of Grace"

Personal Reflections

Scripture Lection: Isaiah 54: 1-3

Sermon: "The Spire"

Dr. Brewster

RESPONSES AND OFFERINGS

Confession and Offerings

Pastor: Let us confess our sin before God and one another

Response: Have mercy upon us, O God, according to
thy loving kindness: according to the
multitude of thy tender mercies blot out
our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly
from our iniquities, and cleanse us from
our sins. We acknowledge our transgressions.
Our sin is ever before us. Create in us
clean hearts, O God, and renew a right
spirit within us: Through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Congregational Response: In the name of Jesus Christ
you are forgiven. Amen.

Ritual of Friendship and Congregational Announcements
Concerns and Prayer

Offering

Offertory Anthem "Joy in the Morning"

Natalie Sleeth

*Doxology

*Hymn 552 "God of Our Fathers"

*Dismissal with Blessing

Pastor: Go in peace to serve God and your neighbor in
all that you do

People: We are sent in Christ's name

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love
of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be
with you all

People: Amen

Choral Benediction (Congregation remaining in place)

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Peter Lutkin

Going Forth and the Sharing of God's Peace

Postlude "Marche Royale"

Jean-Baptiste Lully

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Greeters: Bethany Schwartz and Chris and Hallie Stiegman

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
remembering former Pastors and their families

Best wishes to the following who have birthdays this week:
Tues. Aug. 16th, Isabel Stoltz, Thurs. Aug. 18th, Pearl
Whitney, Fri. Aug. 19th Bernice Alsworth, Sat. Aug. 20th,
Anne Booher

Today marks a turning point in the history of St. Paul's
as we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of our location on
Seventh Street.

We are grateful to all those persons who have made this a
marvelous celebration-the extra musicians who have added
so much to our joy- as well as all those who have worked
so hard on the Anniversary luncheon. We especially wish
to thank the Celebration Committee: Roberta Fowler,
Dorothy Reaney and Hallie Stiegman for their help.

Our grateful thanks to the instrumentalists who have
enriched our service this morning: Evelyn McCarthy, piano;
Michael Reade, Kevin Fregosi, Trumpets; George Kroetsch,
John Assad, Trombones.

The dinner following today's service in the community hall
is by reservation only.

St. Paul's welcomes the members of First Baptist Church to our service this morning. Worship will continue here through Labor Day Sunday, Sept. 4.

A memorial service for Herbert Horst will be held today at St. Paul's at 3 p.m.

DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER IS AUGUST 17th.

"Alive Now" issues for Sept./Oct. are on sale in the church office.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL: Robert McKinney

MEMORIAL NURSING HOME: Marjorie Davis, Jane Hepburn, Bernice Cunningham, Henry Lewis

ST. MARY'S MANOR: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dimond

FIRST BAPTIST:

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL: Helen Anderson, Joseph Dunmire, Robert Kellar, Emogene Martin, Reed baby, Martha Parker

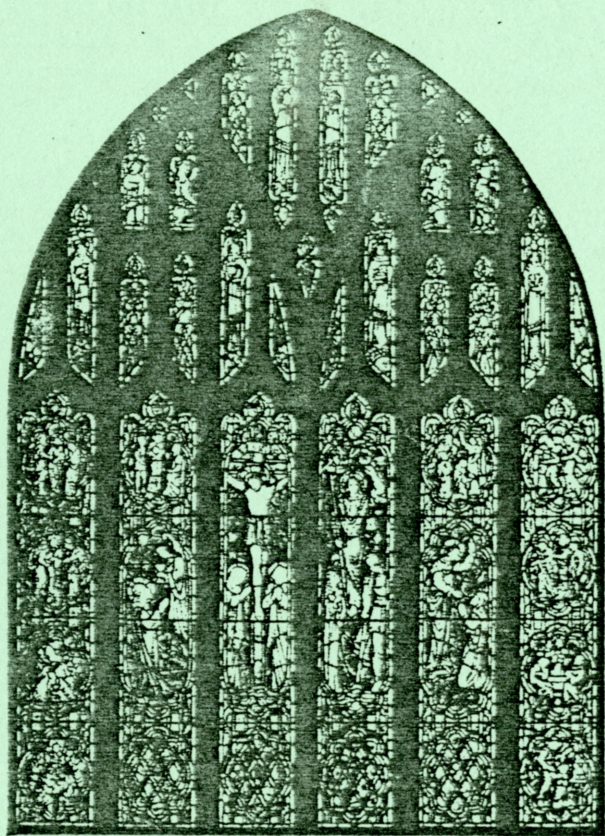
MEMORIAL NURSING HOME: Lester Lively, Frances Richardson

MT. ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL: Raymond Havens, Marion Williams

BUFFALO GENERAL HOSPITAL: Clifford Velvy

THE WINDOWS AT ST. PAUL'S

A Celebration of Biblical Truth in Stained Glass



SYMBOLISM IN STAINED GLASS AND THE CHANCEL

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

At the highest point in the chancel is the altar carved from Kasota stone, denoting the eternity of our faith. Above the altar the gradine with the tabernacle upon which rests the cross, the central theme of the altar.

The reredos (carved from solid oak) extends above the gradine, with finials reaching into chancel window, which depicts the Passion of our Lord. Just below the large handcarved finial canopy at the center are the symbols of the four Gospels -- Matthew, Mark to the left; Luke and John to the right. On top of the pylons on both sides is the figure of an angel in the position and mood of prayer.

Screens, panels, doors, choir stalls, clergy seat and sedelia, lectern and pulpit are all of oak, conforming to the plan of pews and furnishings throughout.

The pulpit bears the figures of four of the greatest preachers of all time, i.e., Isaiah from Old Testament; St. Paul from new Testament. Savonarola from one of the most turbulent periods in church history; and John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church.

SYMBOLISM OF COLOR

From the middle ages we inherit a rich symbolism of color, still recognized throughout the Church world. Blue - the contemplative color, symbolizing heaven, eternity, divine wisdom, steadfastness and enduring loyalty. Red - induces emotion as pertains to worship, signifying divine love, self-sacrifice, passionate devotion, courage and martyrdom. Gold - symbol of royalty, divinity, spiritual treasures, worthy achievement, good life. Violet - a combination of blue and red, symbol of justice, mystery, pain and penitence. Green - color of hope, spring-time, youth and victory. Silvery white - faith, light of truth, peace and serenity.

A. CHANCEL WINDOW

Center, left to right: *Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane; Crucifixion; Resurrection; Ascension.*

Medallions, beginning bottom first section, left: *Sacrament of The Lord's Supper; Disciples Asleep; Betrayal; Denial.*

Above the Garden of Gethsemane: *Jesus Before Pilate.*
Above the Ascension: *Women At The Tomb.*

Extreme right, beginning at top: *Peter and John Running; Walk to Emmaus; Supper at Emmaus; Doubting Thomas.*

Tracery upper portion - six symbols of creation: *Night and Day; The Heavens; Earth; Moon and Stars; Birds and Fish; Man.*

Symbols of the Four Gospels: *St. Matthew and St. Mark on the left; St. Luke and St. John on right.*

B. SAINT PAUL WINDOW ABOVE BALCONY:

Center left to right: *Silas; Timothy; Paul; Barnabas.*

Medallions, bottom right to left: *At feet of Gamaliel; Road to Damascus; Lydia, Seller of Purple; Paul Preaching.*

Medallions at top, left to right: *Writing To The Churches; Shipwrecked at Melita; On Trial; Mamertino Prison.*

Tracery at top; four symbols of St. Paul: *Sword of The Spirit; Shield of Faith; Swords Saltire; Serpent of Melita.*

C. INTERNATIONAL WINDOWS IN STAIRWAYS LEADING TO BALCONY:

1. The American window to the south depicts American and Canadian Falls, with shield of the American flag and American Eagle.
2. Canadian window to the north depicts American and Canadian Falls, with Canadian red ensign and maple leaves. The coat of arms bears the emblems of the four countries from which the original settlers of Canada were chiefly drawn - the three lions of England, the lilies of France, the lion rampant of Scotland, and the harp of Ireland, together with branch carrying three maple leaves, the special emblem of Canada.

D. NORTH AISLE WINDOW IN THE NARTHEX:

Francis Asbury (1745-1816) Father of American Methodists.

E. SOUTH AISLE WINDOW IN THE NARTHEX:

John Wesley (1703 - 1791) Founder of Methodism.

F. FOUR-LANCET NAVE WINDOW NEAREST NARTHEX (South)

Beginning right side (nearest narthex) reading down:

1. *Boy Jesus in the Temple; Baptism of Jesus.*
2. *Temptations In The Wilderness; Wedding at Cana.*
3. *Calling Of The Disciples; Sermon On The Mount.*
4. *Loaves and Fishes; (Feeding the 5,000) and Draught of Fishes.*

G. FOUR-LANCET NAVE WINDOW, SECOND FROM NARTHEX, SOUTH SIDE.

Beginning right side of window (nearest Narthex) reading down: *Woman of Samaria; Blade, Ear and Full Corn; Jesus Blessing The Children; Jesus and Nicodemus; Leaven In The Loaf; Widow's Mite; Rich Young Ruler; Parable of Talents.*

H. FOUR-LANCET NAVE WINDOW, THIRD FROM NARTHEX SOUTH SIDE

Beginning right side of window (nearest Narthex) reading down: *The Sower; Pearl of Great Price; Good Samaritan; Rich Fool; Lost Sheep; Prodigal Son; Pharisee and Publican; Wise and Foolish Virgins.*

I. TWO-LANCET NAVE WINDOWS, FOURTH FROM NARTHEX SOUTH SIDE

Beginning right side of window (nearest Narthex) reading down: *Triumphal Entry; Cleansing Of The Temple; Home of Martha and Mary; Washing Disciples' Feet.*

J. CLERESTORY WINDOWS ON SOUTH SIDE OF NAVE:

Reading from the left (nearest Chapel):

1. *Andrew*
2. *Phillip.*
3. *Bartholomew*
4. *Thomas*
5. *Matthew*
6. *James (the less)*
7. *Simon*
8. *Thaddaeus (Jude)*

K. FOUR-LANCET WINDOW NEAREST NARTHEX, NORTH SIDE

Beginning at left side of window, reading down:

1. *Garden of Eden; Abram and Lot.*
2. *Sacrifice of Isaac; Rebekah At The Well.*
3. *Jacob's Dream; Joseph and His Father.*
4. *Moses Before The Burning Bush; Moses at Mt. Sinai.*

L. FOUR-LANCET WINDOW, SECOND FROM NARTHEX, SOUTH.

Beginning at left of window, reading down:

1. *Ark of The Covenant of The Lord; Naomi and Ruth.*
2. *Ruth In The Field of Boaz; Samuel and Eli.*
3. *Samuel Anoints Saul King; David Before Saul.*
4. *David and Goliath; David and Jonathan.*

M. FOUR-LANCET WINDOW, THIRD FROM NARTHEX, NORTH.

Beginning at left of window, reading down:

1. *Dedication of The Temple; Court of Solomon.*
2. *Theophany on Mt. Carmel; Elisha Receives Elijah's Coat.*
3. *Woman of Shunam; Reading The Law To The People.*
4. *Jeremiah Warns The People of Judah; Daniel Praying.*

N. TWO-LANCET WINDOW, FOURTH FROM NARTHEX, NORTH.

Beginning at left of window, reading down.

1. *Ezekiel in Valley of Dry Bones; By The Waters of Babylon.*
2. *Esther Before The King; Priests and Levites Praising God*

O. CLERESTORY WINDOWS, NORTH SIDE OF NAVE

Beginning at the left nearest Narthex:

1. *Abraham.*
2. *King Saul.*
3. *King David.*
4. *King Solomon.*
5. *Amos.*
6. *Hosea.*
7. *Isaiah.*
8. *Jeremiah.*

P. NORTH TRANSEPT WINDOW

Nativity - Three Shepherds; Joseph; Mary and child; Three Kings.

Medallions beginning at top left, reading down across the bottom and up the right side:

*Birth of John Announced; Zacharias Stricken;
Mary Enters The Temple; Annunciation;
Mary Visits Elizabeth; The Child John;
City of Bethlehem; No Room In The Inn;
The Child Christ and John; Angels Singing;
Flight Into Egypt; City of Nazareth.*

Q. SOUTH TRANSEPT WINDOW.

Transfiguration - reading left to right:

Moses; John; Jesus; Peter; James; Elijah.

R. NARTHEX DOORS -- CENTER

Beginning at left at top and reading crosswise:

*Hand of God; God The Father and Creator;
Lyre-Sacred Music; Anchor-Hope; Cross
and Orb-Triumph of the Gospel.*

The lower section of the doors, beginning at left and reading crosswise:

*Olive Branch-Peace; Candlestick-Christ, The
Light of The World; Chalice-Holy Eucharist;
Lily-Purity.*

To strangers within our gates - We trust that within our Church you will find the quiet of the presence of God; the blessed warmth of a real brotherhood; and the abiding truth of the sacred Scriptures.