

# S T. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN

For The Glory of God & The Joy of All Peoples

## Order for the Worship of God

On the Lord's Day Morning Fourth Sunday after Pentecost July 13, 2025, at 10:30



To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come—this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The sounding of the bells calls us to quiet our hearts before worship.

#### Welcome

Prelude

Give Praise to God

Give praise to God who reigns above for perfect knowledge, wisdom, love; His judgments are divine, devout, His paths beyond all tracing out. Come, lift your voice to heav'n's high throne, and glory give to God alone!

Creation, life, salvation too, and all things else both good and true, Come from and through our God always, and fill our hearts with grateful praise. Come, lift your voice to heav'n's high throne, and glory give to God alone!

#### Call to Worship

From Psalm 100

- Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!
- People: Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Worship begins when God, through the pastor ministering in his name, summons us to the praise of his glory.

*+* congregation standing*x* congregation kneeling

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.



*†* Hymn of Praise Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #660 O God Beyond All Praising THAXTED

#### † Prayer of Adoration

Unison: O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

<sup>†</sup> Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 45:14-25 Pew Bible, page 606

Minister: The Word of the Lord! People: Thanks be to God!

#### <sup>¤</sup> Prayer of Confession

Unison: Great God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we all like sheep have gone astray. Each of us has turned to his own way. You have graciously gathered us together like lambs. Your rod and staff have comforted us. You have caused us to lie down in green pastures beside still waters and have defended us from more and greater dangers than we know. The Lord is "enthroned on the praise" of his people (Psalm 22:3).

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But we have ignored your voice and distrusted your provision. We buck and bite and kick and have pushed others aside. Forgive us for our stiff necks, stubborn ways, and selfish attitudes, and lead us in paths of righteousness for the sake of your Son, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

#### <sup>¤</sup> Assurance of Pardon

From Ezekiel 34

Minister: Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God.

## Unison: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

#### <sup>¤</sup> Pastoral Prayer

<sup>¤</sup> Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Unison: Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

God promises to forgive all who repent of their sin and trust Christ alone to save. Worship moves from confession to joyful affirmations of faith and attentive hearing of God's Word because we know God is not angry or disappointed with us. Our sin-debt has been paid in full in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.



#### RENEWING OUR FAITH

*†* Hymn of Consecration Hymn B • From the Psalter Psalm 133 AZMON

#### <sup>+</sup> Affirmation of Faith

The Belgic Confession Article 30, "The Government of the Church"

- Unison: We believe that this true Church must be governed according to the spiritual order which our Lord has taught us in his Word. There should be ministers or pastors to preach the Word of God, and to administer the sacraments; there should also be elders and deacons who, together with the pastors, form the council of the Church. By these means they preserve the true religion; they see to it that the true doctrine takes its course, that evil men are disciplined in a spiritual way, and are restrained, and also that the poor and all the afflicted are helped and comforted according to their need. By these means everything will be done well, and in good order, when faithful men are chosen in agreement with the rule that the Apostle Paul gave to Timothy.
- Unison: Thanks be to God!

Children are welcome for our entire service. Following the Gloria, a specifically designed time for children aged four through first grade is also provided. Those interested can meet at the back of the Fellowship Hall.



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RESPONDING IN THANKS

<sup>+</sup> Hymn of Response Hymn C • Trinity Hymnal #355 We Are God's People SYMPHONY

Questions for Assistant and Associate Pastors

Questions for Session and Congregation

Prayer

**Right Hand of Fellowship** 

Pronouncement

Giving to God and Piano Offertory

## Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Words by George Atkins Music by William Moore Arr. by Molly Ijames (ASCAP)

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God; Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word? All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down; Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other too; Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new. Then he'll call us home to heaven, at his table we'll sit down; Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around. "Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!" (Psalm 96:8)

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With God's blessing upon us, we are sent forth to practice the faith we profess.

Welcome, visitors! If you are visiting St. Paul's today, we are so glad you have joined us for worship! We would love to get to know you. Email staff@ stpaulsorlando.com to let us know your name, contact information, how you heard about St. Paul's, and any questions you may have. Please feel free to introduce yourself to our pastors or ushers.

O God Beyond All Praising

I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart. Ps. 138:1

YMN A





## Psalm 133





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Be Thou My Vision Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. Phil. 3:7



Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent. Tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905 Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912 Tune arr. © 1927 from the *Revised Church Hymnary* by permission of Oxford University Press.

SLANE 10.10.10.10. Traditional Irish melody Arr. by David Evans, 1927 IYMN D

#### TO THE END OF THE EARTH: The Council's Letter to Gentile Believers

Acts 15:22-35 | Rev. Justin Borger

The Big Idea: Contrary to those who falsely claimed, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved" (15:1), the Jerusalem council concluded that both Jews and Gentiles are saved not by keeping the law of Moses but "through the grace of the Lord Jesus" (15:11). At the same time, the council approved a letter to Gentile believers requiring them to "abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality" (15:29).

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## DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

• Sunday, July 13 Jeremiah 9 • Matthew 23 • Monday, July 14 Jeremiah 10 • Matthew 24 • Tuesday, July 15 Jeremiah 11 • Matthew 25 • Wednesday, July 16 Jeremiah 12 • Matthew 26 Jeremiah 13 • Matthew 27 • Thursday, July 17 • Friday, July 18 Jeremiah 14 • Matthew 28 • Saturday, July 19 Jeremiah 15 • Mark 1 • Sunday, July 20 Jeremiah 16 • Mark 2

### WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use these questions to reflect more deeply on this week's sermon.

- 1. What was the conclusion of the Jerusalem council? Summarize.
- 2. Does the Jerusalem council contradict itself when it declares circumcision unnecessary but then goes on to insist upon other ceremonial requirements like abstaining from blood? Why not?
- 3. Is there a unifying principle that holds the four requirements listed in verses 20 and 29 together? What explains the logic of this list?
- 4. How should we understand the rationale that James provides for his recommendation in verse 21?
- 5. Are these prohibitions still binding today?
- 6. What can we learn from the pastoral approach taken by the Jerusalem council? Why is it often pastorally wise and helpful for church leaders to both (1) write a decision in the form of a letter and (2) deliver and explain that letter in person (2 John 1:12) through appointed leaders?

#### MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

Devote time to memorizing this passage of Scripture throughout the month.

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household" (Acts 16:31).

## ABOUT WORSHIP

In his encounter with the woman of Samaria, Jesus explained that "God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). The reason Jesus says true worshipers must worship in this way is because God himself "is spirit." Here we discover the simple yet profound principle that true worship is a response to God as he has personally revealed himself. Thus, conformity to God's character is the key to true worship. "Great is the LORD," as the psalmist puts it, "and greatly to be praised" (Psalm 48:1)! In worship, we seek to reflect this divine reality, declaring with our lips and demonstrating with our lives that God is supremely precious and therefore worthy of all glory and honor and praise.

## THE SHAPE OF WORSHIP



**Entering God's Presence**—We gather in response to God's call to worship, joyfully offering praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. With reverence and awe, we confess our sins and receive God's forgiveness, which is declared in Jesus' name.



**Renewing Our Faith**—Worship continues with a focus on God's Word. Our faith is renewed as we publicly confess the truth of God, join our hearts and voices in prayers and hymns of praise to God, and hear the good news of God powerfully proclaimed.



**Responding in Thanks**—As hearing becomes doing, we respond to the proclamation of God's Word. Songs of praise continue to be raised and the gifts and offerings of God's people are collected. On Communion Sundays we are invited to celebrate the Lord's Supper. With God's blessing upon us, we are sent into the world to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus Christ!

## Why Do We Worship in This Way?

In this section, we answer a question about worship each week.

Question: Why do the pastors wear robes?

Answer: The pastors wear robes to deemphasize their personal choice of clothing in the pulpit while emphasizing the role they serve as ministers. The pastors fill a distinct role under Christ's authority and their robes distinguish them for this official capacity much like the firemen or police officers or medical personnel who wear recognizable clothing or uniforms. Ultimately, however, the pastors wear robes to decrease and avoid distraction, that Christ might increase.

### WELCOME, VISITORS!

We are delighted you have joined us for worship. Our hope is that you find our worship service glorifying to God and personally refreshing.

We would love to connect with you. Please stop by our Welcome Kiosk in the Narthex after the service so that we may greet you in person and provide you a *Welcome Bag*. To connect with us, please use the QR code below to fill out a *Connect Card*.



#### **Our Vision**

To see the invisible kingdom of heaven made visible, for the glory of God and the joy of all peoples.

### Our Mission

To grow in grace and give away our lives in the following seven major ministry areas:

Worship that exalts God in Christ and promotes unity in the Spirit Discipleship that is rooted in the Scriptures and centered in the gospel Community that is characterized by discipleship and care for one another Local Missions that promotes the common good and evangelizes the lost Global Missions that participates in church planting and spreading the gospel to the ends of the earth

**Children's Ministry** that partners with parents to build children up in the faith through loving care and Reformed biblical teaching

Youth Ministry that promotes maturity, joy, and identity in Christ

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America. Commissioners, representing the whole of the Presbytery, participate in the service of installaton of pastors. The following men serve as the commission for this morning's installation.

> *Teaching Elders:* Rev. Justin Borger Rev. Scott Hunt

> > Ruling Elders:

Mr. James Crandall Mr. Fredo Perez Mr. William Vega



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