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For The Glory of God & The Joy of All Peoples

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

On the Lord's Day Morning
Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 18, 2026, 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

For the Beauty of the Earth

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*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild.
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

Worship is a dialogue. God calls us to worship, speaking to us through his Word, and we respond in prayer and praise.

Call to Worship

From Deuteronomy 32

Minister: I will proclaim the name of the LORD; ascribe greatness to our God!

People: The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.

Minister: Rejoice with him, O heavens; bow down to him, all gods, for he avenges the blood of his children and takes vengeance on his adversaries. He repays those who hate him and cleanses his people's land.

† congregation standing
¤ congregation kneeling



ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

[†] Hymn of Proclamation

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #125

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

The Lord is “enthroned on the praises” of his people (Psalm 22:3).

[†] Prayer of Adoration

Unison: Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[†] Psalter Reading

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 139

Pew Bible, page 521

“Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture” (1 Timothy 4:13).

[¤] Prayer of Confession

Unison: Almighty and ever-living God, our hearts break over the unspeakable outrage and the dishonor that has been done to your name through the abortion of unborn children who have been created in your image and likeness. We remember, O God, the slaughter of the innocents by Pharaoh in Egypt and by Herod in Bethlehem. We, here in the United States of America and the State of Florida, have likewise heaped up judgment upon ourselves through the murder of millions upon millions of little ones. And so, we humbly confess our sin and ask you to forgive us for the silence of your saints, the apathy of your church, and the complicity of your people in this outrage.

We mourn the loss of countless babies who have died and pray that you would have mercy upon us. Change the minds of those in high places, that they might be moved with love for the unborn child and with respect for the sanctity of human life. Touch the hearts of doctors and nurses and all who assist and cooperate in abortion, that they might repent and find mercy through the power of the gospel. Open the eyes of pregnant mothers, frightened family members, and negligent fathers, that they might see and cherish the gift that you have placed in their care. And please, O Lord, Father of mercies, do not treat us as our sins deserve, for the sake of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

If you trust Jesus as he is offered in the gospel, you can rest assured, your sins are forgiven.

¤ Assurance of Pardon

From Ephesians 2

Minister: Hear this good news! By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

¤ 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.

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn of Supplication

Hymn B • Trinity Hymnal #611

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

WALK WITH ME

Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Larger Catechism

Question and Answer #135

Minister: What are the duties required in the sixth commandment?

People: The duties required in the sixth commandment are, all careful studies, and lawful endeavors, to preserve the life of ourselves and others by resisting all thoughts and purposes, subduing all passions, and avoiding all occasions, temptations, and practices, which tend to the unjust taking away the life of any; by just defense thereof against violence, patient bearing of the hand of God, quietness of mind, cheerfulness of spirit; a sober use of meat, drink, physic, sleep, labor, and recreations; by charitable thoughts, love, compassion, meekness, gentleness, kindness; peaceable, mild and courteous speeches and behavior; forbearance, readiness to be reconciled, patient bearing and forgiving of injuries, and requiting good for evil; comforting the distressed, and aiding and protecting and defending the innocent.

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.

† Gloria

Glory Be To God II

Traditional Text; Musical Setting by Ronald Owen

† New Testament Lesson

Acts 21:1-16

Pew Bible, page 930

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. Justin Borger

TO THE END OF THE EARTH:

Ready Even to Die

The "Big Idea" for this morning's message and the outline is found on page 17.



† Hymn of Response

Hymn C • Trinity Hymnal #565

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Words and Music by Getty, Boswell, Kauflin, Merker, and Papa

Offertory

Let Them Live

Words & Music by Ronald Owen and Nicholas Owen

*We are formed to be born, we are born to be free.
And we're free to pursue what we're destined to be.
Ev'ry life is a story, a tale to be told.
From our birth through our youth, we were meant to grow old.*

*Let them live, let them love, let them learn, let them grow.
Let them run in the wind, let them go where they'll go!
Let them touch, let them feel, let them hear, let them see.
Let them be ev'ry thing they can be! Let them live.*

*We are shaped by God's hand, given life by His breath.
Only God can command both our life and our death.
Ev'ry life has a purpose, a plan, a design.
Ev'ry child has a future, their moment in time.*

*Let them live, let them love, let them laugh, let them cry.
Let them dance 'neath the sun. Let them dream and ask why.
Let them taste, let them touch, let them smell, let them hear.
Let them see, let them breathe, let them be! Let them live!*

*Today's offertory is sung to the
glory of God and in recognition
of Sanctity of Life Sunday.*

*To give online, visit
www.stpaulsorlando.com/give.*

† Doxology

Vikki Cook



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heav'nly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. All glo - ry be to God a - bove, who gave his Son in ho - ly love, who sends his Com - for - ter to be his seal for all e-ter - ni - ty, his seal for all e-ter - ni - ty.

† Prayer of Dedication

Both the initiating ritual of baptism (Matthew 28:19) and the regular pronouncement of the Lord's benediction (Numbers 6:27) place God's name upon his people.

† Benediction

[†] Sending Forth Hymn

Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #616

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

SHOWALTER

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

We Are God's People

SYMPHONY

Please take a moment to greet those around you.

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.

Let All Things Now Living

Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. 1 Chron. 16:23

1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing
 2. His law he en - forc - es: the stars in their cours - es,

to God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
 the sun in its or - bit, o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
 the hills and the mount - ains, the riv - ers and foun - tains

who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
 the deeps of the ocean pro - claim him di - vine.



His ban - ners are o'er us, his light goes be - fore us,
We too should be voi - cing our love and re - joic - ing,



a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise,



'til shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished,
'til all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing



as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

Katherine K. Davis, 1939
Alt. 1990, mod.
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ASH GROVE 12.11.12.11.D.
Traditional Welsh melody
Arr. by Katherine K. Davis, 1939

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. Is. 43:2

1. I want Je - sus to walk with me; I want
 2. In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; in my
 3. When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in

Je - sus to walk with me; all a - long my
 tri - als, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is
 trou - ble, Lord, walk with me; when my head is

pil - grim jour - ney, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 al - most break-ing, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 bowed in sor - row, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

HYMN C



1. What is our
2. What truth can
3. Un - to the



hope in life and death? Christ a - lone, Christ a - lone. What is our
calm the trou - bled soul? God is good, God is good. Where is His
grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!" And what re -



on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to Him be - long. Who holds our
grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem - er's blood. Who holds our
ward will hea - ven bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with Him. There we will





days with - in His hand? What comes, a - part from His com - mand? And what will
faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y trial? Who sends the
rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de - stroyed, and we will



keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.
waves that bring us nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ.
feast in end - less joy, when Christ is ours for - ev - er - more.



O sing hal - le - lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O



sing hal - le - lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and



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Words and music by
Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin,
Matt Merker, and Matt Papa

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. Deut. 33:27

1. What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine,
 2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way,
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms?

what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
 oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
 I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Lean ing on Je sus, lean ing on Je sus,
 safe and se - cure from all a - larms;
 lean ing on Je sus, lean ing on Je sus,
 lean ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

TO THE END OF THE EARTH:

Ready Even to Die

Acts 21:1-16 | Rev. Justin Borger

The Big Idea: Constrained by the Spirit, Paul was hurrying to return to Jerusalem by Pentecost (Acts 19:21; 20:16, 22). His goal was to follow in the way of Jesus who “set his face to go to Jerusalem” (Luke 9:51), to report to the church what God had done through his ministry among the Gentiles (Acts 21:19), and to bring alms to the poor (24:17). Here, in Acts 21:1-16, we are not only bolstered by Paul’s profound example of Christian resolve but also fortified in our own callings by the story, community, and institutions that sustain Christian resolve.

i. The story that sustains Christian resolve

ii. The community that sustains Christian resolve

iii. The institutions that sustain Christian resolve

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

• Sunday, January 18	Nehemiah 8 • Acts 18
• Monday, January 19	Nehemiah 9 • Acts 19
• Tuesday, January 20	Nehemiah 10 • Acts 20
• Wednesday, January 21	Nehemiah 11 • Acts 21
• Thursday, January 22	Nehemiah 12 • Acts 22
• Friday, January 23	Nehemiah 13 • Acts 23
• Saturday, January 24	Esther 1 • Acts 24
• Sunday, January 25	Esther 2 • Acts 25

WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Where are you most often tempted to give up Christian resolve?
2. How does Acts 21:1-16 encourage you to stay the course?
3. How does the story of the gospel and Paul's example bolster Christian resolve?
4. Why is community so important for maintaining Christian resolve?
5. Why are institutions critical to sustaining Christian resolve?

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

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

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound...” (Isaiah 61:1)

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: Are children welcome in worship?

Answer: Yes! It is our prayer that every child in our midst would experience the welcome of Jesus who said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14).

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*.

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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

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