



ST. 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 Epiphany  
February 1, 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.*

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

† congregation standing  
✠ congregation kneeling

## Welcome

## Prelude

Come Down, O Love Divine  
DOWN AMPNEY

*Come down, O Love divine, seek Thou this soul of mine,  
And visit me with Thine own passion glowing.  
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.*

## Call to Worship

From 2 Chronicles 30:9 and Psalm 59:16-17

**Minister:** Yield yourselves to the LORD, and come to his sanctuary, which he has consecrated forever, and serve the LORD your God.

**People:** I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.

**Minister:** For you have been a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.

**People:** O my Strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love.

## ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

### † Hymn of Proclamation

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #457

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

### † Prayer of Adoration

**Unison:** Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

### † Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith

Of Effectual Calling; Chapter 10.1

**Minister:** Who is effectually called?

**People:** All those whom God has predestinated unto life, and those only, he is pleased, in his appointed and accepted time, effectually to call, by his Word and Spirit, out of that state of sin and death, in which they are by nature, to grace and salvation, by Jesus Christ, enlightening their minds spiritually and savingly to understand the things of God, taking away their heart of stone, and giving unto them a heart of flesh; renewing their wills, and, by his almighty power, determining them to that which is good, and effectually drawing them to Jesus Christ: yet so, as they come most freely, being made willing by his grace.

**Unison:** Thanks be to God!

*As a part of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), St. Paul's affirms the doctrinal standards found in the Westminster Confession of Faith, as well as in the Larger and Shorter Catechisms.*

## † Gloria

# Glory Be to God I

Traditional Text; Musical Setting by Ronald Owen



1. Glo-ry be to God our Fa-ther. Glo-ry be to Christ His  
2. was in the be - gin - ning is now and ev - er



Son. Glo-ry be to thee, O Ho - ly Ghost. The  
shall be. For - ev - er - more world with - out end. A -



bles - sed three in one. As it  
men A - - men.



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

### † Gospel Lesson

John 3:1-15  
Pew Bible, page 887

Minister: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**People:** Thanks be to the Lord!

## Prayer for Illumination

# Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. John Cherne

## *The Kingdom of Second Birth*

## ✠ Prayer of Confession

Unison: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, we were brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did our mothers conceive us. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach wisdom in the secret heart. Forgive all our sins for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ; wash us thoroughly through the blood of his sacrifice and we shall be whiter than snow. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, O God, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.*

## ✠ Assurance of Pardon

From 1 Peter 2:24

Minister: Hear this good news! Jesus Christ bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

*"Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy" (Proverbs 28:13).*

# RESPONDING IN THANKS

In addition to our regular giving of offerings in worship today, ushers will be posted at the exits after the service to receive offerings for the deacons' fund.

Since the early days of the Church, the observance of Holy Communion has been accompanied by the giving of offerings for the poor. Today's deacons' offering will go to help those in need.

To give online, visit  
[www.stpaulsorlando.com/give](http://www.stpaulsorlando.com/give).

## Giving to God and Offertory

## Agnus Dei

Traditional Liturgical Text

Music by Robert H. Young

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.*

## † Doxology

## Doxology II

Traditional Text; Musical Setting by Ronald Owen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all  
 creatures here below. Praise Him above you heavenly  
 hosts! Praise to the Father, praise to the Son, and the Holy  
 Ghost. Amen. Amen. Amen.

## † Celebration of Communion

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord!

People: It is good and right so to do!

Minister: 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. Because you gave your only Son to be born for us; who, by the power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the virgin Mary, his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your name as we sing,

*At St. Paul's, we celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of every month, and once a month in our Evensong service. This month, Evensong will be held on February 15.*

*Our Communion bread is gluten free.*

*Children's Church does not meet on Communion Sundays.*

*Sanctus means "holy" in Latin. In historic Christian liturgies, a hymn of praise acknowledging the holiness of God is often sung before the solemn celebration of the Lord's Supper.*

## † Sanctus

## Sanctus II

Traditional Text; Musical Setting by Ronald Owen

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - migh - ty!

All of your cre - a - tion bows down and kneels be-fore you.

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, an-gels all a - dore you.

Heav'n and earth are full of your pow-er and your

glo - ry! Ho - ly are you Lord God of hosts.



## Prayer of Dedication

## Words of Institution

Minister: Therefore, we proclaim the faith:

Unison: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

## Communion Hymn

Hymn B • Trinity Hymnal #247

## O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

## Communion Hymn

Hymn C • Trinity Hymnal #460

## Amazing Grace!

AMAZING GRACE

## † Prayer of Thanks

Unison: Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. We have recalled your mighty acts in holy history. We have seen your power in sending light to conquer darkness, water to give us life, and the bread of heaven to nourish us in love. Send us with your salvation and joy to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## † Benediction

## † Sending Forth Hymn

Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness

Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #727

LEAD ME, LORD

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

People: Thanks be to God!

## Postlude

## The Sands of Time Are Sinking

Words by Anne Ross Cousin

Music by Connie Dever

*Please take a moment to greet those around you.*

*When Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, he did so with thanksgiving (1 Corinthians 11:24). Accordingly, this sacrament is sometimes called the "Eucharist," a meal of thanksgiving.*

*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.*

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Samuel ... named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far has the LORD helped us." 1 Sam 7:12*



1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bles - sing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:  
 Prone to wan - der— Lord, I feel it— prone to leave the God I love:



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 he, to re - scue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.



# O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

*He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities. Is. 53:5*

1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down;  
 2. What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain:  
 3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est Friend,

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.  
 for this, thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?

O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!  
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;  
 O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be,

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
 look on me with thy fa - vor, vouch - safe to me thy grace.  
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

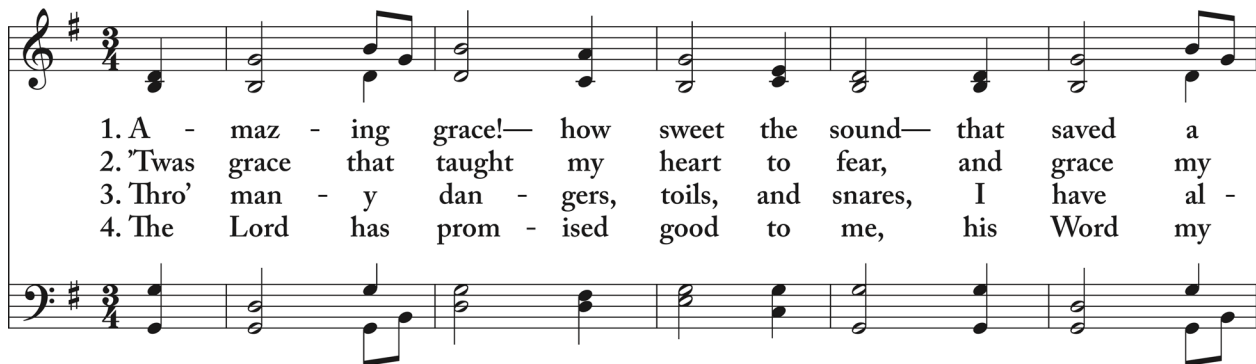
Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153  
 Tr. by Paul Gerhardt, 1656  
 Tr. by James W. Alexander, 1830

PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D  
 Hans Leo Hassler, 1601  
 Arr. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1729

# Amazing Grace!

*Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?*

1 Chron. 17:16



1. A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that saved a  
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my  
 3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al -  
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his Word my



wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am  
 fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that grace ap -  
 read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus  
 hope se - cures; he will my shield and por - tion



found, was blind, but now I see.  
 pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 far, and grace will lead me home.  
 be, as long as life en - dures.

5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
 and mortal life shall cease,  
 I shall possess within the veil  
 a life of joy and peace.

6. When we've been there ten thousand years,  
 bright shining as the sun,  
 we've no less days to sing God's praise  
 than when we've first begun.

St. 1-5, John Newton, 1779

St. 6, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790

AMAZING GRACE C.M.  
 Traditional American Melody  
 Arr. by Edwin O. Excell, 1900

# Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness

*Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness. Ps. 5:8*

1. Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righ-teous-ness, make thy way  
2. Teach me, Lord, teach me tru-ly how to live, that I may

plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord,  
come to know thee, and in thy pres - ence serve thee with

on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.  
glad - ness, and sing songs of praise to thy glo - ry.

# *The Kingdom of Second Birth*

John 3:1-15 | Rev. John Cherne

**The Big Idea:** Nicodemus comes to Jesus out of curiosity, but Jesus shows that curiosity is not enough to enter God’s kingdom. Only those who are born again by the Spirit can see and enter the kingdom of God. We cannot enter God’s kingdom by curiosity, morality, or effort, but only by new birth through faith in the Son lifted up for us.

## *i. The perception of the kingdom (vv. 1–3)*

## *ii. The puzzlement of the second birth (vv. 4–8)*

## *iii. The predicament of a teacher (vv. 9–15)*

## DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

*Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.*

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| • Sunday, February 1    | Esther 9-10 • Romans 4 |
| • Monday, February 2    | Job 1 • Romans 5       |
| • Tuesday, February 3   | Job 2 • Romans 6       |
| • Wednesday, February 4 | Job 3 • Romans 7       |
| • Thursday, February 5  | Job 4 • Romans 8       |
| • Friday, February 6    | Job 5 • Romans 9       |
| • Saturday, February 7  | Job 6 • Romans 10      |
| • Sunday, February 8    | Job 7 • Romans 11      |

## WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Nicodemus approached Jesus with curiosity, yet he did not truly understand the kingdom of God. In what ways do you see yourself like Nicodemus, or encounter others who are approaching Christ with curiosity but not understanding?
2. Jesus teaches that entrance into the kingdom requires being “born of water and the Spirit.” What are the key similarities and differences between physical birth and spiritual birth? How does this help you understand what it truly means to be born again?
3. Verse 8 says, “The wind blows where it wishes...so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Considering also Ezekiel 37, how does the Spirit’s work as both sovereign and life-giving shape your understanding of the kingdom of God?
4. If the kingdom of God comes only through being born again, how should this truth affect the way we read Scripture, pray, and share the gospel with others this week?

## MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

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

“And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?’ And I answered, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And he said to me, ‘I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.’” (Acts 22:7-8)

## 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:** Should I participate in the Lord’s Supper if I’m not sure I have come to faith in Christ?

**Answer:** The Lord’s Supper is meant for those who have professed faith in Christ, who have been baptized and received into membership in the church by making a profession of personal faith in Christ. If you have not come to that place in your life, we ask that you pass the elements by, but that you pray instead and ask God to open your heart to understand and receive the gospel of his grace in Christ Jesus. Any of our elders, pastors, or deacons would be glad to talk to you about what it means to put your faith in Christ.



## 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*.

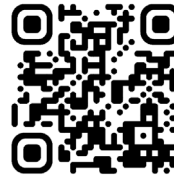
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### ***Our Vision***

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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