



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
Eighth Sunday after Epiphany
March 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.

Welcome

Prelude

At the Name of Jesus
KING'S WESTON

*At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow,
Ev'ry tongue confess him King of glory now.
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.*

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

Call to Worship

From Psalm 34

Minister: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

People: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Minister: Oh, fear the LORD you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

† congregation standing

✠ congregation kneeling

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† Hymn of Proclamation

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #100

Holy, Holy, Holy!

NICAEA

† Prayer of Adoration

Unison: Most loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of you, and to cast all our care on you who care for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide us from the light of that love which is immortal, and which you have manifested to us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

† Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith

Of Providence

Chapter 5; Sections 1 and 7

Unison: God the great Creator of all things does uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by his most wise and holy providence, according to his infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of his own will, to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

As the providence of God does, in general, reach to all creatures; so after a most special manner, it takes care of his church, and disposes all things to the good thereof.

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”
(1 Timothy 4:13).*

† New Testament Lesson

Acts 23:12-35

Pew Bible, page 932

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of God’s Word

Rev. Justin Berger

TO THE END OF THE EARTH:

Paul’s Opponents Plot in Vain

✠ **Prayer of Confession**

Unison: O God beyond all praising, there is no God like you. With you is the fountain of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. But we have hungered after that which does not satisfy and preferred many things to you, the Giver of all things. Father, forgive us for our weak and sinful desires, and fill us with your Spirit, that we might be conformed to the image of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

✠ **Assurance of Pardon**

From Lamentations 3 and Colossians 3

Minister: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. You have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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

Giving to God and Choral Offertory

Miserere Domine

Traditional Liturgical Text

Musical Setting by Ronald Owen

Miserere, domine.
(Have mercy, Lord.)

† **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 Ho-ly
Ghost. A - men. A - men. A - men.

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.

† 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,

*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

Healy Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly,

Lord God of Hosts; Hea-ven and earth are full of thy

glo - ry. Glo - - ry be to thee, O Lord Most

High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Dedication

Words of Institution

Minister: Therefore, we proclaim the faith:

People: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Communion Hymn

Hymn B • Trinity Hymnal #500

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

NEW CITY FELLOWSHIP

Communion Hymn

Hymn C

He Will Hold Me Fast

Words by Habershon
Words and Music by Merker

† 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

Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #642 (Verse 3)

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

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.

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." Rev. 4:8

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Rock of Ages

That rock was Christ. 1 Cor. 10:4

Unison



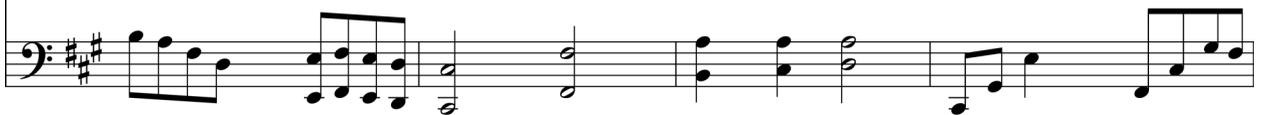
1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my -
2. Not the la - bors of my hands an ful - fill thy
3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy
4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids



self in thee; let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en
law's de - mands; could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for -
cross I cling; na - ked come to thee for dress; help - less, look to
close in death, when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy



side which flowed, be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its
ev - er flow, all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and
thee for grace; foul, I to the Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior,
judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my -



The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and the time signature is 7/8. The lyrics are written between the two staves. The melody in the treble staff features a series of chords and a melodic line that includes a sixteenth-note run. The bass staff provides a steady accompaniment with a mix of chords and a moving bass line.

The lyrics are:

guilt and pow'r.
 thou a - lone.
 or I die.
 self in thee.

Augustus Toplady, 1776

Alt. by Thomas Cotterill, 1815

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James Ward, 1984

He Will Hold Me Fast

(When I Fear My Faith Will Fail)

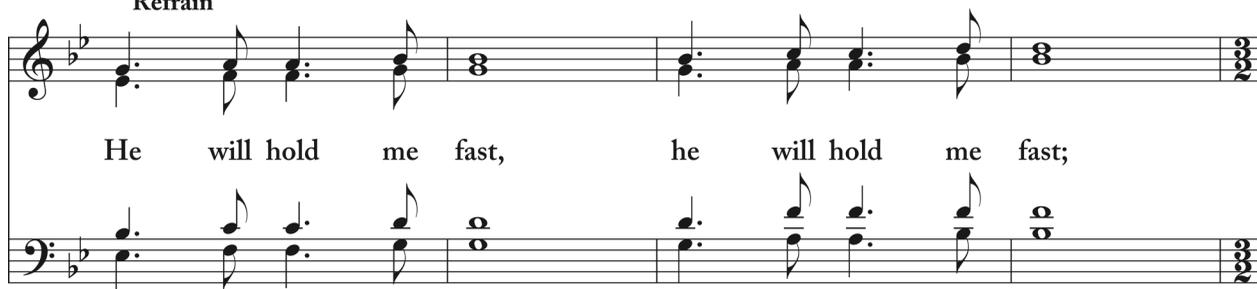
1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
 2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
 Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
 Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.

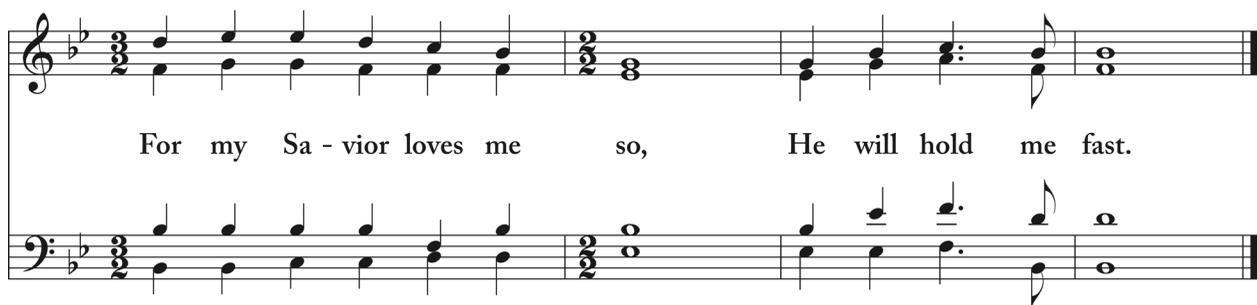
I could nev - er keep my hold Through life's fear - ful path;
 He'll not let my soul be lost; His Prom - is - es shall last;
 Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast

For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.
 Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
 'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

Refrain



He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;



For my Sa - vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Be Thou My Vision

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

Unison

3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my

The first system of music consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my". The piano accompaniment begins with a bass clef, the same key signature and time signature, and features a steady bass line with chords.

dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,

The second system of music continues the vocal and piano lines. The lyrics are: "dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,". The musical notation includes various note values and rests, with the piano accompaniment providing harmonic support.

thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

The third system of music concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r." The vocal line ends with a double bar line, and the piano accompaniment also concludes with a double bar line.

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent.

Tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905

Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912

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

TO THE END OF THE EARTH:

Paul's Opponents Plot in Vain

Acts 23:12-35 | Rev. Justin Berger

The Big Idea: The Lord's command to "Take courage" (Acts 23:11) is powerfully reinforced by the dramatic story Luke narrates in Acts 23:12-35. Despite their elaborate schemes and attempt to assassinate him, Paul's opponents "plot in vain" (Psalm 2:1). Indeed, throughout this narrative, you can almost hear as "He who sits in the heavens laughs" (Psalm 2:4). Instead of hindering his ministry, the intense opposition Paul experiences really serves to advance the gospel (cf. Philippians 1:12-14) and to afford Paul new opportunities to bear witness to Christ in the imperial halls of power.

i. Take courage because your opponents plot in vain

ii. Take courage because the gospel advances through adversity

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

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| • Sunday, March 1 | Job 30 • 1 Corinthians 16 |
| • Monday, March 2 | Job 31 • 2 Corinthians 1 |
| • Tuesday, March 3 | Job 32 • 2 Corinthians 2 |
| • Wednesday, March 4 | Job 33 • 2 Corinthians 3 |
| • Thursday, March 5 | Job 34 • 2 Corinthians 4 |
| • Friday, March 6 | Job 35 • 2 Corinthians 5 |
| • Saturday, March 7 | Job 36 • 2 Corinthians 6 |
| • Sunday, March 8 | Job 37 • 2 Corinthians 7 |

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

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

“I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down in the Law and written in the Prophets, having a hope in God, which these men themselves accept, that there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust” (Acts 24:14-15).

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 let the elements pass you by, and 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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or navigate to the URL below each QR code.*



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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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