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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
Ninth Sunday after Epiphany
March 8, 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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
NETTLETON

*Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.*

Call to Worship

From Psalm 135

Minister: Praise the name of the LORD, give praise, O servants of the LORD, who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God!

People: Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant! For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself, Israel as his own possession.

Minister: Blessed be the LORD from Zion, he who dwells in Jerusalem! Praise the LORD!

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

† congregation standing
✠ congregation kneeling

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† Psalm of Praise

Hymn A • From the Psalter

Psalm 150

Musical Setting by Ronald Owen

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

† Prayer of Adoration

Unison: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy:
Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

† Old Testament Reading

Nehemiah 8:1–12

Pew Bible, page 403

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

✠ Prayer of Confession

Unison: Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 Titus 3

Minister: When the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

✠ **Pastoral Prayer**



† **Psalm of Proclamation**

Hymn B • From the Psalter

Psalm 19

DARWALL

† **Affirmation of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism

Question and Answer #65

Minister: It is through faith alone that we share in Christ and all his benefits: where then does that faith come from?

People: The Holy Spirit produces it in our hearts by the preaching of the holy gospel, and confirms it by the use of the holy sacraments.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

† Gloria

Gloria Patri #735

GREATOREX

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the
 Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -
 gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be, world with - out
 end. A - men, a - men.

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.

† New Testament Lesson

1 Thessalonians 2:1–16

Pew Bible, page 986

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of God’s Word

Dr. Zachary Cole

The “Big Idea” for this morning’s message and the outline are found on page 15.

LIVING IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY:

What Is—Really Is—the Word of God?

RESPONDING IN THANKS

† **Hymn of Response**

Hymn C • Trinity Hymnal #94

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

Offertory

Song of the Apostle

Based on Romans 8:28 and 32

John Ness Beck

*“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich”
(2 Corinthians 8:9).*

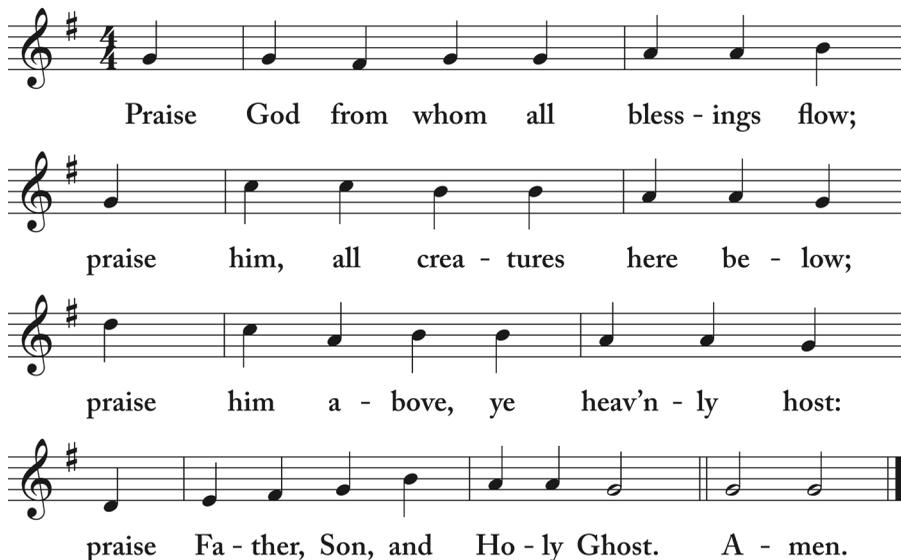
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*And we know that in all things God works
For the good of those who love him,
Who have been called according to his purpose.
He who did not spare his own Son,
But gave him up for us all—
How will he not also, along with him,
Graciously give us all things?*

† Doxology

Doxology #732

TALLIS' CANON



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow;
praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;
praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

† Prayer of Dedication

† Benediction

† Sending Forth Hymn

Hymn D (Verses 1 and 4)

Where Thou Leadest Me

Words and Music by Fowler, Shive, and Getty

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

O God Beyond All Praising

THAXTED

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.

Psalm 150

1. Sing hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the LORD! Praise God with -
 2. Praise God whose maj - es - ty a - bounds! O praise him

in his sa - cred courts! O praise him in his
 with the trum - pet sound! Praise God with lute and

hea - ven - ly height! O praise him for his deeds of
 harp and strings, with dance and pipe and tam - bou -

might! Sing hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the LORD!
 rine! Sing hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the LORD!

O *praise* the LORD for - ev - er - more!
 O praise the LORD for - ev - er - more!

1. 2.

3. With sound - ing

cym - bals praise the LORD! With clash - ing cym - bals

praise a - loud! Let all that breathes now praise the

LORD! O praise the LORD for - ev - er - more!

Sing hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the LORD! O praise the

LORD for - ev - er - more!

ev - er - more!

The Heavens Above Declare

Psalm 19



1. The heav'ns a - bove de - clare the glo - ry of our God;
2. The per - fect law of God will make the soul re - vive;
3. God's ra - di - ant com - mands shed light on what we see;
4. Of far more worth than gold— than much pure gold— they are;



and what his hands have made the skies pro-claim a - broad. For day by
his stat - utes, sure and true, will make the sim - ple wise. The pre - cepts
the fear of God is pure and lasts e - ter - nal - ly. The stan - dards
than hon - ey from the comb, than hon - ey sweet - er far. They warn the



day they pour out speech, and night by night their knowl - edge teach.
of the LORD are right and fill the heart with great de - light.
of the LORD ex - press his per - fect truth and righ - teous - ness.
ser - vant of the LORD; in keep - ing them is great re - ward.



5. Who can discern his faults? Forgive my hidden sin.
Protect from willful sins; let them not reign within.
Then blameless shall your servant be,
from great transgression now set free.

6. So let the words I speak be pleasing in your sight;
and let my inmost thoughts be in your judgment right.
O LORD, you are a rock to me;
you have redeemed and set me free.

How Firm a Foundation

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Is. 41:10



1. How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed; for I am your
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the riv - ers of
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, my grace, all - suf -



faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to
God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and
sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your
fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I



you he has said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
cause you to stand, up - held by my right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
on - ly de - sign your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.



5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

FOUNDATION 11.11.11.11.

Traditional American melody

J. Funk's *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, 1832

Where Thou Leadest Me

1. Where Thou lead - est me, I dare not find com-plaint, for
 4. Sav - ior, light my path un - to that fin - al day. If

Thou hast ne - ver left, nor will for all my days. Thy
 Thou art Lord of life, why should I fear the grave? Proud

pre - sence is my good and it shall e - ver be; I will
 death has lost its sting for all e - ter - ni - ty. I will

go where Thou lead - est me. On the moun - tain high, through the
 rise where Thou lead - est me.

1.

val - ley deep, I will go where Thou lead - est me.

4.

me. On the moun - tain high, through the val - ley deep, I will

go where Thou lead - est me. I will go where Thou lead - est me.

LIVING IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY:

What Is—Really Is—the Word of God?

1 Thessalonians 2:1–16 | Dr. Zachary Cole

The Big Idea: Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy continue to give thanks to God for the steadfast faith of the Thessalonian believers despite the brevity of their time together and their experience of much affliction. In this passage, Paul states that because the gospel is the word of God (and not of man), it must be rightly preached and rightly received.

i. The gospel is the word of God (v. 13)

ii. It must be rightly preached (vv. 1–12)

iii. It must be rightly received (vv. 14–16)

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

- Sunday, March 8 Job 37 • 2 Corinthians 7
- Monday, March 9 Job 38 • 2 Corinthians 8
- Tuesday, March 10 Job 39 • 2 Corinthians 9
- Wednesday, March 11 Job 40 • 2 Corinthians 10
- Thursday, March 12 Job 41 • 2 Corinthians 11
- Friday, March 13 Job 42 • 2 Corinthians 12
- Saturday, March 14 Proverbs 1 • 2 Corinthians 13
- Sunday, March 15 Proverbs 2 • 2 Corinthians 14

WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What are some reasons why preaching is essential for God's people?
2. Based on this passage, what are some marks of good preaching?
3. What are some dangerous things in preaching that Paul cautions against?
4. Why does Paul express anger at his Jewish countrymen? How can Romans 9:1–5 help give us a balanced understanding of his feelings toward the Jews?
5. Based on this passage, what would it look like for us to receive God's word rightly?

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: Why do we gather for worship on Sundays rather than worshiping God by ourselves in private?

Answer: Corporate worship helps make visible what is now invisible to our eyes: we belong to a great company of people from many nations, languages, and peoples, redeemed by God’s grace and gathered in joyful worship in his presence (Hebrews 12:22-24). Corporate worship has both a vertical and a horizontal dimension. Like the redeemed in heaven, we gather to give God praise and to encourage one another to glorify and enjoy him forever (Hebrews 10:24-25).

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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