



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
Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 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

Now the Green Blade Riseth

Lyrics by John Macleod Campbell Crum

Tune: NOEL NOUVELET

*Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain.
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

*In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain,
Thinking that He never would awake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

*Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

*When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

† congregation standing

✠ congregation kneeling

Call to Worship

From Psalm 34

Minister: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

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

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



ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† Hymn of Proclamation

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #53

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

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

† Prayer of Adoration

Unison: O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

† Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

Pew Bible, page 602

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16).

✠ Prayer of Confession

Unison: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from your ways. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws.

(Continued)

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare us, O God, as we confess our faults. Restore us according to your promise declared in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

The Assurance of Pardon is spoken with authority in Jesus' name. If you trust Jesus as he is offered in the gospel, you can rest assured that you are forgiven.

✠ **Assurance of Pardon**

From Isaiah 49 and 66

Minister: Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you, says the LORD. To all those who repent and believe the gospel, your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name.

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**

RENEWING OUR FAITH

† Psalm of Consecration

Hymn B • From the Trinity Psalter

Psalm 13

PASSION CHORALE

† Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith

Of the Civil Magistrate
Chapter 23; Sections 1 and 2

Unison: God, the supreme Lord and King of all the world, has ordained civil magistrates, to be, under him, over the people, for his own glory, and the public good: and, to this end, has armed them with the power of the sword, for the defense and encouragement of them that are good, and for the punishment of evil doers.

It is lawful for Christians to accept and execute the office of a magistrate; when called to it: in managing it, as they ought especially to maintain piety, justice, and peace, according to the wholesome laws of each commonwealth; so, for that end, they may lawfully now, under the new testament, wage war, upon just and necessary occasion.

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.

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

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.

† New Testament Lesson

Acts 26: 1-32

Pew Bible, page 935

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

“Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law” (Psalm 119:18).

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of God’s Word

Rev. Justin Berger

TO THE END OF THE EARTH:

Paul’s Swansong



† Hymn of Response

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Hymn C • Trinity Hymnal #92

EIN' FESTE BURG

Giving to God and Offertory

The King of Love, My Shepherd Is

Arr. by Mark Schweizer

Based on J.S. Bach's Prelude in C Major

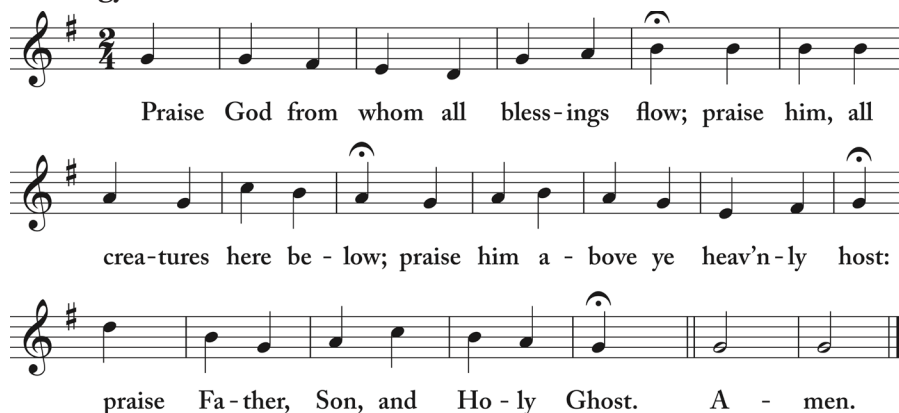
*The king of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never,
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.
Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never,
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.*

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God" (Hebrews 13:16).

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† Doxology #731

OLD HUNDREDTH



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.

The word "doxology" comes from the Greek *doxa* ("glory") and *logos* ("word"). Thus, to sing the doxology is to ascribe a word of glory to God.

† Prayer of Dedication

† Benediction

† Sending Forth Hymn

Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #164 (Verses 5 and 2)

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus Christ.
People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

ALL SAINTS OLD

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.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Ps. 103:1, 2

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
 4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand
 dore him! All that has life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

Based on Psalm 103
Joachim Neander, 1680
Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt. 1990

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8.
Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665
Arr. in *Praxis Pietatis Melica*, 1668

Psalm 13

1. How long wilt Thou for - get me? Shall it for - ev - er be?
 2. O LORD, my God, con - si - der, and hear my ear - nest cries;
 3. But on Thy ten - der mer - cy I ev - er have re - lied;

O LORD, how long neg - lect me? And hide Thy face from me?
 lest I in death should slum - ber, en - light - en Thou mine eyes:
 with joy in Thy sal - va - tion my heart shall still con - fide.

How long my soul take coun - sel, thus sad in heart each day?
 lest foes be heard ex - claim - ing a - gainst him we pre - vailed;
 And I with voice of sing - ing will praise the LORD a - lone,

How long shall foes ex - ult - ing, sub - ject me to their sway?
 and they that vex my spi - rit re - joice when I have failed.
 be - cause to me His fa - vor He has so large - ly shown.

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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
do - us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,



doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;
 Christ Jes - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. Acts 3:8

5. He speaks and, list'n - ing to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,

the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.

TO THE END OF THE EARTH:

Paul's Swansong

Acts 26:1-32 | Rev. Justin Borger

The Big Idea: Acts 26 has been called Paul's "Swansong" because it contains the apostle's final and most comprehensive defense of his message and ministry before high-ranking public officials just prior to his momentous voyage to Rome. In this valedictory address, Paul defends his Jewish *bona fides* and his hope in the resurrection (26:1-11); he recounts his transformational encounter with the risen Lord (26:12-23) who appointed him to be "a servant and a witness" (26:16); and he ends with a universal appeal for everyone—including King Agrippa and Governor Festus—to become "such as I am—except for these chains" (26:29; cf. 1 Corinthians 4:17; 11:1).

i. Paul's heritage and hope (26:1-11)

ii. Paul's conversion and commission (26:12-23)

iii. Paul's universal appeal (26:24-32)

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

- Sunday, April 19 Ecclesiastes 6 • 2 Timothy 2
- Monday, April 20 Ecclesiastes 7 • 2 Timothy 3
- Tuesday, April 21 Ecclesiastes 8 • 2 Timothy 4
- Wednesday, April 22 Ecclesiastes 9 • Titus 1
- Thursday, April 23 Ecclesiastes 10 • Titus 2
- Friday, April 24 Ecclesiastes 11 • Titus 3
- Saturday, April 25 Ecclesiastes 12 • Philemon
- Sunday, April 26 Song of Songs 1 • Hebrews 1

WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Why has Acts 26 been called Paul's "Swansong." Why is this final speech important?
2. What does Paul emphasize in his final defense before King Agrippa?
3. What central issue does Paul identify in verse 6 as the reason he stands trial?
4. Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead?
5. Who was Paul and what did he do? What two terms does he use to characterize his commission from Christ in Acts 26:16?
6. What is the last thing that Paul emphasizes in verse 19? Compare with Acts 20:25; 1 Corinthians 4:17, 11:1.

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

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

"But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness..." (Acts 26:16)

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: What kind of attire should I wear for worship?

Answer: There is no dress code at St. Paul’s. Many wear their “Sunday best” while others dress more casually. Regardless of what we wear to worship, we should never forget “the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart” (1 Samuel 16:7; see also 1 Peter 3:3-4).

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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