



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
Ascension Sunday
May 17, 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

Introit

God Be in My Head

Ancient Text

Music by Ronald Owen

God be in my head and in my understanding.

God be in mine eyes and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking.

God be in my heart. God be in my thinking.

God be at my end and my departing.

God be in my head, God be in my eyes,

God be in my mouth, God be in my end, and my departing.

Call to Worship

From Psalm 134

Minister: Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,
who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

People: **Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD!**

Minister: May the LORD bless you from Zion, he who made
heaven and earth!

† congregation standing

✠ congregation kneeling

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† Hymn of Proclamation

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #34

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

† Prayer of Adoration

Unison: Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

† Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:8-13

Pew Bible, page 571

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

✠ Prayer of Confession

Unison: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord. If you should mark iniquities, who could stand? No creature is hidden from your sight before whom we must give account. There is no one righteous, not even one. We all have sinned and fall short of your glory. Therefore, we pray that you would hide your face from our sins, accept us for Christ's sake alone, and sanctify us more and more by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

Our weekly prayers of adoration are taken from The Book of Common Prayer, which was compiled by Thomas Cranmer and others, and was first issued in 1549.

In confessing our sins, we humbly agree with Scripture's claim that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. We do this collectively through a corporate prayer of confession and individually through a silent moment of confession.

*“Let us hold fast the confession
of our hope without wavering,
for he who promised is faithful”
(Hebrews 10:23). On the cross,
the price for all our sin was
paid in full.*

Welcome, new members!

Assurance of Pardon

From Colossians 1

Minister: Hear this good news! God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

Public Reception of New Members

<i>Noe Acosta</i>	<i>Thomas Dean</i>	<i>Rafael Neves</i>
<i>Mimi Acosta</i>	<i>Justin Frame</i>	<i>Juliana Neves</i>
<i>Zachary Ailes</i>	<i>Carolyn Frame</i>	<i>Isaac Neves</i>
<i>Barbara Ailes</i>	<i>Connor Harper</i>	<i>Sarah Neves</i>
<i>Claire Brown</i>	<i>Nathan Harper</i>	<i>Linda North</i>
<i>Kristina Cherne</i>	<i>Frank Kravchuk</i>	<i>Michelle Pierce</i>
<i>Andrew Carlisle</i>	<i>Kenneth Kuk</i>	<i>Sarah Pierce</i>
<i>Aaron Cook</i>	<i>Jenna Kuk</i>	<i>Maria Roy</i>
<i>Thom Cunningham</i>	<i>John Lauretta</i>	<i>Alfredo Soler</i>
<i>Jen Cunningham</i>	<i>Carrie Lauretta</i>	<i>Bill Stone</i>
<i>Atticus Cunningham</i>	<i>Jonah Lauretta</i>	<i>Janet Stone</i>
<i>Catcher Cunningham</i>	<i>Anita Legler</i>	<i>Maddox Villavicencio</i>
<i>Ernest Cunningham</i>	<i>Elodie Leopard</i>	<i>Carol Vincent</i>
<i>Oliver Cunningham</i>	<i>Greg Lukins</i>	<i>John Woodford</i>
<i>Tee Cunningham</i>	<i>Joanna Lukins</i>	<i>Susie Woodford</i>
<i>Wilder Cunningham</i>		

Membership Vows

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving his displeasure, and without hope save in his sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered in the gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to further its purity and peace?

Prayer



† Hymn of Consecration

Hymn B • Trinity Hymnal #355

We Are God's People

SYMPHONY

† Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith

Chapter 26; Section 1 and 2; Of the Communion of the Saints

Unison: All Saints, that are united to Jesus Christ their head, by his Spirit, and by faith, have fellowship with him in his graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory: and, being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces, and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, as do conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.

(Continued)

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.

Saints by profession, are bound to maintain an holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God, and in performing such other spiritual services as tend to their mutual edification; as also, in relieving each other in outward things, according to their several abilities, and necessities. Which communion, as God offers opportunity, is to be extended unto all those, who, in every place, call upon the name of the Lord Jesus.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

† Gloria #734

Gloria Patri
MEINEKE

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.

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.

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:

Continuing Unhindered

RESPONDING IN THANKS

‡ Hymn of Response

Hymn C • Trinity Hymnal #441

Jesus Shall Reign

DUKE STREET

Giving to God & Vocal Offertory

Lord, I Believe

Based on the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed

Music by Shane Keister

Arr. by Ronn Huff

Lord, I believe in one God, Father Almighty, Maker of all.

And I believe in Lord Jesus, only begotten Son of God;

And I believe in Your Holy Spirit, the Giver of all life,

Proceeding from the Father and the Son all glorified.

I believe Jesus came in the flesh, conceived of God, virgin born.

He conquered death, rose again; now His kingdom has no end.

Lord, I believe in one body born of Your Spirit, baptized in You.

Lord, I believe I shall live forevermore just as You said.

I'm looking for the resurrection; I've been forgiven to reign with You.

Yes, I know You will come again, Lord, to judge the quick and the dead.

And I believe I shall live forevermore just as You said.

I believe Jesus came in the flesh, conceived of God, virgin born.

He conquered death, rose again; now His kingdom has no end.

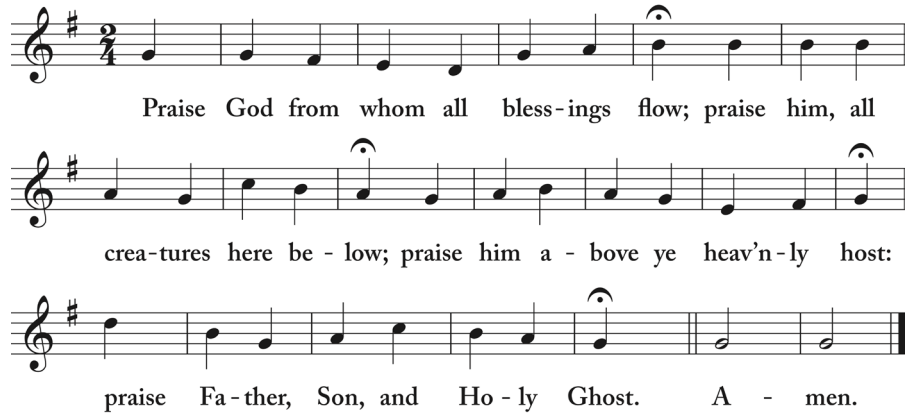
Lord, I believe I shall live forevermore just as You said.

"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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www.stpaulsorlando.com/give.

† 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.

† Prayer of Dedication

† Benediction

† Sending Forth Hymn O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping Through Us
Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #341 (Verses 1 and 5) SPIRITUS VITAE

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

Postlude

For All the Saints
SINE NOMINE

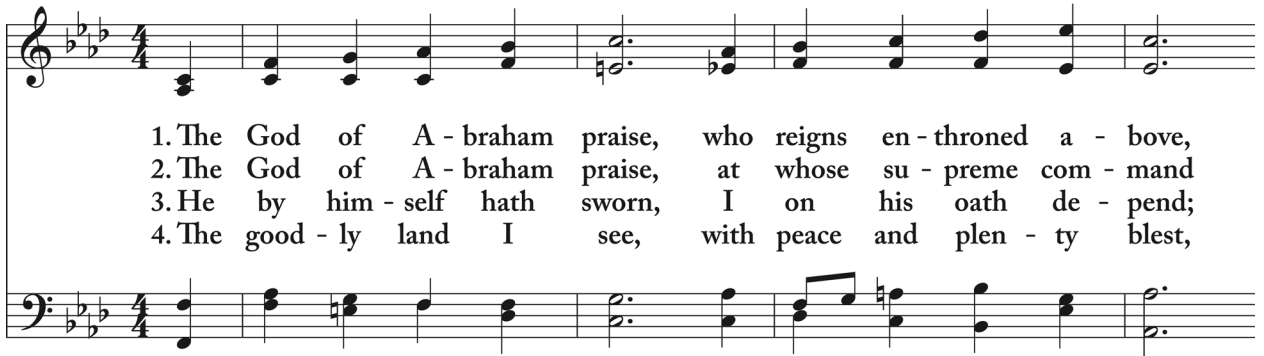
Please take a moment to greet those around you.

With the benediction, God places his name upon us as his people (Numbers 6:27).

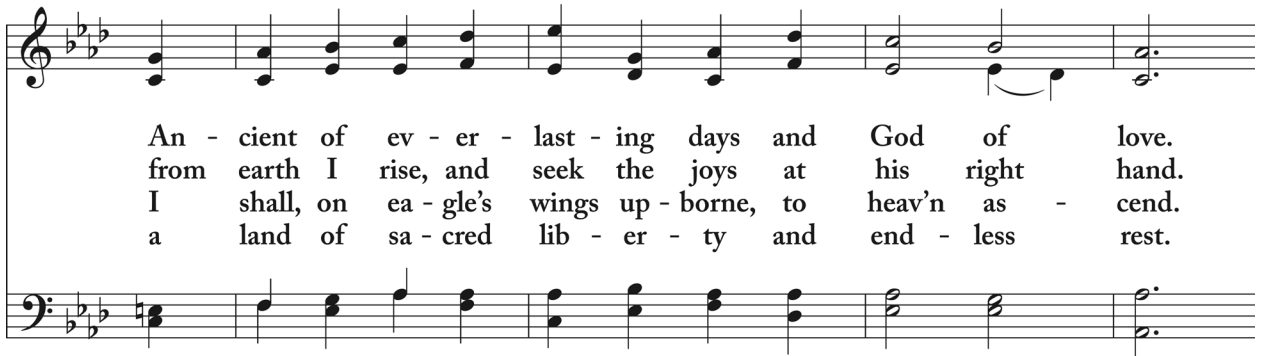
Welcome, visitors! If you are visiting St. Paul's today, we are so glad you have joined us for worship! We would love to get to know you. Email staff@stpaulsorlando.com to let us know your name, contact information, how you heard about St. Paul's, and any questions you may have. Please feel free to introduce yourself to our pastors or ushers.

The God of Abraham Praise

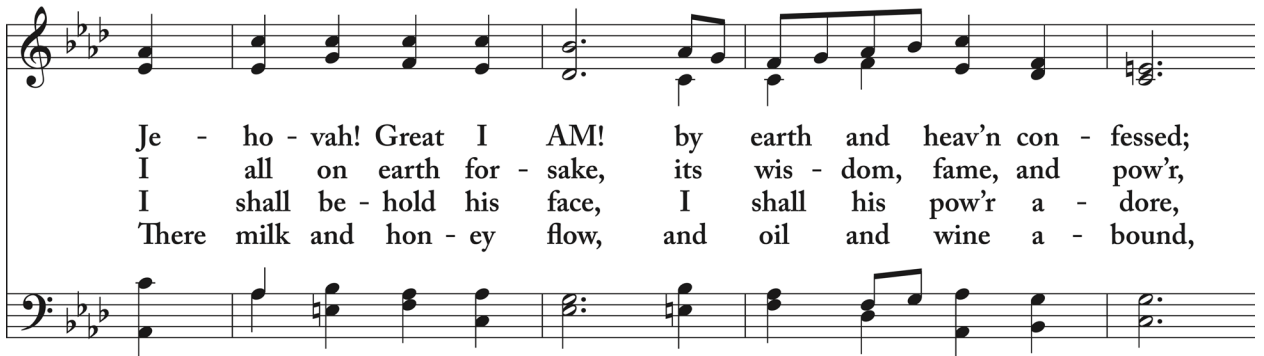
Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Heb. 11:6



1. The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove,
2. The God of A - braham praise, at whose su - preme com - mand
3. He by him - self hath sworn, I on his oath de - pend;
4. The good - ly land I see, with peace and plen - ty blest,



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days and God of love.
from earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.
I shall, on ea - gle's wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.
a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and end - less rest.



Je - ho - vah! Great I AM! by earth and heav'n con - fessed;
I all on earth for - sake, its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
I shall be - hold his face, I shall his pow'r a - dore,
There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,

I bow and bless the sa - cred name, for - ev - er blest.
 and him my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for - ev - er - more.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow, with mer - cy crowned.

5. There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Righteousness,
 triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace.
 On Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,
 and glorious with his saints in light forever reigns.

6. The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;
 "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.
 Hail, Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays;
 all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

We Are God's People

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Ps. 100:3

Unison

1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord, born of his
2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord, for we have
3. We are the Bod - y of which the Lord is Head, called to o -
4. We are a tem - ple, the Spi - rit's dwell - ing place, formed in great

Spi - rit, es - tab - lished by his Word; our cor - ner - stone is
known it, the love of God out - poured; now let us learn how
bey him, now ris - en from the dead; he wills us be a
weak - ness, a cup to hold God's grace; we die a - lone, for

Christ a - lone, and strong in him we stand: O let us live trans -
to re - turn the gift of love once giv'n: O let us share each
fam - i - ly, di - verse yet tru - ly one: O let us give our
on its own each mem - ber los - es fire: yet joined in one the

par - ent - ly, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.
joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleas - es heav'n.
gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.
flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to in - spire.

SYMPHONY 11.11.8.6.8.9.

From Johannes Brahms, *Symphony No. 1 in C Minor*, 1876

Arr. by Fred Bock, 1976

Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1976

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Jesus Shall Reign

He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. Ps. 72:8



1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc -
 2. To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; the pris - 'ner
 5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from shore to
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per - fume, shall
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es shall pro -
 leaps to lose his chains, the wea - ry find e - ter - nal
 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with songs a -



shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 rest, and all the sons of want are blest.
 gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!



O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping Through Us

Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Ps. 85:6

1. O Breath of life, come sweep - ing through us, re - vive your
5. Re - vive us, Lord! Is zeal a - bat - ing while har - vest

church with life and pow'r; O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, re -
fields are vast and white? Re - vive us, Lord, the world is

new us, and fit your church to meet this hour.
wait - ing, e - quip your church to spread the light.

TO THE END OF THE EARTH:

Continuing Unhindered

Acts 28:11-31 | Rev. Justin Borger

The Big Idea: The book of Acts closes with a surprisingly open ending. Instead of concluding with Paul’s trial and martyrdom (as we might expect), Acts ends with a fresh surge of new Easter-like power—even a resurrection of sorts—as the gospel continues to burst forth unrestrained despite Paul’s chains and is proclaimed “with all boldness and without hindrance” (Acts 28:31). With the heralding of this royal announcement in the capital city of Rome, the unstoppable news of the crucified and risen Jesus—Israel’s Messiah and the one true Lord of the world—has come not only to the heart of the empire but reaches even “to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

i. Arriving in Rome (28:11-16)

ii. Responding to rejection (28:17-28)

iii. Continuing unhindered (28:30-31)

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

- Sunday, May 17 Isaiah 16 • 1 Peter 4
- Monday, May 18 Isaiah 17-18 • 1 Peter 5
- Tuesday, May 19 Isaiah 19-20 • 2 Peter 1
- Wednesday, May 20 Isaiah 21 • 2 Peter 2
- Thursday, May 21 Isaiah 22 • 2 Peter 3
- Friday, May 22 Isaiah 23 • 1 John 1
- Saturday, May 23 Isaiah 24 • 1 John 2
- Sunday, May 24 Isaiah 25 • 1 John 3

WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

1. How does the conclusion of Acts recall and remind you of the end of the Gospel according to Luke? In what ways does Paul's journey to Rome parallel that of Jesus to Jerusalem?
2. What is significant and instructive about the way Christians in Italy welcomed Paul and accompanied him into Rome (vv. 11-16)?
3. On what did Paul focus when speaking to the Jews in Rome? What is the significance of Paul's quotation of Isaiah 6 in Acts 28?
4. How does the end of Acts strengthen and encourage the church to stay on mission today?

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

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

“He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance” (Acts 28:30-31).

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 our worship services include readings from both the Old and New Testaments?

Answer: This practice reflects our commitment to “the whole counsel of God” (Acts 20:27). Jesus said that every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is “like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old” (Matthew 13:52). In our Old Testament readings from the Law and Prophets, we find the gospel foreshadowed and promised, and in our New Testament readings, we find it fulfilled in the person and work of our Lord Jesus 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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