



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
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 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

Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power

O QUANTA QUALIA

*Blessing and honor and glory and power,
Wisdom and riches and strength evermore
Give ye to him who our battle hath won,
Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.*

*Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
Dying in weakness, but rising to reign.*

† congregation standing

✠ congregation kneeling

† Call to Worship

From Psalm 30

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

Minister: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

People: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Minister: Praise the Lord!

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† Hymn of Praise

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #660

O God Beyond All Praising

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Prayer of Adoration

*Christian worship is trinitarian:
we worship one God who exists
eternally in three persons,
Father, Son, and Spirit.*

Unison: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

† New Testament Lesson

2 Corinthians 13:1-14

Pew Bible, page 970

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

*There is rejoicing in the
presence of the angels of God
over one sinner who repents
(Luke 15:10).*

✠ Prayer of Confession

Unison: Lord of grace and truth, you command us to have no other gods before you. But we have run after idols. You command us to worship according to your Word. But we have worshiped according to our own imaginations and preferences. You command us to hallow your name. But we have dishonored it. You command us to keep the Sabbath holy. But we have treated it like any other day. You command us to honor our father and mother. But we have dishonored and disobeyed those in authority. You command us to preserve life. But we have committed murder in our hearts. You command us not to commit adultery. But we have been unfaithful. You command us not to steal. But we have taken what does not belong to us. You command us not to bear false witness. But we have slandered our neighbor. You command us not to covet. But we have been discontent. You tell us that if we love you we will keep your commandments. But we have not loved you or kept your commandments. And so, we humbly repent and ask you to forgive us. Help us to love you out of the great love with which you first loved us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

*In the Assurance of Pardon, tired
and weary sinners are comforted
with the good news of God's
grace and forgiveness.*

✠ Assurance of Pardon

From Romans 8

Minister: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

✠ Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*"Before they call, I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will
hear" (Isaiah 65:24).*

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



† Hymn of Consecration

Hymn B • Trinity Hymnal #359

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

† Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Questions and Answers #79, 80, and 81

Minister: Which is the tenth commandment?

People: The tenth commandment is, you shall not covet your neighbor's house, you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his donkey nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

Minister: What is required in the tenth commandment?

People: The tenth commandment requires full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbor, and all that is his.

Minister: What is forbidden in the tenth commandment?

People: The tenth commandment forbids all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbor, and all desires for and affections to anything that is his.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

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

Glory Be to God II

Traditional Text; Musical Setting by Ronald Owen

Glo-ry be to God, the Fa-ther, Glo-ry be to Christ, His Son.

Glo-ry to the Ho-ly Spi-rit, our God three in one. As it

was in the be - gin-ning, so it shall be now and e - ver-more.

World with-out end, A - men. A - men. A - men!

† Old Testament Lesson

Ecclesiastes 4:4-16

Pew Bible, page 555

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. Justin Borger

VAPOR, JOY & AWE:

A Threefold Cord Is Not Quickly Broken



† **Hymn of Response**

Hymn C • Trinity Hymnal #616

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

SHOWALTER

Giving to God and Offertory

Give Praise to God

SOLI DEO

Words by James Montgomery Boice

(Based on Romans 11:33-36)

Music by Paul S. Jones

*“Ascribe to the LORD the
glory due his name; bring an
offering, and come into his
courts!” (Psalm 96:8)*

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Give praise to God who reigns above for perfect knowledge, wisdom, love;

His judgments are divine, devout, His paths beyond all tracing out.

Come, lift your voice to heav’n’s high throne,

And glory give to God alone!

No one can counsel God all-wise or truths unveil to His sharp eyes;

He marks our paths behind, before; He is our steadfast Counselor.

Come, lift your voice to heav’n’s high throne,

And glory give to God alone!

Creation, life, salvation too, and all things else both good and true,

Come from and through our God always, and fill our hearts with grateful praise.

Come, lift your voice to heav’n’s high throne,

And glory give to God alone!

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.

† Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

him, all crea-tures here be - low: al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia! Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host, praise

Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost: O - praise him, O -

praise him, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

† Prayer of Dedication

† Benediction

† Sending Forth Hymn

Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #730

Benediction

Alt. Tune: WYCLIFF

The people of God bear his name. God shows us favor not because we are righteous in ourselves, but because he has chosen to love us.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Please take a moment to greet those around you.

O God Beyond All Praising

I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart. Ps. 138:1

Unison

1. O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day
 2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
 that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;

for we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you send,
 and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,

at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
 we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:

we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
to mar - vel at your beaut - y and glo - ry in your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

You are all one in Christ Jesus. Gal. 3:28

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christ - ian love: the
 2. Be - fore the Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers; our
 3. We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear, and
 4. When we a - sun - der part, it gives us in - ward pain; but

fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

5. This glorious hope revives
 our courage by the way,
 while each in expectation lives,
 and longs to see the day.

6. From sorrow, toil and pain,
 and sin, we shall be free;
 and perfect love and friendship
 reign through all eternity.

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. Deut. 33:27

1. What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine,
 2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way,
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms?

what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
 oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
 I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Lean - ing, - sus, lean - ing, - sus,

safe and se - cure from all a - larms;

lean - ing, - sus, lean - ing, - sus,

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Benediction

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Cor. 13:14*



1. May the grace of Christ our Sav - ior and the Fa - ther's bound - less love,
2. Thus may we a - bide in u - nion with each oth - er and the Lord,



with the Ho - ly Spir - it's fa - vor, rest up - on us from a - bove.
and pos - sess, in sweet com - mu - nion, joys which earth can - not af - ford.



VAPOR, JOY & AWE:

A Threefold Cord Is Not Quickly Broken

Ecclesiastes 4:4-16 | Rev. Justin Borger

The Big Idea: In Ecclesiastes 4:4-16, Qoheleth focuses on three problems that expose the futility of life under the sun. Human beings were created for community, but our life together is destroyed by envy, isolation, and foolishness. What we need is a “threefold cord” (4:12) to bind us together (2 Corinthians 13:14).

i. The problem of labor

ii. The problem of loneliness

iii. The problem of leadership

iv. The threefold cord

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

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| • Sunday, August 30 | Ezekiel 2 • Psalm 38 |
| • Monday, August 31 | Ezekiel 3 • Psalm 39 |
| • Tuesday, September 1 | Ezekiel 4 • Psalm 40-41 |
| • Wednesday, September 2 | Ezekiel 5 • Psalm 42-43 |
| • Thursday, September 3 | Ezekiel 6 • Psalm 44 |
| • Friday, September 4 | Ezekiel 7 • Psalm 45 |
| • Saturday, September 5 | Ezekiel 8 • Psalm 46-47 |
| • Sunday, September 6 | Ezekiel 9 • Psalm 48 |

WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Summarize the three problems that Qoheleth focuses on in 4:4-16. What are they? How do these three problems manifest themselves in contemporary American life and even in the church?
2. Is Qoheleth exaggerating when he says that “all toil and all skill in work come from a man's envy of his neighbor” (4:4)?
3. What are “better-than” proverbs and why is this form of wisdom teaching important?
4. What is the “threefold cord” (4:12) that we need most of all? Compare with Paul's triune benediction in 2 Corinthians 13:14.

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

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

“Better was a poor and wise youth than an old and foolish king who no longer knew how to take advice” (Ecclesiastes 4:13).

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 take time to pass the offering plate during the worship service?

Answer: Throughout both the Old and the New Testaments, the sharing of material resources and contributions is described as an act of worship (Deuteronomy 26:1-15; 1 Chronicles 29:10-22; 2 Corinthians 9:12). In Hebrews 13:16, sharing material resources is even described as a sacrifice that is pleasing to God. Therefore, the offering is not merely a practical matter but a proper element of biblical worship.

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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