



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
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 7, 2025, 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

Psalm 23

Musical Setting by Ronald Owen

*The Lord's my Shepherd, I shall not want; he makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.*

*Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.*

*God, who calls us into his
presence to worship, loves us
and has freed us from our sins
through the blood of Jesus
Christ.*

Call to Worship

From Psalm 34

Minister: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together! I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

People: Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.

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

† congregation standing

✠ congregation kneeling

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† Hymn of Proclamation

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #164

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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† Prayer of Adoration

Unison: Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

† Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Unison: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

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

† 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.



† New Testament Lesson

Acts 16:6-40

Pew Bible, page 925

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:

Closed and Opened

✠ 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 1 John 1

Minister: Hear this good news! If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

*"Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours...But who am I, and what is my people that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you."
(1 Chronicles 29:11,14)*

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Giving to God & Choral Offertory

Prayer for Guidance

Based on Psalm 25

Music by Allen Pote

*Teach me your ways, make them known to me.
Teach me to live according to your truth.
Because you are my Savior all day long I trust in you.
O remember your kindness and constant love
Which you have shown from long ago.
Forgive the sins and errors of my youth. Remember me O Lord.
All day long I trust in you. Teach me your ways O Lord.*

† Doxology

Doxology I

Traditional Text; Musical Setting by Ronald Owen

Praise God from whom all bles-sings flow.

Praise Him all crea - tures here be - low.

Praise Him a - bove you hea-ven-ly hosts.

Praise to the Fa-ther, praise to the Son and the Ho-ly

Ghost. A - men. A - men.

† 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,

At St. Paul's, we celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of every month.

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

Healey 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.

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.

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 #248

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended
HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Communion Hymn
Hymn C

Clothed in Righteousness
Words by R.C. Sproul
Music by Craig Courtney

† 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** Christ for the World We Sing
Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #447 (Verses 1, 2, and 4) ITALIAN HYMN

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Give Praise to God
Words by James Montgomery Boice
Music by Paul Jones

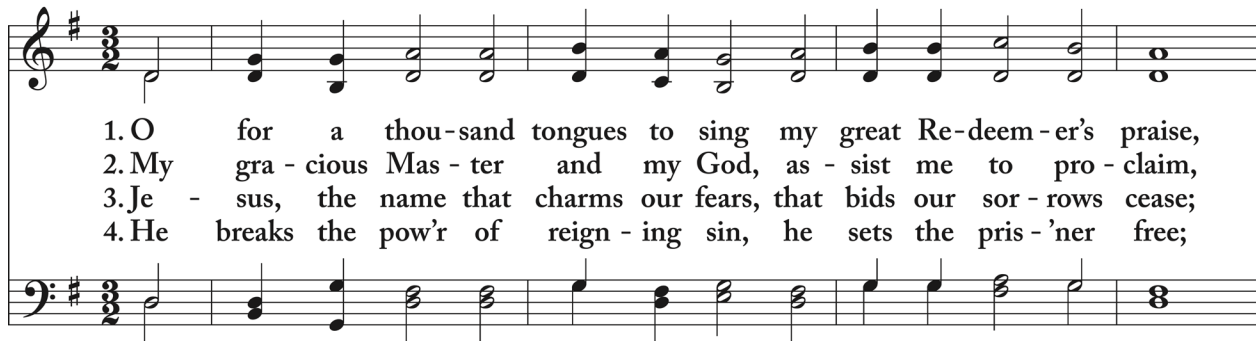
Please take a moment to greet those around you.

Since the early days of the Church, the observance of Holy Communion has been accompanied by the giving of offerings to the poor.

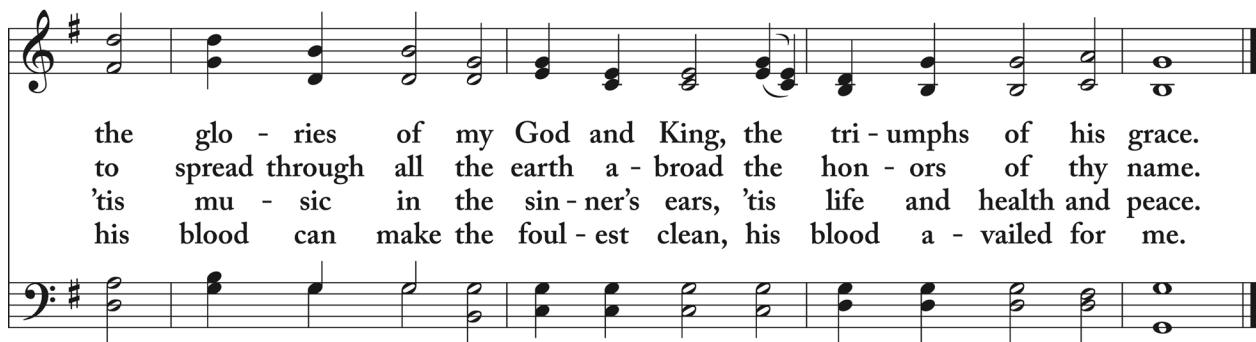
Welcome, visitors! If you are visiting St. Paul's today, we are so glad you have joined us for worship! We would love to get to know you. Email staff@stpaulsorlando.com to let us know your name, contact information, how you heard about St. Paul's, and any questions you may have. Please feel free to introduce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

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



1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
 2. My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
 3. Je-sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease;
 4. He breaks the pow'r of reign-ing sin, he sets the pris-'ner free;



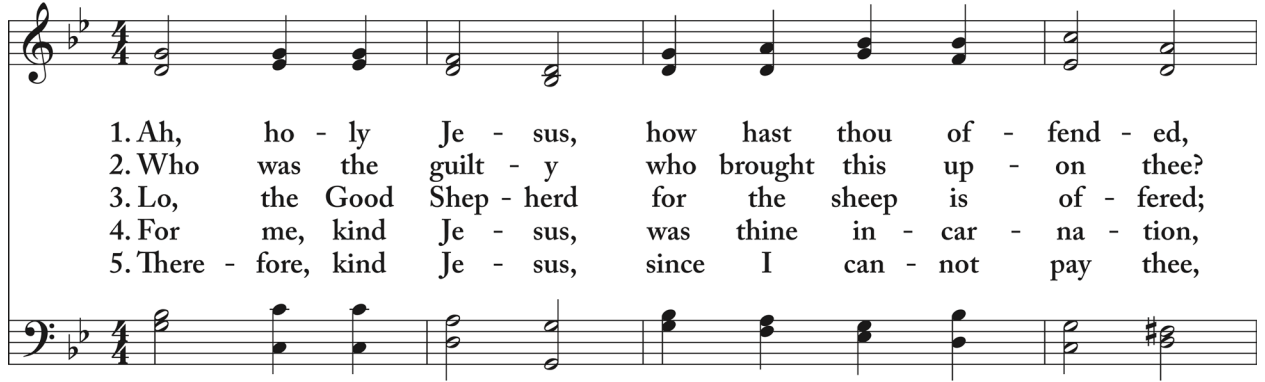
the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace.
 to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of thy name.
 'tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 his blood can make the foul-est clean, his blood a-vailed for me.

5. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
 new life the dead receive;
 the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
 the humble poor believe.

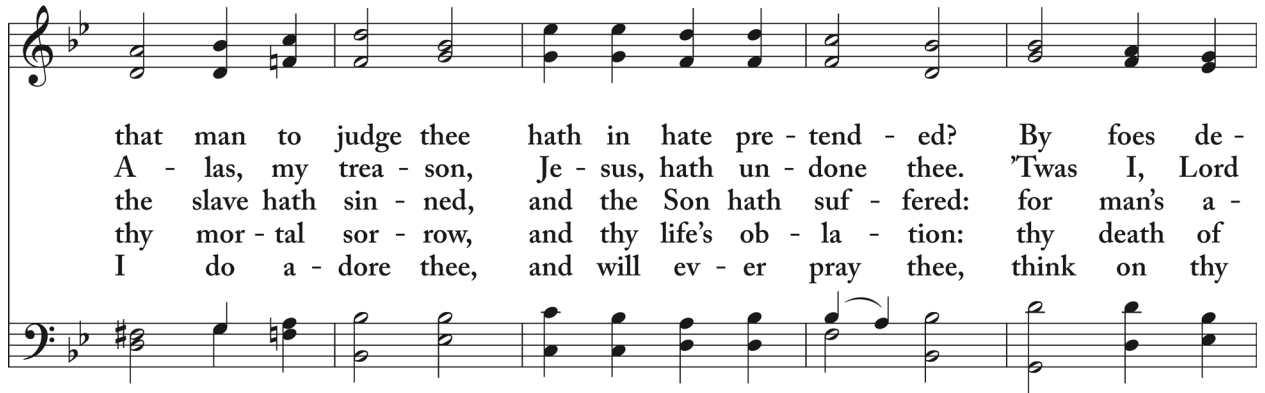
6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
 your loosen'd tongues employ;
 ye blind behold your Savior come;
 and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

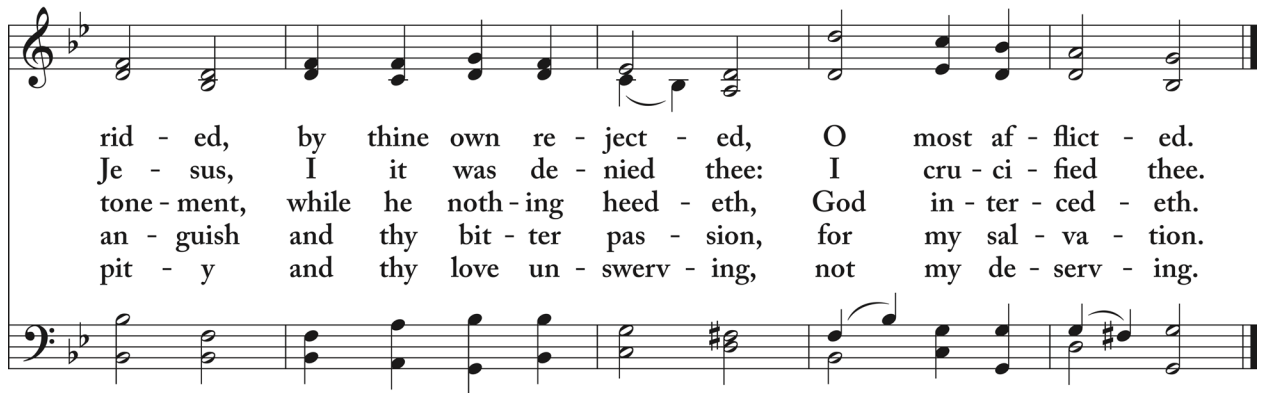
Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. Is. 53:4



1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,
 2. Who was the guilt - y who brought this up - on thee?
 3. Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;
 4. For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion,
 5. There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,



that man to judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -
 A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord
 the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered: for man's a -
 thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion: thy death of
 I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy



rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.
 tone - ment, while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.
 an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Clothed in Righteousness

1. Fall - en race in E - den fair, ex - posed and full of
 2. Sent from the gar - den to the east, out - side of E - den's
 3. Scar - let souls are now like snow by Thy a - ton - ing
 4. No work of ours is good e - nough for e - vil to a -

shame. Fled we nak - ed from Thy sight, far from Thy ho - ly name.
 gate. Ban - ished there from Thy pure light were Ad - am and his mate.
 grace. Crim - son hearts be - come like wool for Ad - am's fall - en race.
 tone. Your mer - it, Lord, is all we have. It saves, and it a - lone!

Clothe us in your right - eous-ness, hide filth - y rags of sin.

Dress us in Your per - fect garb, both out - side and with - in. 2. Sent
 4. No - in.

Christ for the World We Sing

Repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations.

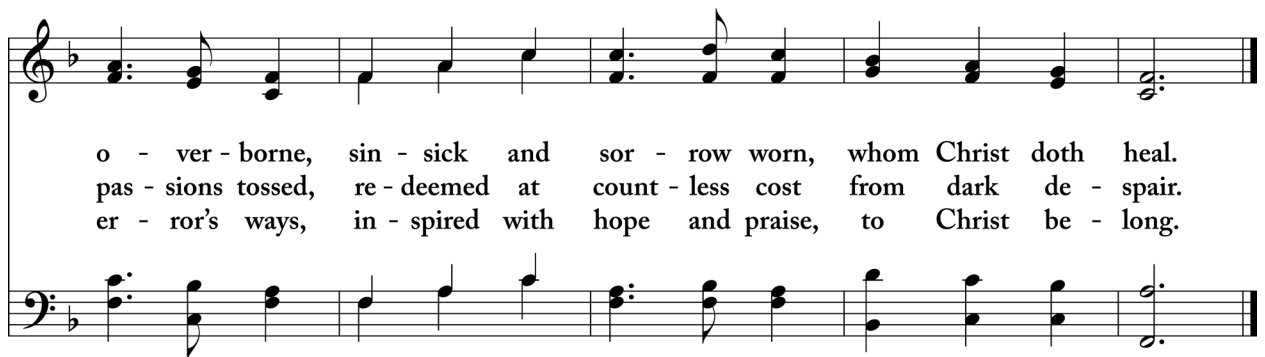
Luke 24:47



1. Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
 2. Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
 4. Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring



with lov - ing zeal; the poor and them that mourn, the faint and
 with fer - vent pray'r; the way - ward and the lost, by rest - less
 with joy - ful song; the new - born souls whose days, re - claimed from



o - ver - borne, sin - sick and sor - row worn, whom Christ doth heal.
 pas - sions tossed, re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.
 er - ror's ways, in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

Closed and Opened

Acts 16:6-40 | Rev. Justin Borger

The Big Idea: Paul's second missionary journey was marked by extraordinary divine guidance as the Lord closed some doors (16:6-7) while flinging others wide open (vv. 8-40). In Acts 16, we discover a series of victories in the advancement of the gospel as the Lord opens hearts, bursts prison doors, and empowers his servants to overcome a variety of legal, social, cultural, and even demonic obstacles as they make known the way of salvation.

i. *A small closing (Acts 16:6-7)*

ii. *A wide series of openings (Acts 16:8-40)*

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

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| • Sunday, September 7 | Ezekiel 10 • Psalm 49 |
| • Monday, September 8 | Ezekiel 11 • Psalm 50 |
| • Tuesday, September 9 | Ezekiel 12 • Psalm 51 |
| • Wednesday, September 10 | Ezekiel 13 • Psalm 52-54 |
| • Thursday, September 11 | Ezekiel 14 • Psalm 55 |
| • Friday, September 12 | Ezekiel 15 • Psalm 56-57 |
| • Saturday, September 13 | Ezekiel 16 • Psalm 58-59 |
| • Sunday, September 14 | Ezekiel 17 • Psalm 60-61 |

WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

1. How was Paul's second missionary journey marked by extraordinary divine guidance, and what should we learn from this as we make our own plans?
2. What is the theological significance of the fact that in Luke's understanding of Jesus, Jesus is so closely identified with God that the Holy Spirit can be called "the Spirit of Jesus" (v. 7)?
3. What encouragement should we draw from the overall thrust and sequence of Acts 16:6-40, where doors are both closed (vv. 6-7) and opened (vv. 8-40)?
4. What are some "openings" that we find in Acts 16?
5. It would be hard to imagine a more diverse group of people than a wealthy business woman like Lydia (16:11-15), a demonically possessed slave girl (16:16-24), and the Philippian jailer (16:25-34). But how were they all similarly affected by the power of the gospel?
6. What must we do to be saved (v. 31)?
7. What does this story teach us about the way God relates not just to individuals but to households, and how he works through families (see vv. 15, 31, 32, 33, 34)?
8. Why did Paul refuse to leave the jail quietly (v. 37)? How did his insistence on his personal rights as a Roman citizen serve the greater purpose of his missionary endeavor?

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

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

"The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything" (Acts 17:24-25).

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 up a monthly collection for the deacons’ fund on Communion Sundays?

Answer: Paul rebuked the Corinthians for the disgraceful way they failed to care for the poor among them when they came together to observe the Lord’s Supper, saying, “One goes hungry, another gets drunk” (1 Corinthians 11:21). By way of contrast, this offering is a practical way we affirm the communion of the saints and the unity that we share—regardless of whether we are rich or poor—as members of Christ’s one body.

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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