



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
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 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

Fairest Lord Jesus
CRUSADER'S HYMN

*Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

Call to Worship

From Psalm 29

Minister: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Minister: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of
the LORD is full of majesty. The voice of the LORD
makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and
in his temple all cry,

People: "Glory!"

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

† congregation standing

✠ congregation kneeling

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† Hymn of Proclamation

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #1

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

† Prayer of Adoration

Unison: O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

† New Testament Reading

Hebrews 12:18-29

Pew Bible, page 1009

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

✠ Prayer of Confession

Unison: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, we were brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did our mothers conceive us. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach wisdom in the secret heart.

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

(Continued)

Forgive all our sins for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ; wash us thoroughly through the blood of his sacrifice and we shall be whiter than snow. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, O God, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, in Jesus' name we pray. 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 Psalm 103

Minister: The LORD does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

✠ **Pastoral Prayer**



† **Psalm of Consecration**

Hymn B

Speak, O Lord

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Minister: How is the Word of God to be preached by those that are called thereunto?

People: They that are called to labor in the ministry of the Word, are to preach sound doctrine, diligently, in season and out of season; plainly, not in the enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit, and of power; faithfully, making known the whole counsel of God; wisely, applying themselves to the necessities and capacities of the hearers; zealously, with fervent love to God and the souls of his people; sincerely, aiming at his glory, and their conversion, edification, and salvation.

Minister: What is required of those that hear the Word preached?

People: It is required of those that hear the Word preached, that they attend upon it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; examine what they hear by the Scriptures; receive the truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind, as the Word of God; meditate, and confer of it; hide it in their hearts, and bring forth the fruit of it in their lives.

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

Mark Schweizer



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al -
migh - ty God and Fath - er, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

† Old Testament Lesson

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

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

Fear God

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

RESPONDING IN THANKS

† Hymn of Response

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymn C • Trinity Hymnal #193

PICARDY

Giving to God and Offertory

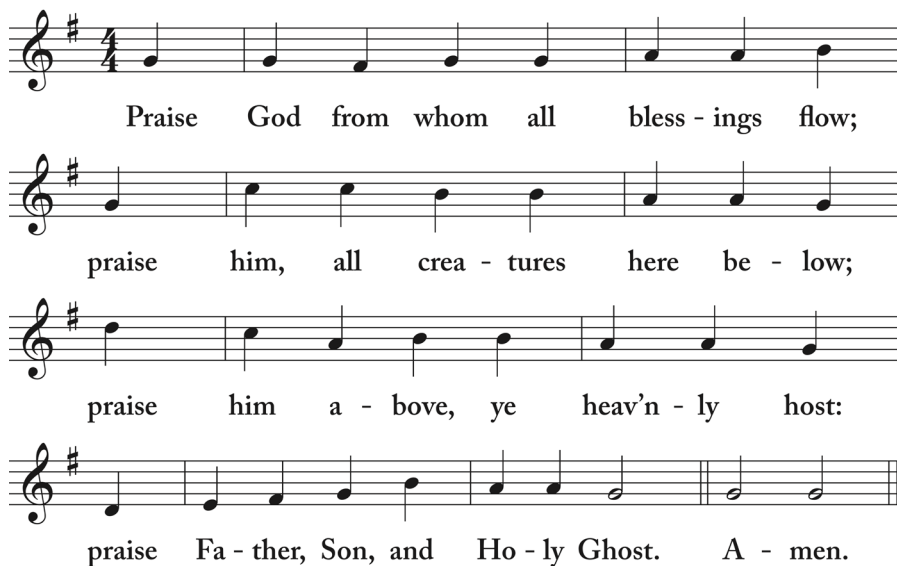
Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Arr. by McChesney

NEAR THE CROSS

† Doxology

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.

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 #642 (*Verses 1, 2, and 5*)

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADER'S HYMN

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.

Please take a moment to greet those around you.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Ps. 100:1

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
 2. The Lord ye know is God in - deed; with -
 3. O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap -
 4. For why? The Lord our God is good, his

to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with fear, his
 out our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he
 proach with joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 mer - cy is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth - tell, come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

Speak, O Lord

Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re - ceive the food of Your
2. Teach us Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly re - ver - ence, true hu -
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your

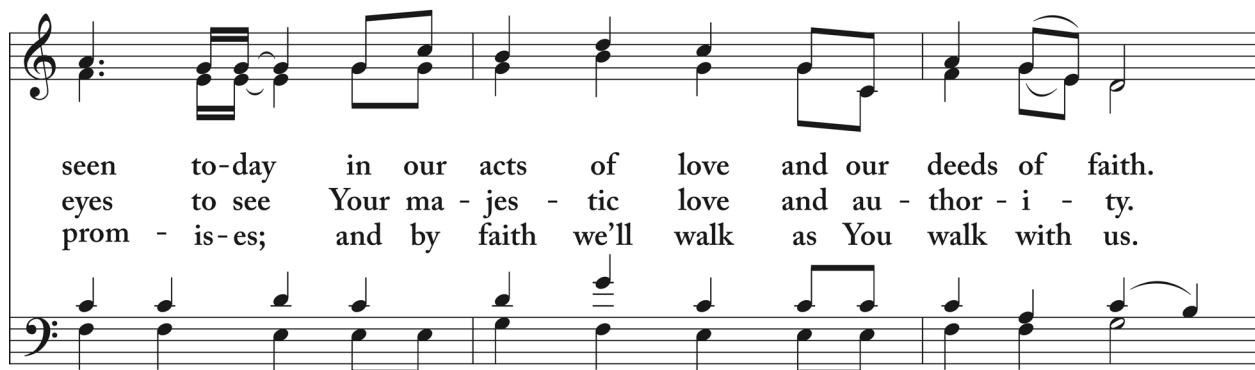


Ho - ly Word. Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us; shape and
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti tudes in the
plans for us. Truth un - changed from the dawn of time, that will



fash - ion us in Your like - ness; That the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your





seen to-day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
 eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
 prom - is-es; and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.



Speak, O Lord and ful - fill in us all Your pur - pos-es for Your
 Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail; Let their truth pre-vail o - ver
 Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your



glo - ry.
 un - be-lief.
 glo - ry.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

The LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him. Hab. 2:20

Unison

1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
 3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard
 4. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim, with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
 earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture,
 on the way, as the Light of light de - scend - eth
 sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pre - sence,

for with bless - ing in his hand, Christ our God to
 in the bod - y and the blood, he will give to
 from the realms of end - less day, that the pow'rs of
 as with cease - less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia,

earth de - scend - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.
 all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
 hell may van - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.
 Adapted by Gerard Moultrie, 1864

PICARDY 8.7.8.7.8.7.
 French melody, 17th cent.
 Arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Be Thou My Vision

Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. Phil. 3:7

Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought by
 with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,
 heav-en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres-ence my light.
 I thy true son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent.

Tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905

Verified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912

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SLANE 10.10.10.10.

Traditional Irish melody

Arr. by David Evans, 1927

Fear God

Ecclesiastes 5:1–7 | Rev. Justin Borger

The Big Idea: Fear God and keep his commandments. This is the end of the matter according to Ecclesiastes (12:13). But Qoheleth doesn't wait for the narrator to make this point at the famous conclusion of the book. This major theme of "fear" appears in Ecclesiastes 5:1–7, which stands at the heart of the book. The English word "awe" is a good placeholder for this central and climactic point of emphasis because the Hebrew word for "fear" has a range of meaning stretching from basic respect to wonder and amazement, and even to dread and terror. In the context of Ecclesiastes, to fear God means you understand your place in the universe (5:2), which results in a sense of holy wonder before the Almighty. But the greatest wonder of wonders which we discover in the gospel is that our place is not simply "under the sun" or "on earth" (5:2) but, by grace through faith, our place is above all "with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3)! And this heavenly position that we occupy "in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3) is the greatest of reasons to watch our steps, close our mouths, open our ears, keep our promises, and worship God "with reverence and awe" (Hebrews 12:28).

i. Beware the sacrifice of fools

ii. Remember your place

iii. Worship God with reverence and awe

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

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| • Sunday, September 13 | Ezekiel 16 • Psalm 58-59 |
| • Monday, September 14 | Ezekiel 17 • Psalm 60-61 |
| • Tuesday, September 15 | Ezekiel 18 • Psalm 62-63 |
| • Wednesday, September 16 | Ezekiel 19 • Psalm 64-65 |
| • Thursday, September 17 | Ezekiel 20 • Psalm 66-67 |
| • Friday, September 18 | Ezekiel 21 • Psalm 68 |
| • Saturday, September 19 | Ezekiel 22 • Psalm 69 |
| • Sunday, September 20 | Ezekiel 23 • Psalm 70-71 |

WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What does it mean to “guard your steps when you go to the house of God” (5:1)? What is “the sacrifice of fools” (5:1)?
2. How do the warnings found in Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 challenge the absence of awe and the casual informality that so often characterizes contemporary worship practices?
3. Why is being quick to listen and slow to speak essential to the life of wisdom and the practice of worship?
4. Where is God and where are you according to Ecclesiastes 5:2? Where are you according to Colossians 3:1-3 and Ephesians 1:3? What difference does your location make?
5. Consider the vows you have made. Are you keeping your word?
6. What does it mean to “fear God”? How can the fear of God be a good thing that endures forever (Psalm 19:9) if “perfect love casts out fear” and “whoever fears has not been perfected in love” (1 John 4:18)?

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

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

“He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity” (Ecclesiastes 5:10).

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 are we asked to kneel at various times in worship?

Answer: Body language is powerful, and God’s Word frequently commands us to use our bodies to communicate the disposition of our hearts in worship. “Oh come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!” (Psalm 95:6, 63:4, 150:5; 1 Timothy 2:8)

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*.

Use your phone's camera to quickly access the following resources 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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