



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
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 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

When Morning Gilds the Skies

ELLACOMBE

*When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised. Alike at work and prayer
To Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised.*

*Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised. Be this th'eternal song,
Through all the ages on: May Jesus Christ be praised.*

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

Call to Worship

From Psalm 47

Minister: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

People: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

Minister: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

People: God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

Minister: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

† congregation standing

✠ congregation kneeling

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† Hymn of Proclamation

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #342

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

REGENT SQUARE

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

Prayer of Adoration

Unison: O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

† Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35

Pew Bible, page 595

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 God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in your holy presence we confess our sin. You are the God of all comfort who comforts us in all our afflictions, but we have sought comfort elsewhere. You command us to cast all our cares upon you because you care for us, but we have doubted your love and your power to protect us. You promise to turn our sorrow into joy, but we have questioned your good purpose. You command us to live by faith and listen to your voice, but we have lived more in fear and listened more to other voices. You call us to bring our needs before you in prayer, but we have been prayerless. Forgive us for our sin and give us grace to trust you. We believe, Lord, but help our unbelief, 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 Lamentations 3 and Colossians 3

Minister: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. You have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Unison: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

✠ **Pastoral Prayer**



† **Hymn of Consecration**

Hymn B • Trinity Hymnal #30

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

† **Affirmation of Faith**

Westminster Larger Catechism

Questions #78 and #79

Minister: From where does the imperfection of sanctification in believers arise?

People: The imperfection of sanctification in believers arises from the remnants of sin abiding in every part of them, and the perpetual lustings of the flesh against the spirit; whereby they are often foiled with temptations, and fall into many sins, are hindered in all their spiritual services, and their best works are imperfect and defiled in the sight of God.

Minister: May not true believers, by reason of their imperfections, and the many temptations and sins they are overtaken with, fall away from the state of grace?

People: True believers, by reason of the unchangeable love of God, and his decree and covenant to give them perseverance, their inseparable union with Christ, his continual intercession for them, and the Spirit and seed of God abiding in them, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

† Gloria

MEINEKE

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.

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.

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

† New Testament Lesson

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Pew Bible, page 988

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. Scott Hunt

LIVING IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY:

The Source of Peace



† Hymn of Response

Hymn C • Trinity Hymnal #604

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

MARION

*“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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Giving to God and Offertory

We Are Called

Becki Slagle Mayo

Arise, arise, O church of God!

We are called to be God's people, going forth in love and grace.

We are called to shine in darkness as we journey from this place.

Arise, arise, O church of God!

We are called to serve each other, called to be God's hands and feet.

We are called to show compassion, sharing Christ with all we meet.

We are called to love our neighbor, called to help a world in need.

We are called to be disciples, sharing Christ in word and deed.

*Arise, O church of God, proclaim in one accord
The story of redeeming love, the message of our Lord.*

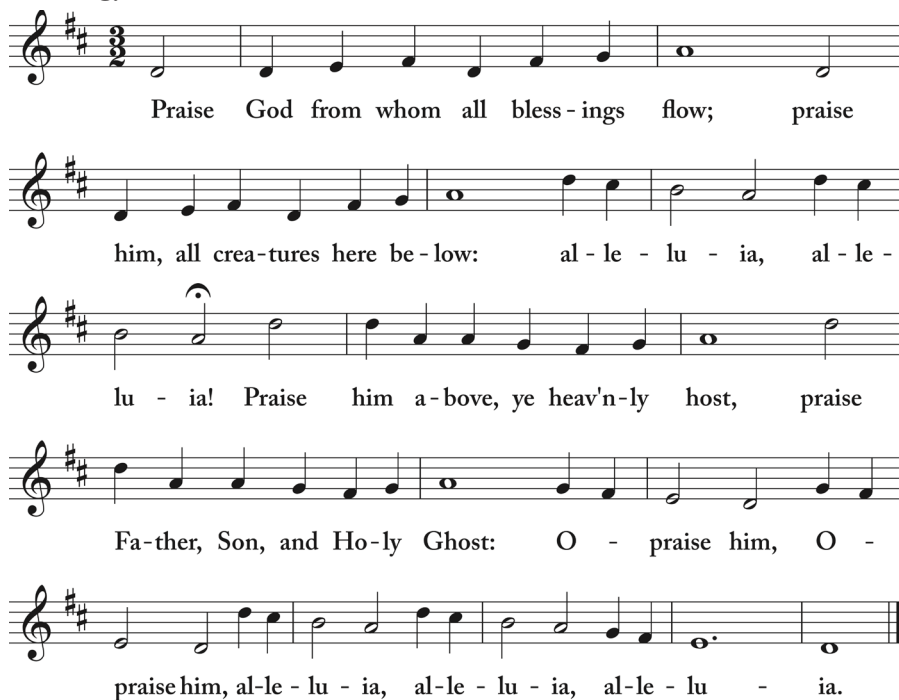
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Arise, arise, O church of God!

† Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



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.

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 I Know That My Redeemer Lives—Glory Hallelujah!
Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #281 SHOUT ON

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.

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.

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

The Sovereign LORD says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation." Is. 28:16



1. Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion, Christ the head and cor-ner-stone,
 2. All that ded-i-cat-ed cit-y, dear-ly loved of God on high,
 3. To this tem-ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, to-day:
 4. Here vouch-safe to all thy ser-vants what they ask of thee to gain,
 5. Laud and hon-or to the Fa-ther, laud and hon-or to the Son,



cho-sen of the Lord and pre-cious, bind-ing all the church in one;
 in ex-ul-tant ju-bi-la-tion pours per-pet-ual mel-o-dy;
 with thy wont-ed lov-ing-kind-ness hear thy peo-ple as they pray;
 what they gain from thee for-ev-er with the bless-ed to re-tain,
 laud and ho-nor to the Spir-it, ev-er Three and ev-er One,



ho-ly Zi-on's help for-ev-er, and her con-fi-dence a-lone.
 God the One in Three a-dor-ing in glad hymns e-ter-nal-ly.
 and thy full-est ben-e-dic-tion shed with-in its walls al-way.
 and here-after in thy glo-ry ev-er-more with thee to reign.
 One in might, and One in glo-ry, while un-end-ing a-ges run.



Latin, 7th cent.

Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1851

Alt. in *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.

Henry Smart, 1876

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Ps. 90:1

1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
 with all their lives and cares,
 are carried downward by your flood,
 and lost in foll'wing years.

6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all its sons away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.

7. Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come:
 O be our guard while troubles last,
 and our eternal home.

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?...He who has clean hands and a pure heart.

Ps. 24:3, 4



1. Re - joice, ye pure in heart, re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
 2. Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong men and maid - ens meek,
 3. With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth,
 4. Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song; God's won - drous prais - es speak.
 pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth!
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.



Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.
 Re - joice, re - joice,



5. At last the march shall end,
 the wearied ones shall rest;
 the pilgrims find their Father's house,
 Jerusalem the blest.

6. Then on, ye pure in heart,
 rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
 your glorious banner wave on high,
 the cross of Christ your King.

I Know That My Redeemer Lives—Glory, Hallelujah!

I know that my Redeemer lives. Job 19:25

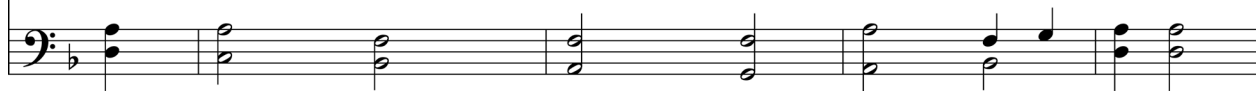
Unison



1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives— glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah!
 2. He lives, he lives, who once was dead— glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah!
 3. He lives to bless me with his love— glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah!
 4. He lives, all glo - ry to his name!— glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah!



What com - fort this sweet sen - tence gives— glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah!
 He lives, my ev - er - last - ing Head— glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah!
 He lives to plead for me a - bove— glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah!
 He lives, my Je - sus, still the same— glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah!



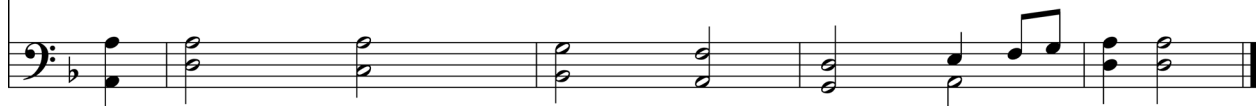
REFRAIN



Shout on, pray on, we're gain - ing ground— glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah!



The dead's a - live and the lost is found— glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah!



LIVING IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY:

The Source of Peace

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 | Rev. Scott Hunt

The Big Idea: It is no surprise that Paul closes 1 Thessalonians by calling the church to be marked by peace because God is peace. Throughout Scripture, God’s people are commanded to reflect him. We are to be holy because God is holy (Leviticus 11:44-45; 1 Peter 1:15-16); to be children of the light because God is light (1 John 1:5); and to love one another because God is love (1 John 4:7-21).

i. Peace toward leaders

ii. Peace toward one another

iii. The source of peace

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

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| • Sunday, September 27 | Ezekiel 30 • Psalm 78:40-72 |
| • Monday, September 28 | Ezekiel 31 • Psalm 79 |
| • Tuesday, September 29 | Ezekiel 32 • Psalm 80 |
| • Wednesday, September 30 | Ezekiel 33 • Psalm 81-82 |
| • Thursday, October 1 | Ezekiel 34 • Psalm 83-84 |
| • Friday, October 2 | Ezekiel 35 • Psalm 85 |
| • Saturday, October 3 | Ezekiel 36 • Psalm 86 |
| • Sunday, October 4 | Ezekiel 37 • Psalm 87-88 |

WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What reasons does Paul give for respecting and esteeming our leaders? What are some common reasons we struggle to do so?
2. Read verses 14-15. Discuss where you have seen this kind of care for one another done well in the church. Which of these do you find most difficult to follow, and why?
3. Paul says to “rejoice always” and “give thanks in all circumstances.” Does this mean we cannot acknowledge something as “hard providence”? How can we rejoice in life’s hard things without belittling real suffering?
4. Read verses 23-24. How does Paul guarantee our sanctification? In what ways does this encourage you?
5. Since God is a God of peace, how can the church better reflect him?

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 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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