



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
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 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

Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious
CORONAE

*Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious; see the Man of Sorrows now;
From the fight returned victorious, ev'ry knee to him shall bow.
Crown him! Crown him! Crowns become the Victor's brow.*

*Hark! those bursts of acclamation! Hark! Those loud triumphant chords!
Jesus takes the highest station; O what joy the sight affords!
Crown him! Crown him! King of kings and Lord of lords.*

Call to Worship

From Romans 11

Minister: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

People: For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor? Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?

Minister: For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Worship is a dialogue. God calls us to worship and speaks to us through his Word. And we respond in prayer.

† congregation standing

✠ congregation kneeling

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† Hymn of Proclamation

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #38

JOANNA

† Prayer of Adoration

Unison: Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

† New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18–2:16

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

Pew Bible, page 952

Unison: Thanks be to God!

✠ Prayer of Confession

Unison: Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we all like sheep have gone astray. Each of us has turned to his own way. You have graciously gathered us together like lambs. Your rod and staff have comforted us. You have caused us to lie down in green pastures beside still waters and have defended us from more and greater dangers than we know. But we have ignored your voice and distrusted your provision. We buck and bite and kick and have pushed others aside. Forgive us for our stiff necks, stubborn ways, and selfish attitudes, and lead us in paths of righteousness for Christ, our Good Shepherd's, name's sake. Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

"I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.' And you forgave the guilt of my sin." (Psalm 32:5)

*"As there is no sin so small,
but it deserves damnation;
so there is no sin so great,
that it can bring damnation
upon those who truly repent."
(Westminster Confession of
Faith XV.IV)*

✠ 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!

† Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism
Questions and Answers #94 and #95

Minister: What is Baptism?

People: The sacrament of baptism is a washing with water in
the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit, which is a sign and seal that we are joined
to Christ, that we receive the benefits of the covenant
of grace, and that we are engaged to be the Lord's.

Minister: To whom is Baptism to be administered?

People: Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of
the visible church, till they profess their faith in Christ,
and obedience to him; but the infants of such as are
members of the visible church are to be baptized.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

RENEWING OUR FAITH

† 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.

*Biblical worship is
participatory. In the Prayers of
the People, we join our voices
together as a congregation.*

✠ Prayers of the People

Minister: Dear Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for Grant and Angel Belgard, who come with Walker, Adele, Edith, and Graham, to declare publicly their allegiance to your Son our Savior. Daily open their hearts to your grace and truth. Fill them with your life-giving Spirit. Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church. Grant them grace so to live before these children, loving them, teaching them, praying with them and for them, that by their faithful living, and through the power of the gospel, all of the promises of the covenant may be fulfilled in their lives.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Father, we pray for these children, Walker, Adele, Edith, and Graham. Deliver them from the way of sin and death; open their hearts to your grace and truth; fill them with your life-giving Spirit; keep them in the faith and communion of your Church; prepare them to witness to your love; and bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: And we pray for ourselves, the congregation of St. Paul's Church. Grant us grace to see these children as our own; to love them and pray for them, and assist their parents as duty done to you, the one true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Presentation of Candidates & Questions

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Minister: Renew and strengthen, O Lord, these children of the covenant. By your Holy Spirit, empower them for your service and sustain them all their days. Defend them by your grace and claim them as your adopted children in your mercy. May you keep them by your Holy Spirit until at last they come to your everlasting kingdom and their heavenly home. We humbly yet boldly ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

The Christian life begins with a bath and ends with a banquet. In the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper we are washed and fed.



† Hymn of Consecration

Hymn B • Trinity Hymnal #131

Children of the Heavenly Father

TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

† Old Testament Lesson

Ecclesiastes 7:15-29

Pew Bible, page 556

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Children are welcome for our entire service. Following the Hymn of Consecration, 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.

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. Justin Borger

VAPOR, JOY & AWE

Qoheleth Confesses the Failure of His Quest

RESPONDING IN THANKS

† Hymn of Response

Hymn C • Trinity Psalter Hymnal #34C

Through All the Changing Scenes of Life

AMAZING GRACE

*The offering is not merely a way
to pay the bills; it is an act of
worship.*

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Giving to God & Offertory

God of Changes, Yet Unchanging

Words and Music by Stephanie Taylor

Arr. by Robert Sterling

*God of Spring and resurrection, You cause plant and flow'r to grow.
May Your Spirit tend our spirits where Your precious Word is sown.
God of Summer and of thunder, teach us through both sun and storm.
Both are sacred to our learning from the moment we are born.
God of changes, yet unchanging, guide us through our joy and tears,
In our wanting, in our plenty, in the seasons of our years.*

*God of Autumn, bring Your harvest. Fill the earth with fruit and grain.
May Your mercies with each sunrise be replenished ev'ry day.
God of changes, yet unchanging, guide us through our joy and tears,
In our wanting, in our plenty, in the seasons of our years.*

*God of Winter, You let seeds die, for by death new life is found.
May our hearts look to the springtime when Your promised hope abounds.
God of changes, yet unchanging, guide us through our joy and tears,
In our wanting, in our plenty, in the seasons of our years.*

*God of ev'ry time and season, all our days belong to You.
In Your hand, You hold tomorrow, always faithful, ever true.
God of changes, yet unchanging, guide us through our joy and tears,
In our wanting, in our plenty, in the seasons of our years.*

‡ Doxology

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

With the benediction, God places his name upon his people (Numbers 6:27). There is no greater blessing than belonging to God.

† Sending Forth Hymn

Hymn D (*Verses 1 and 2*)

Where Thou Leadest Me

Words and Music by Bryan Fowler, Ben Shive, and Kristyn Getty

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.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory
for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Tim. 1:17*

HYMN A



1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Children of the Heavenly Father

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him. Ps. 103:13

1. Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther safe - ly
 2. God his own doth tend and nour - ish, in his
 3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the
 4. Praise the Lord in joy - ful num - bers, your Pro -

in his bo - som gath - er; nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish; from all e - vil things he
 Lord his chil - dren sev - er; un - to them his grace he
 tec - tor ne - ver slum - bers; at the will of your De -

heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them in his might - y arms he bears them.
 show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 fend - er ev - 'ry foe - man must sur - ren - der.

5. Though he giveth or he taketh,
 God his children ne'er forsaketh;
 his the loving purpose solely
 to preserve them pure and holy.

6. More secure is no one ever
 than the loved ones of the Savior;
 not yon star on high abiding
 nor the bird in home-nest hiding.

Carolina V. Sandell Berg, ca. 1855

Tr. by Ernst W. Olson, 1925

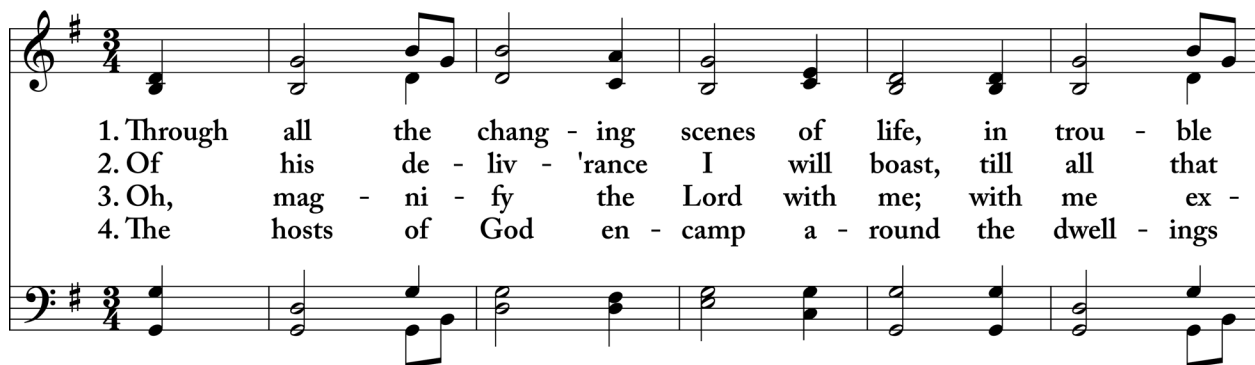
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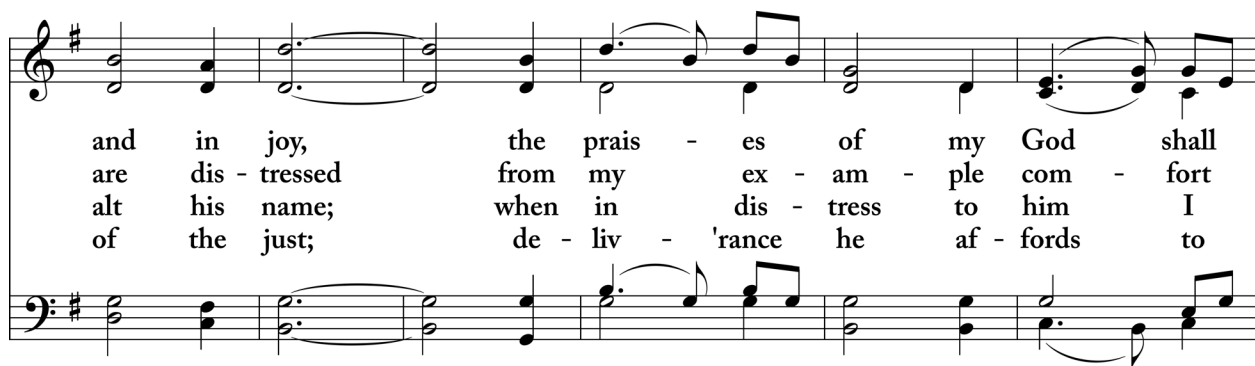
Traditional Swedish melody

Arr. by Marc Hedlin, 1976

Through All the Changing Scenes of Life



1. Through all the chang - ing scenes of life, in trou - ble
 2. Of his de - liv - 'rance I will boast, till all that
 3. Oh, mag - ni - fy the Lord with me; with me ex -
 4. The hosts of God en - camp a - round the dwell - ings



and in joy, the prais - es of my God shall
 are dis - tressed from my ex - am - ple com - fort
 alt his name; when in dis - tress to him I
 of the just; de - liv - 'rance he af - fords to



still my heart and tongue em - ploy.
 take, and charm their griefs to rest.
 called, he to my res - cue came.
 all who on his suc - cor trust.

5. Oh, make but trial of his love,
 experience will decide
 how blest they are, and only they,
 who in his truth confide.

6. Fear him, ye saints, and you will then
 have nothing else to fear;
 make you his service your delight,
 your wants shall be his care.

Where Thou Leadest Me

1. Where Thou lead - est me, I dare not find com-plaint, for
 2. Sov - 'reign is Thy hand to guide me when I'm worn; Thy

Thou hast ne - ver left, nor will for all my days. Thy
 good and per - fect will holds fast through ev - 'ry storm. What

pre - sence is my good and it shall e - ver be; I will
 time I am af - raid, my faith looks up to Thee; I will



go where Thou lead - est me.
trust where Thou lead - est me.

On the moun - tain high, through the



val - ley deep, I will go where Thou lead - est me.



me. On the moun - tain high, through the val - ley deep, I will



go where Thou lead - est me. I will go where Thou lead - est me.



i. Confess your failed quest

ii. *Boast in the Lord*

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| • Sunday, October 18 | Daniel 3 • Psalm 107 |
| • Monday, October 19 | Daniel 4 • Psalm 108-109 |
| • Tuesday, October 20 | Daniel 5 • Psalm 110-111 |
| • Wednesday, October 21 | Daniel 6 • Psalm 112-113 |
| • Thursday, October 22 | Daniel 7 • Psalm 114-115 |
| • Friday, October 23 | Daniel 8 • Psalm 116 |
| • Saturday, October 24 | Daniel 9 • Psalm 117-118 |
| • Sunday, October 25 | Daniel 10 • Psalm 119:1-24 |

WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

1. How comprehensive was Qoheleth's quest? How much had he "seen" according to Ecclesiastes 7:15?
2. What does Qoheleth mean when he exhorts us not to be "overly righteous" or "overly wicked" (7:16-17)? How could anyone be too "righteous"?
3. Has there ever been a righteous man on earth who did good and never sinned?
4. Are Qoheleth's words about women in 7:26-28 misogynistic? Why or why not?
5. What did Qoheleth find at the end of his quest according to Ecclesiastes 7:29?
6. What would it look like for you to follow Qoheleth's wise example of confessing your own failed quest(s) and boast in the Lord?

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

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

"See, this alone I found, that God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes" (Ecclesiastes 7:29).

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 baptize babies?

Answer: For the same reason that Abraham and his descendants circumcised their infants under the old covenant. The children of believers have always been included in God’s covenant promises (Genesis 17:1-27; Acts 2:39) and are called “holy” (1 Corinthians 7:14). They are included among God’s people. Therefore, it would be wrong to withhold from them the covenant sign or to fail to distinguish them from the children of unbelievers (cf. Exodus 4:24-26). This was done under the old covenant by circumcision, which was replaced under the new covenant by baptism (Colossians 2:11-12).

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