

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-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 22, 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 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home:
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home;
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
There forever purified, in thy presence to abide:
Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

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

Call to Worship From Psalm 68

Minister: Bless God in the great congregation, the LORD,
O you who are of Israel's fountain!

People: Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

† congregation standing
¤ congregation kneeling

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† **Hymn of Proclamation** Shout to the LORD, All Earth (Psalm 100)
Hymn A • From the Psalter DIADEMATA

† **Prayer of Adoration**

Unison: **Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords; mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

† **New Testament Reading** Romans 6:1-14
Pew Bible, page 942

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

¤ **Prayer of Confession**

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

Unison: **Our great God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we come before you and confess our ingratitude and lack of thanksgiving. Too often, we forget all your benefits. We take your mercies for granted instead of receiving them as gifts that are new every morning. Even though we are surrounded by the abundance of all things, our hearts grow dull and discontent. We have failed to embrace a posture of grateful receptivity, honoring you and giving thanks to you as the Lord and Giver of life. We often grumble instead of rejoicing, hoard instead of sharing, and fail to recognize your goodness and sovereign purpose both in times of plenty and times of want.**

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Help us to rejoice and to remember your amazing grace, and open our eyes to see your steadfast love and righteousness. Renew a grateful spirit within us and move us to give thanks in all circumstances, through him who died for us and rose again. Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

"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 Titus 3

Minister: Hear this good news! When the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

RENEWING OUR FAITH

As a part of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), St. Paul's affirms the doctrinal standards found in the Westminster Confession of Faith, as well as in the Larger and Shorter Catechisms.

† **Affirmation of Faith** Westminster Shorter Catechism
Question and Answer #88

Minister: What are the outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption?

People: The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption are, his ordinances, especially the Word, sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

† **Gloria** MEINEKE



¤ **Prayers of the People**

Minister: Dear Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for Sam and Lillian Johnson, who come with Beatrice Louise, and for Joe and Holly Triolo, who come with Olivia Jane, 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.

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Minister: Father, we pray for these children, Beatrice and Olivia. 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, 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. Amen.

Presentation of Candidate and Questions

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.

† **Hymn of Consecration** — Shine Thou upon Us, Lord
Hymn B • Trinity Hymnal #411 — LEONI

† **Old Testament Lesson** — Ecclesiastes 9:11-18
Pew Bible, page 559

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:
The Race Is Not to the Swift

RESPONDING IN THANKS

† **Hymn of Response** — That Man Is Blest (Psalm 1)
Hymn C • From the Psalter — Musical Setting by Ronald Owen

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.

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

Celtic Laud

Music and Transcription by Craig Courtney

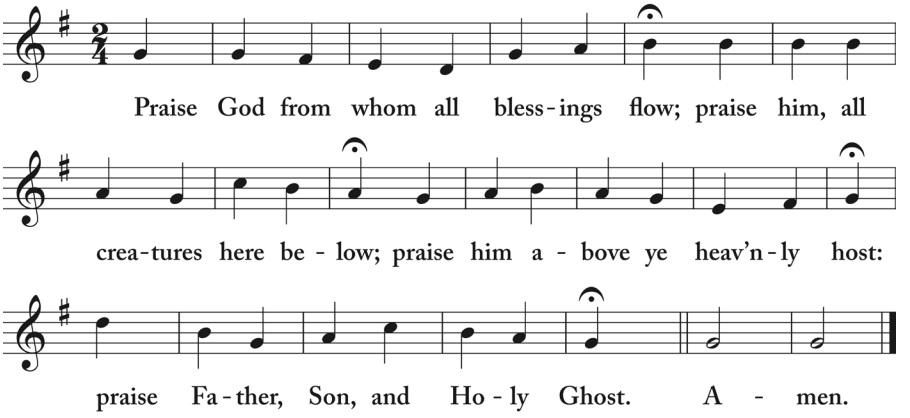
For fruit of the vine, for harvest of wheat,
For bread and for wine,the gift of Your feast,
The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise,
O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.

For dove in the sky, for wind in the trees,
For coal in the fire, Your Spirit in me,
The cup of thanksgiving, I gratefully raise,
O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.

For springtime's green earth, for morning's first light,
For ev'ry new birth, for grace and for life,
O the cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise,
O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.

† Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



† **Prayer of Dedication**

† **Benediction**

† **Sending Forth Hymn** Now Thank We All Our God
Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #98 NUN DANKET

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.

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

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.

Shout to the LORD, All Earth

Psalm 100



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DIADEMATA S.M.D.
George J. Elvey, 1868

Shine Thou upon Us, Lord

Preach the Word. 2 Tim. 4:2

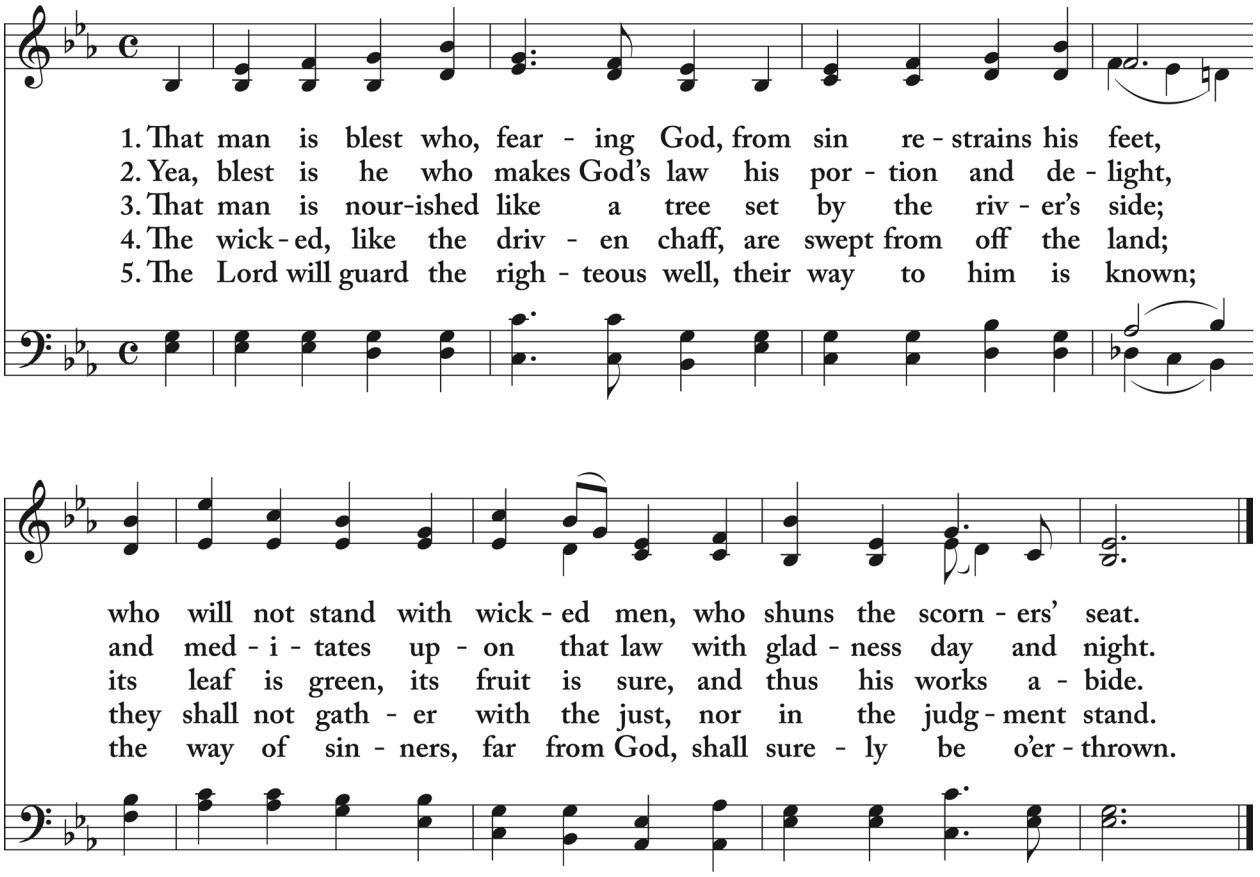


LEONI 6.6.8.4.D.
Jewish melody
Arr. by Meyer Lyon, 1770

John Ellerton, 1881

That Man Is Blest

(Psalm 1)



Psalm 1
The Psalter, 1912

Ronald Owen (ASCAP) 2022

Now Thank We All Our God

Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. 1 Chron. 29:13



Martin Rinkart, 1636
Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1858

NUN DANKET 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6.
Johann Crüger, 1647

VAPOR, JOY & AWE:

The Race Is Not to the Swift

Ecclesiastes 9:11-18 | Rev. Justin Borger

The Big Idea: Life under the sun is unpredictable. Neither speed nor strength nor skill nor riches guarantee success because everyone is subject to "time and chance" (9:11-12). Even though quiet wisdom is better than brute strength, it is easily forgotten (9:13-16). Gentle words from the wise accomplish more than the shouts of a ruler, yet it only takes one sinner to undo a great deal of good (9:17-18). Therefore, we must not boast or place our trust in human ability but in "the foolishness of God," which is wiser than men, and "the weakness of God," which is stronger than men (1 Corinthians 1:25).

i. The weakness of human strength

ii. The strength of divine weakness

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

- **Sunday, November 22** Jonah 1 • Luke 6
- **Monday, November 23** Jonah 2 • Luke 7
- **Tuesday, November 24** Jonah 3 • Luke 8
- **Wednesday, November 25** Jonah 4 • Luke 9
- **Thursday, November 26** Micah 1 • Luke 10
- **Friday, November 27** Micah 2 • Luke 11
- **Saturday, November 28** Micah 3 • Luke 12
- **Sunday, November 29** Micah 4 • Luke 13

Weekly Sermon Discussion Questions

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

1. What are some ways in which you have observed the unpredictability of life? What has this taught you?

2. In what ways does wisdom often go unnoticed, unappreciated, and unrewarded? Why is this?

3. Why is it so much easier to destroy things than it is to build them? How have you observed this principle in verse 18 and what has it taught you?

4. What does Paul mean when he says, "the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men" (1 Corinthians 1:25)? How should this practically redirect our boasting and relocate our trust away from human strength to God in Christ?

Monthly Scripture Memorization

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

> **"Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart, for God has already approved what you do" (Ecclesiastes 9:7).**

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*.

Use your phone's camera to quickly access the following resources or navigate to the URL below each QR code.

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stpaulsorlando.com/connect

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GIVE ONLINE
stpaulsorlando.com/give

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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