



ST. PAUL'S
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For The Glory of God & The Joy of All Peoples

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

On the Lord's Day Morning
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 23, 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

We Plow the Fields

WIR PFLÜGEN

*We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.*

*Refrain: All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.*

*We thank you, then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food;
No gifts have we to offer for all your love imparts,
But that which you desire now: our humble, thankful hearts.*

† congregation standing

✠ congregation kneeling

Call to Worship

From Psalm 107

Minister: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Minister: Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† Hymn of Proclamation

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #660

O God Beyond All Praising

THAXTED

† 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.

† Old Testament Lesson

1 Chronicles 29

Pew Bible, page 356

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

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

There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents (Luke 15:10).

✠ 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.

In the Assurance of Pardon, tired and weary sinners are comforted with the good news of God's grace and forgiveness.

✠ 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: Thanks be to God!

"Before they call, I will answer; while they are yet speaking, I will hear" (Isaiah 65:24).

✠ Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Unison: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

✠ Pastoral Prayer

RENEWING OUR FAITH

† Hymn of Consecration

Hymn B

Take My Life and Let it Be

Words by Frances R. Havergal

Music by Ronald Owen

† Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism

Question and Answer #86

Minister: We have been delivered from our misery by God's
grace alone through Christ and not because we have
earned it: why then must we still do good?

People: To be sure, Christ has redeemed us by his blood.
But we do good because Christ by his Spirit is also
renewing us to be like himself, so that in all our living
we may show that we are thankful to God for all he has
done for us, and so that he may be praised through us.

And we do good so that we may be assured of our
faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our
neighbors may be won over to Christ.

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

Patrick Doyle

Glo-ry be to thee our Fa-ther, Glo-ry
be to Je-sus Christ His Son, Glo-ry be to thee, Oh
Ho-ly Ghost, the bles-sed three in one! As it
was in the be-gin-ing, is now and e-ver
shall be; for-e-ver-more, world with-out end. A -
men, A - men A - men.

† New Testament Lesson

Acts 20:17-38

Pew Bible, page 929

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:

Paul's Last Words to Christian Leaders



† Hymn of Response

Hymn C • Trinity Hymnal #94

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

Giving to God and Offertory

Saints Bound for Heaven

Melody from Walker's Southern Harmony

Arr. by Mack Wilberg

*Our bondage it shall end, by and by, by and by,
Our bondage it shall end, by and by;
From Egypt's yoke set free;
Hail the glorious jubilee,
And to Canaan we'll return, by and by, by and by.*

*Our deliverer he shall come, by and by, by and by,
Our deliverer he shall come, by and by;
And our sorrows have an end,
With our threescore years and ten,
And vast glory crown the day, by and by, by and by.*

*And when to Jordan's floods, we are come, we are come,
And when to Jordan's floods, we are come;
Jehovah rules the tide, and the waters he'll divide,
And the ransomed host shall shout, we are come, we are come.*

*Then with all the happy throng, we'll rejoice, we'll rejoice,
Then with all the happy throng, we'll rejoice;
Shouting glory to our King,
Till the vaults of heaven ring.
And through all eternity we'll rejoice, we'll rejoice.*

*"Ascribe to the LORD the
glory due his name; bring an
offering, and come into his
courts!" (Psalm 96:8)*

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† Doxology

Vikki Cook



Praise God from whom all bles-sings 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. All glo-ry
be to God a-bove, who gave his Son in ho-ly
love, who sends his Com-for-ter to be his seal for
all e-ter-ni-ty, his seal for all e-ter-ni-ty.

† **Prayer of Dedication**

† **Benediction**

† **Sending Forth Hymn**

Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #358 (Verses 5 and 6)

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

JOANNA

Please take a moment to greet those around you.

Both the initiating ritual of baptism (Matthew 28:19) and the regular pronouncement of the Lord's benediction place God's name upon his people (Numbers 6:27).

O God Beyond All Praising

I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart. Ps. 138:1

Unison

1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
 2. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
 that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;

for we can on-ly won-der at ev-ery gift you send,
 and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,

at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:
 we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:

we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
to mar - vel at your beaut - y and glo - ry in your ways,

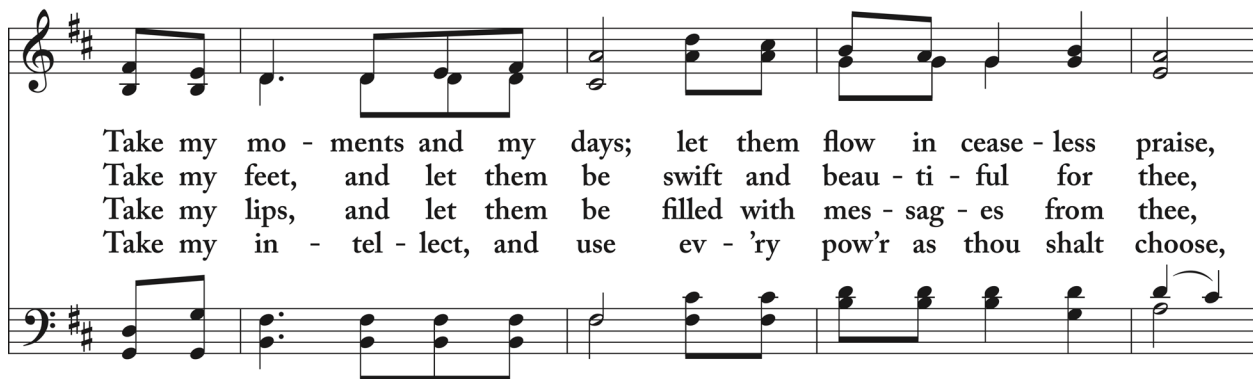
we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Take My Life and Let It Be

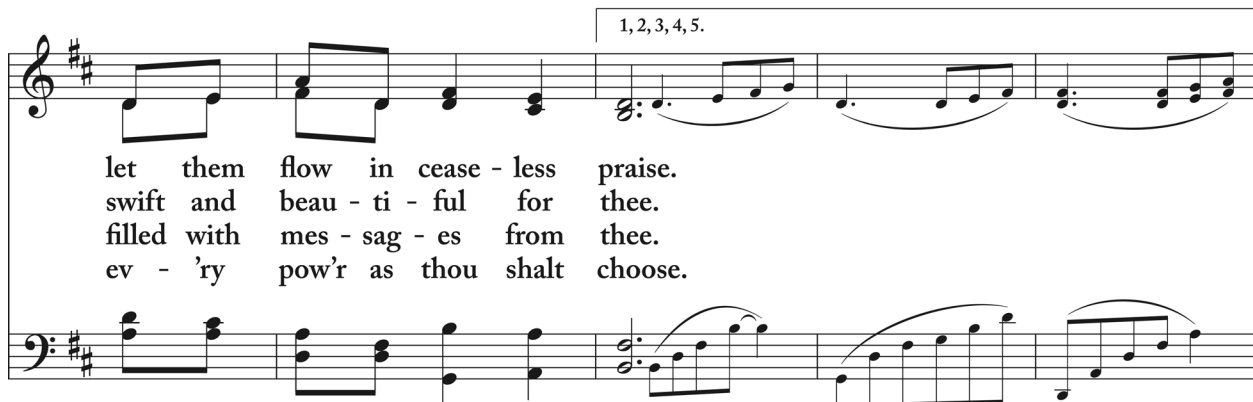
Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity ... so now offer them in slavery to righteousness. Mark 15:25



1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee.
 2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love.
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold.



Take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise,
 Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee,
 Take my lips, and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee,
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose,



1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
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2. Take my
3. Take my
4. Take my
6. thee.

5. Take my will and make it thine;
it shall no longer be mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take my self, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

How Firm a Foundation

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Is. 41:10

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed; for I am your
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the riv - ers of
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, my grace, all - suf -

faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to
 God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and
 sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your
 fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I

you he has said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 cause you to stand, up - held by my right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
 on - ly de - sign your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
 my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
 and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
 like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
 I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
 that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
 I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

FOUNDATION 11.11.11.11.

Traditional American melody

Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787; alt.
 Mod.

J. Funk's *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, 1832

For All the Saints

They will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them. Rev. 14:13

Unison

5. But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day;
6. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast,

the saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray;
through gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,

the King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

TO THE END OF THE EARTH:

Paul's Last Words to Christian Leaders

Acts 20:17-38 | Rev. Justin Borger

The Big Idea: When you know it is the last time you will see someone you love, you choose your words very carefully. This is what Paul does in his great farewell address to the Ephesian elders. This speech sums up to a unique degree the heart and soul of Paul's message and ministry. He teaches us by his personal example (vv. 17-21), clarifies what Christian leaders must prioritize (vv. 22-27), and ultimately entrusts the church to no one less than God and to the word of his grace (v. 32).

i. Paul's ethos and example (20:17-21)

ii. Paul's plans and priorities (20:22-27)

iii. Paul's final exhortation and blessing (20:28-38)

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

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| • Sunday, November 23 | Jonah 2 • Luke 7 |
| • Monday, November 24 | Jonah 3 • Luke 8 |
| • Tuesday, November 25 | Jonah 4 • Luke 9 |
| • Wednesday, November 26 | Micah 1 • Luke 10 |
| • Thursday, November 27 | Micah 2 • Luke 11 |
| • Friday, November 28 | Micah 3 • Luke 12 |
| • Saturday, November 29 | Micah 4 • Luke 13 |
| • Sunday, November 30 | Micah 5 • Luke 14 |

WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Why does Paul focus so much on his own personal example in this passage? Compare with 1 Corinthians 4:17.
2. How would you summarize Paul's plans and priorities in verses 22-27? How should these reshape the way you make plans and set priorities?
3. What is "the whole counsel of God" (v. 27)? And what are some practical ways that pastors and churches can ensure that they are not shrinking back from fully declaring this holistic message?
4. How does Paul's farewell address to the Ephesian elders help inform what we should look for as the congregation of St. Paul's nominates and elects new elders and deacons?
5. What two things does Paul tell the elders to pay careful attention to in verse 28, and what reason does he give? Why is this so important?
6. What prevents you from entering more deeply into the reality of the blessing that the Lord Jesus himself identifies in verse 32?

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

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

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'" (Acts 20:35).

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: What kind of attire should I wear for worship?

Answer: There is no dress code at St. Paul’s. Many wear their “Sunday best” while others dress more casually. Regardless of what we wear to worship, we should never forget “the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart” (1 Samuel 16:7; see also 1 Peter 3:3-4).

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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