



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  
First Sunday of Advent  
November 30, 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

## Light an Advent Candle

Words and Music by Becki Slagle Mayo

*Advent is a time of hope, of waiting for the light.*

*To lead us to the promised One, to break the dark of night.*

*Light a candle, our Messiah will come.*

*Light a candle for the promised One.*

*Advent means “coming” or  
“arrival.”*

## Lighting of the Advent Candle

† congregation standing

✠ congregation kneeling

## Call to Worship

From Psalm 72 and 150

Minister: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone  
does wondrous things.

People: Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole  
earth be filled with his glory!

Minister: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

People: Praise the LORD!

*In worship, we join our voices  
with the heavenly host who never  
ceases to praise God on high.*

## ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

### † Hymn of Thanksgiving

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #98

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET

### † Prayer of Adoration

Unison: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of  
darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time  
of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came  
to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he  
shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both  
the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### † Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1–13

Pew Bible, page 822

Minister: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: Thanks be to the Lord!

*"Humble yourselves before the  
Lord, and he will exalt you"  
(James 4:10).*

## ✠ Prayer of Confession

**Unison:** Faithful Lord and Father of mercies, in your holy presence we confess our sinfulness and our countless transgressions. You alone know how often we have turned from you in thought, word, and deed. We have sinned against you by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you as we ought, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, Lord, and give us grace to embrace the good news that you reign for us in your crucified and risen Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and to live changed lives by the power of his life, death, and resurrection. Amen.

*Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.*

## ✠ Assurance of Pardon

From Colossians 1

**Minister:** Hear this good news! You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. To all who repent and believe the gospel, your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name.

**Unison:** Thanks be to God!

## ✠ Pastoral Prayer



RENEWING OUR FAITH

† **Hymn of Consecration**

Hymn B

**Where Thou Leadest Me**

Words and Music by Fowler, Shive, and Getty

† **Affirmation of Faith**

**Westminster Shorter Catechism**

Questions and Answers #84, 85, and 86

**Minister:** What does every sin deserve?

**People:** Every sin deserves God's anger and curse both in this life and in the life to come.

**Minister:** What does God require from us to escape his anger and curse, which we deserve for our sin?

**People:** To escape God's anger and curse, which we deserve for our sin, God requires from us faith in Jesus Christ and repentance unto life along with diligent involvement in all the external ways Christ uses to bring us the benefits of redemption.

**Minister:** What is faith in Jesus Christ?

**People:** Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, by which we receive and rest on him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

**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

Glory Be to God I

Traditional Text; Musical Setting by Ronald Owen

1. Glo-ry be to God our Fa-ther. Glo-ry be to Christ His  
2. was in the be - gin-ning is now and ev - er

Son. Glo-ry be to thee, O Ho - ly Ghost. The  
shall be. For - ev - er-more world with - out end. A -

bles - sed three in one. As it  
men A - men.

Faith comes from hearing  
(Romans 10:17).

† Old Testament Lesson

Malachi 3:13–4:6

Pew Bible, page 802

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of God's Word

Dr. Zachary Cole

THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD:

*The Day is Coming*



† Hymn of Response

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Hymn C • Trinity Hymnal #318

Alt. Tune: EDEN CHURCH

Giving to God & Offertory

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

Arr. by Burton Isaac

*“What do you have that you did not receive?” (1 Corinthians 4:7)*

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*Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear Desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

*Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;  
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!  
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:  
“Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth.”*

*Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.*

# † Doxology #733

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



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.

† Prayer of Dedication

† Benediction

† Sending Forth Hymn  
Hymn D

Prophets’ Words Foretold a Savior  
THAXTED  
Words by Dr. Terry Yount

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude  
O Come, O Come Emmanuel  
VENI EMMANUEL

*Please take a moment to greet those around you.*

*With the benediction, God places his name upon us as his people (Numbers 6:27). May we bear that name well as we are sent forth to love and to serve our risen Lord.*

# Now Thank We All Our God

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



1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voi - ces,  
 2. O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;  
 with ev - er - joy - ful hearts, and bless - ed peace to cheer us;  
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en—



who from our moth - ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

# 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  
 3. Shep - herd, keep me near for I am prone to stray. The  
 4. Sav - ior, light my path un - to that fin - al day. If



Thou hast ne - ver left, nor will for all my days. Thy  
 good and per - fect will holds fast through ev - 'ry storm. What  
 frail - ty of my flesh seeks ref - uge in Thy grace. This  
 Thou art Lord of life, why should I fear the grave? Proud



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  
 prom - ise is my peace; my soul is safe in Thee, I will  
 death has lost its sting for all e - ter - ni - ty. I will

go where Thou lead - est me.  
 trust where Thou lead - est me.  
 rest as Thou lead - est me.  
 rise 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.

# Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

*Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him. Rev. 1:7*

1. Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing, once for fa - vored  
 2. Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful  
 3. Ev - 'ry is - land, sea, and moun - tain, heav'n and earth, shall  
 4. Now Re - demp - tion, long ex - pect - ed, see in sol - emn  
 5. Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -

sin - ners slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
 maj - es - ty; those who set at naught and sold him,  
 flee a - way; all who hate him must, con - found - ed,  
 pomp ap - pear! All his saints, by man re - ject - ed,  
 ter - nal throne; Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,

swell the tri - umph of his train. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 hear the trump pro - claim the day: Come to judg - ment!  
 now shall meet him in the air. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 claim the king - dom for thine own: O come quick - ly,

Al - le - lu - ia! God ap - pears on earth to reign.  
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 Come to judg - ment! Come to judg - ment, come a - way!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!  
 O come quick - ly; al - le - lu - ia! come, Lord, come.

St. 1-2, 5, Charles Wesley, 1758  
 St. 3-4, John Cennick, 1752  
 Alt. by Martin Madan, 1760

EDEN CHURCH 8.7.8.7.8.7  
 Dale Wood, b. 1934

# Prophets' Words Foretold a Savior

Matt. 2:10

HYMN D



Pro-phets' words fore-told a Sa - vior, in Beth-le-hem that night, hailed by



an-gels, shep-herds, wise men, Em-man-u-el, our Light! Roy-al blood, his king-ly



man-tle, yet in kind-ness came to show, hu-man flesh in God's hands dealt death its



fi-nal, fa - tal blow! Low-ly in - fant in a sta - ble, make all our prayers take



flight; Com-ing Christ, our God in - car - nate, be all our souls' de - light.



## DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

*Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.*

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| • Sunday, November 30   | Micah 5 • Luke 14    |
| • Monday, December 1    | Micah 6 • Luke 15    |
| • Tuesday, December 2   | Micah 7 • Luke 16    |
| • Wednesday, December 3 | Nahum 1 • Luke 17    |
| • Thursday, December 4  | Nahum 2 • Luke 18    |
| • Friday, December 5    | Nahum 3 • Luke 19    |
| • Saturday, December 6  | Habakkuk 1 • Luke 20 |
| • Sunday, December 7    | Habakkuk 2 • Luke 21 |

## WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Why might people be tempted to think it is vain to serve God?
2. What is the significance of God's "book of remembrance" (3:16)?
3. What does God promise will happen on "the day of the Lord"?
4. In what way(s) did John the Baptist fulfill the role of Elijah (see Matt 11:1–15, 17:1–13; Luke 1:5–17)? And what does this tell us about the nearness of the day of the Lord?
5. How can this passage help us to remain faithful in the midst of injustice around us?

## 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?

**Question:** What are the colored hangings on the pulpit, and why do they change?

**Answer:** These hangings are called “paraments” and they change as we celebrate special occasions, especially the five great “evangelical feasts” of the church year: Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost. These liturgical colors have an instructive purpose, helping us to mark time, and pointing us to key events in the life of Christ and the great work of redemption that he has accomplished.

## 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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