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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
First Sunday of Christmas
December 28, 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

Prelude

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

KINGSFOLD

Lyrics by Louis F. Benson

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

*O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there,
And of the news that came to them from angels in the air:
The light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today;
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth the angels sing alway.*

Call to Worship

From Isaiah 49 and Psalm 30

Minister: Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth,
O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted
his people and will have compassion on his afflicted.

People: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with
gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be
silent.

Minister: O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

† congregation standing

✠ congregation kneeling

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† Hymn of Proclamation

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #226

As with Gladness Men of Old

DIX

† Prayer of Adoration

Unison: Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

† Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 47:1-12

Pew Bible, page 734

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

✠ 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!

✠ Pastoral Prayer



† Hymn of Consecration

Hymn B

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery
Words and Music by Boswell, Papa, and Bleecker

† Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism
Question and Answer #53

Minister: How was Christ exalted in his ascension?

People: Christ's exaltation in his ascension began after his resurrection when he appeared to the apostles a number of times, talked to them about the kingdom of God, and commissioned them to preach the gospel to all nations. Forty days after his resurrection, in our human nature and as our head, he visibly went up into the highest heavens, triumphing over enemies. There he receives gifts for men, raises our minds, and prepares a place for us, where he himself is and shall continue to be until his second coming at the end of the world.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

† 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

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.

† Gospel Lesson

John 21:1-19

Pew Bible, page 907

"Faith comes from hearing"
(Romans 10:17).

Minister: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: Thanks be to the Lord!

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. Scott Hunt

A Morning with the Lord

RESPONDING IN THANKS

† Hymn of Response

Hymn C

Where Thou Leapest Me

Words and Music by Fowler, Shive, and Getty

Giving to God & Offertory

The Wexford Carol

Traditional Irish Tune

*“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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*Good people all, this Christmas time, consider well and bear in mind
What our good God for us has done in sending His beloved Son.
With noble Mary we should pray to God with love this Christmas Day;
In Bethlehem upon the morn there was the blest Messiah born.*

*Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep,
To whom God's angels did appear which put the shepherds in great fear.
Prepare and go, the angels said, to Bethlehem, be not afraid;
For there you'll find, this happy morn, a princely babe, sweet Jesus born.*

*With thankful heart and joyful mind, the shepherds went the babe to find,
And as God's angel has foretold, they did our Savior Christ behold.
Within a manger He was laid, and by His side the virgin maid
Attending to the Lord of Life, who came on earth to end all strife.*

† Doxology

Doxology II

Traditional Text; Musical Setting by Ronald Owen

Praise God from whom all bles-sings flow. Praise Him all

crea-tures here be-low. Praise Him a-bove you hea-ven-ly

hosts! Praise to the Fa-ther, praise to the Son, and the Ho-ly

Ghost. A - men. A - men. A - men.

*With the benediction, God places
his name upon us as his people
(Numbers 6:27). Therefore, let
us not forget the one to whom we
are blessed to belong.*

*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](mailto: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.*

† Prayer of Dedication

† Benediction

† Sending Forth Hymn

Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #195

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

Please take a moment to greet those around you.

As with Gladness Men of Old

When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. Matt. 2:10



1. As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
 2. As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly cra - dle - bed,
 3. As they of - fered gifts most rare at that cra - dle rude and bare;
 4. Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
 5. In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - at - ed light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure, and free from sin's al - loy,
 and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



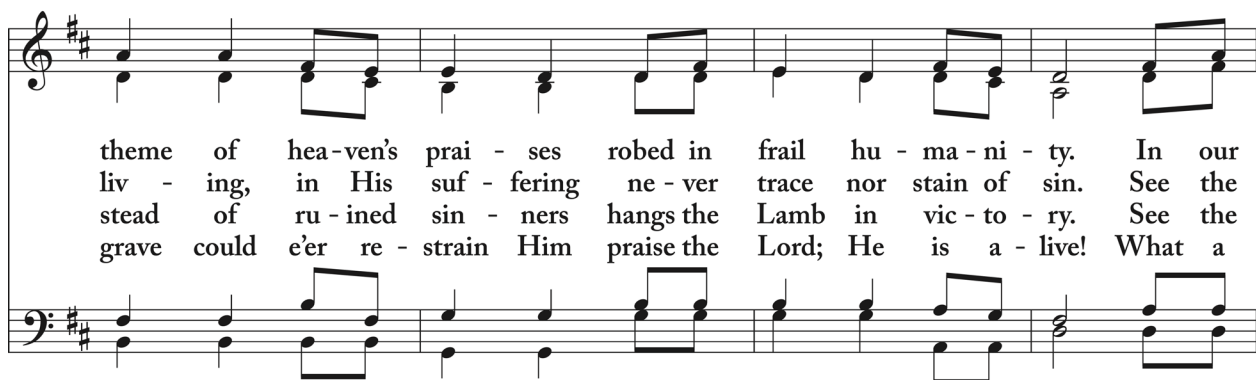
so, most gra - cious God, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly King.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
 there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.



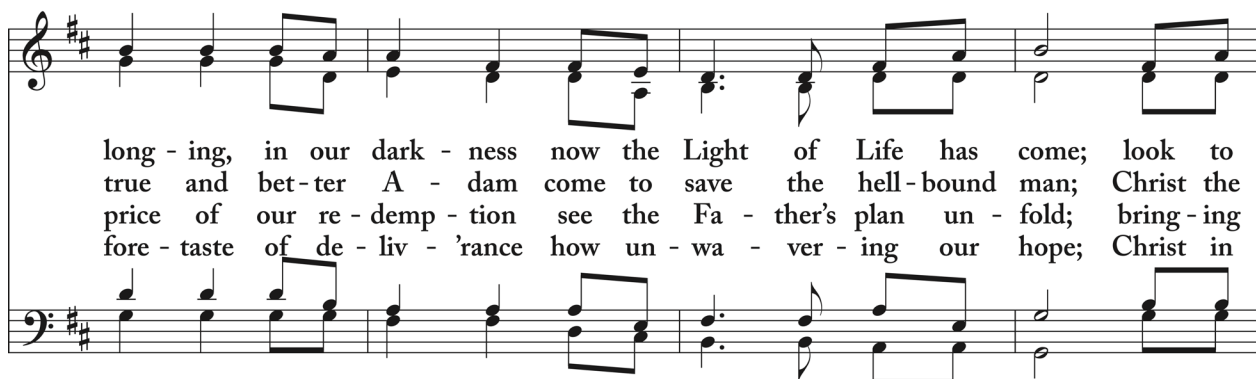
Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery



1. Come be - hold the won-drous mys-t'ry in the dawn-ing of the King; He the
 2. Come be - hold the won-drous mys-t'ry He the per - fect Son of Man; in His
 3. Come be - hold the won-drous mys-t'ry Christ the Lord u - pon the tree; in the
 4. Come be - hold the won-drous mys-t'ry slain by death the God of life; but no



theme of hea-ven's prai - ses robed in frail hu - ma - ni - ty. In our
 liv - ing, in His suf - fering ne - ver trace nor stain of sin. See the
 stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry. See the
 grave could e'er re - strain Him praise the Lord; He is a - live! What a



long - ing, in our dark - ness now the Light of Life has come; look to
 true and bet - ter A - dam come to save the hell - bound man; Christ the
 price of our re - demp - tion see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold; bring - ing
 fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance how un - wa - ver - ing our hope; Christ in



Christ, who con - de - scen - ded took on flesh to ran - som
great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law; in Him we
ma - ny sons to glo - ry grace un - mea - sured, love un -
po - wer re - sur - rec - ted as we will be when He



us.
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told.



2. Come be-
3. Come be-
4. Come be-



comes. What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance how un - wa - ver-ing our

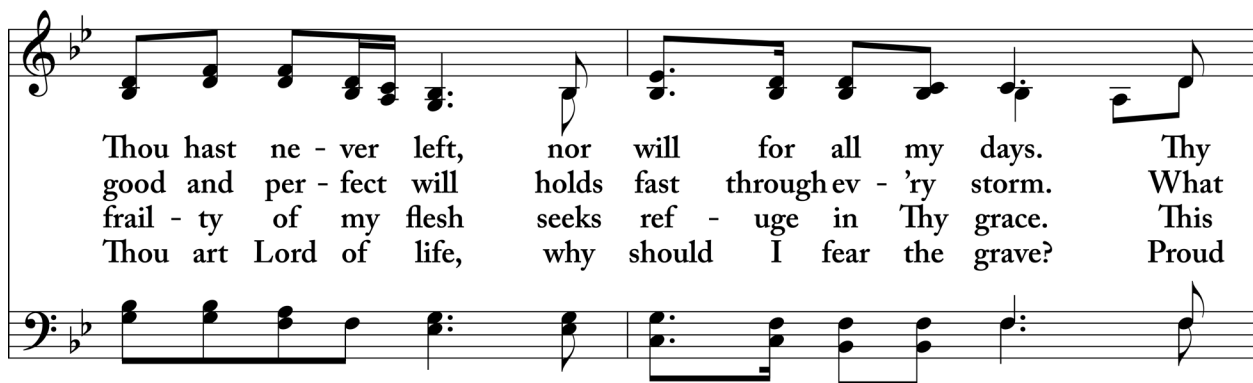


hope; Christ in po - wer re-sur - rec - ted as we will be when He comes.

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.



Joy to the World! The Lord is Come

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Ps. 98:4



1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions



King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 play; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 ground; he comes to make his bles - sings flow
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness



and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heav'n and na - ture sing,



and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

A Morning with the Lord

John 21:1-19 | Rev. Scott Hunt

The Big Idea: The resurrected Lord informs his disciples that he will ascend to the Father (John 20:17) and send them out as the Father sent him (John 20:21). But before his ascension and the empowering of the disciples on the day of Pentecost, Jesus visits again to remind them of his continued presence in their lives. Before these disciples are sent off to take the gospel to the ends of the earth, they are instructed in the fundamentals of the faith: the simple yet extraordinary command to follow Jesus.

i. Breakfast with the Lord

ii. The way of the cross

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| • Sunday, December 28 | Malachi 1 • John 18 |
| • Monday, December 29 | Malachi 2 • John 19 |
| • Tuesday, December 30 | Malachi 3 • John 20 |
| • Wednesday, December 31 | Malachi 4 • John 21 |
| • Thursday, January 1, 2026 | Ezra 1 • Acts 1 |
| • Friday, January 2 | Ezra 2 • Acts 2 |
| • Saturday, January 3 | Ezra 3 • Acts 3 |
| • Sunday, January 4 | Ezra 4 • Acts 4 |

WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

1. In what areas of your life have you been prone to doubt God's provision?
In what ways have you witnessed the Lord's provision?
2. John's narrative casts the disciples in a state of uncertainty and unease, preventing them from asking the Lord about his true nature. What is happening here?
3. Read the fishing narrative in Luke 5. Compare it to this story in John 21.
What are some noticeable differences between the two? How does Peter's reaction differ in both stories, and what can we learn from it?
4. Peter is asked three times if he loves the Lord. How does John 18 help us see the significance of these three questions?
5. Based on Jesus's response to feed, tend, and feed again, how is Peter to demonstrate his love for the Lord?
6. Not everyone is called to shepherd in the Church, but everyone is called to love Christ and follow him. What does this look like in your life? How do we overcomplicate this command? How do we underestimate it?
7. How does the call to follow Christ affect the way you view the year that has passed and the year that is coming?

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

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

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).

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 are we asked to confess our sins in worship?

Answer: Because the holy God we worship opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6). If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

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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