



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  
Epiphany Sunday  
January 4, 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.*

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

† congregation standing  
✠ congregation kneeling

## Welcome

## Prelude

Crown Him with Many Crowns  
DIADEMATA

*Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*

## Call to Worship

From Psalm 113

Minister: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD!

People: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth  
and forevermore!

Minister: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of  
the LORD is to be praised! The LORD is high above all  
nations, and his glory above the heavens!

People: Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,  
who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

Minister: He gives the barren woman a home, making her the  
joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD!

## ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

### † Hymn of Proclamation

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #296

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

### † Prayer of Adoration

**Unison:** O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### † Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Questions and Answers #88, 89, and 90

**Minister:** What are the ordinary, external ways Christ uses to bring us the benefits of redemption?

**People:** The ordinary, external ways Christ uses to bring us the benefits of redemption are his regulations, particularly the word, sacraments, and prayer, all of which are made effective for the salvation of his chosen ones.

**Minister:** What makes the word effective for salvation?

**People:** The Spirit of God causes the reading and especially the preaching of the word to convince and convert sinners and to build them up in holiness and comfort through faith to salvation.

**Minister:** How is the word to be read and heard in order to become effective for salvation?

**People:** For the word to become effective for salvation, we must pay careful attention to it, prepare ourselves, and pray for understanding. We must also receive it with faith and love, treasure it in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

**Unison:** Thanks be to God!

*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.*

# † 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.



*“Devote yourself to the public  
reading of Scripture”  
(1 Timothy 4:13).*

## † New Testament Lesson

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Pew Bible, page 987

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of God’s Word

Dr. Zach Cole

LIVING IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY:

*You Became an Example*

## ✠ Prayer of Confession

**Unison:** Lord of grace and truth, we humbly confess our sin before you. Your law is perfect, but we have added and taken away from it. Your testimonies are sure, but we have doubted them. Your instruction is more precious than gold, but we have not treasured it. Your precepts are like a light, but we have not walked by them. Your word is sweeter than honey, but we have not savored it. Your voice is like a sharp sword, but we have become dull of hearing. Forgive us for our stubborn refusal to listen and live by your word. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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

## ✠ Assurance of Pardon

From Colossians 1

**Minister:** Hear this good news! God has delivered us who repent and believe the gospel from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son. In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins!

**Unison:** Thanks be to God!

*“Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy” (Proverbs 28:13).*

## RESPONDING IN THANKS

In addition to our regular giving of offerings in worship today, ushers will be posted at the exits after the service to receive offerings for the deacons' fund.

Since the early days of the Church, the observance of Holy Communion has been accompanied by the giving of offerings for the poor. Today's deacons' offering will go to help those in need. (1 Chronicles 29:11, 14)

To give online, visit [www.stpaulsorlando.com/give](http://www.stpaulsorlando.com/give).

### Giving to God and Instrumental Offertory

### Were You There?

Spiritual

Arr. by Burton Isaac

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
O sometimes it causes me to tremble! Tremble! Tremble!  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

### † 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.

## † Celebration of Communion

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord!

People: It is good and right so to do!

Minister: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because you gave your only Son to be born for us; who, by the power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the virgin Mary, his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your name as we sing,

*At St. Paul's, we celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of every month, and once a month in our Evensong service. This month, Evensong will be held on January 18.*

*Our Communion bread is gluten free.*

*Children's Church does not meet on Communion Sundays.*

*Sanctus means "holy" in Latin. In historic Christian liturgies, a hymn of praise acknowledging the holiness of God is often sung before the solemn celebration of the Lord's Supper.*

## † Sanctus

## Sanctus I

Traditional Text; Musical Setting by Ronald Owen

Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly is the Lord.

Heav'n and earth are full of your Glo - ry God most

High! Bless'd is He that com - eth in the name of the

Lord Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -

san - na e - ver - more Ho - san - na ev - er

more Most Ho - ly is the Lord.



## Prayer of Dedication

## Words of Institution

Minister: Therefore, we proclaim the faith:

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

## Communion Hymn

Hymn B • Trinity Hymnal #535

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

EBENEZER

## Communion Hymn

Hymn C

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

Words and Music by Graham Kendrick and Keith and Kristyn Getty

## † Prayer of Thanks

Unison: Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. We have recalled your mighty acts in holy history. We have seen your power in sending light to conquer darkness, water to give us life, and the bread of heaven to nourish us in love. Send us with your salvation and joy to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## † Benediction

## † Sending Forth Hymn

Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #642 (Verses 1 and 5)

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

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

People: Thanks be to God!

## Postlude

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore

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

*When Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, he did so with thanksgiving (1 Corinthians 11:24). Accordingly, this sacrament is sometimes called the "Eucharist," a meal of thanksgiving.*

*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.*

# All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name.*

Phil. 2:9



1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;  
 2. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who from his al - tar call;  
 3. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall,  
 4. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all;  
 ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's rod, and crown him Lord of all;  
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;  
 go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;



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5. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,  
 on this terrestrial ball,  
 to him all majesty ascribe,  
 and crown him Lord of all;  
 to him all majesty ascribe,  
 and crown him Lord of all.

6. O that with yonder sacred throng  
 we at his feet may fall;  
 we'll join the everlasting song,  
 and crown him Lord of all;  
 we'll join the everlasting song,  
 and crown him Lord all.

# O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

*Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. John 13:1*

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Vast, un - mea - sured,  
 2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread his praise from  
 3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of ev - 'ry

bound - less, free; roll - ing as a might - y o - cean  
 shore to shore; how he lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth,  
 love the best: 'tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing,

in its full - ness o - ver me. Un - der - neath me,  
 chang - eth nev - er, nev - er - more; how he watch - es  
 'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep

The first system of the musical score is written for a soprano or alto voice and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 8/7. The melody features several triplet markings. The lyrics are: "all a - round me, is the cur - rent of thy love; o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own; love of Je - sus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;"

The second system of the musical score continues the melody and accompaniment. It also features triplet markings. The lyrics are: "lead-ing on - ward, lead-ing home-ward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove. how for them he in - ter - ced - eth, watch-eth o'er them from the throne. and it lifts me up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee."

# My Worth Is Not In What I Own

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1. My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and  
 2. My worth is not in skill or name; in win or lose, in pride or  
 3. As sum - mer flowers we fade and die; fame, youth and beau - ty hur - ry  
 4. I will not boast in wealth or might, or hu - man wis - dom's fleet-ing  
 5. Two won - ders here that I con-fess: my worth and my un - worth-i -

bone. But in the cost - ly wounds of love at the  
 shame. But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the  
 by. But life e - ter - nal calls to us at the  
 light. But I will boast in know - ing Christ at the  
 ness. My va - lue fixed—my ran - som paid at the

1. 3. 2. 4. 5.

cross. 2. My cross.  
 cross. 4. I cross.

# Refrain



I re-joice in my Re-deem-er- Great-est trea-sure, Well-spring of my soul.

After verse 5 go to CODA ☐



I will trust in Him, no oth-er; my soul is sa-tis-fied in Him a -

D.S.



lone.

3. As  
5. Two

CODA ☐



-lone.

# Be Thou My Vision

*Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. Phil. 3:7*

*Unison*

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all  
5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought by  
heav-en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

day or by night, wak-ing or sleep - ing, thy pres-ence my light.  
ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent.

Tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905

Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912

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SLANE 10.10.10.10.

Traditional Irish melody

Arr. by David Evans, 1927

## You Became an Example

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10 | Dr. Zach Cole

**The Big Idea:** Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy give thanks to God for the steadfast faith of the Thessalonian believers despite the brevity of their time together and their experience of much affliction. In this passage, we see that Christians grow in faith, hope, and love as they receive and believe the word of God.

*i. Hearing the word (vv. 1–5)*

*ii. Receiving the word (vv. 6–7)*

iii. *Spreading the word* (vv. 8–10)



## DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

*Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.*

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| • Sunday, January 4    | Ezra 4 • Acts 4   |
| • Monday, January 5    | Ezra 5 • Acts 5   |
| • Tuesday, January 6   | Ezra 6 • Acts 6   |
| • Wednesday, January 7 | Ezra 7 • Acts 7   |
| • Thursday, January 8  | Ezra 8 • Acts 8   |
| • Friday, January 9    | Ezra 9 • Acts 9   |
| • Saturday, January 10 | Ezra 10 • Acts 10 |
| • Sunday, January 11   | Ezra 11 • Acts 11 |

## WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Read Acts 17:1–15. How does this background information help us to understand the letter of 1 Thessalonians?
2. Taking Acts 17:1–15 and 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10 together, what are some ways that we can see the centrality and importance of the word of God?
3. According to 1 Thessalonians 1:6, how might we become “imitators” of the Lord Jesus and the apostles?
4. How can we see the effects of the word of God in peoples' lives? (Note vv. 3, 5, 6, 9.)
5. Based on the whole paragraph of 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10, what do you think it means to “wait” for Jesus Christ's return (v. 10)? What does it not mean?

## 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:** Should I participate in the Lord’s Supper if I’m not sure I have come to faith in Christ?

**Answer:** The Lord’s Supper is meant for those who have professed faith in Christ, who have been baptized and received into membership in the church by making a profession of personal faith in Christ. If you have not come to that place in your life, we ask that you pass the elements by, but that you pray instead and ask God to open your heart to understand and receive the gospel of his grace in Christ Jesus. Any of our elders, pastors, or deacons would be glad to talk to you about what it means to put your faith in Christ.

## 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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**GIVE ONLINE**  
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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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