Order for the Worship of God

On the Lord's Day Morning First Sunday after Epiphany January 14, 2024, 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

OLD HUNDREDTH

Arr. by the Pettie Team

Adapted by Kristin Campbell

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

From Daniel 2

Minister: Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom

belong wisdom and might.

People: He changes times and seasons; he removes kings

and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in

the darkness, and the light dwells with him.

Minister: Praise the Lord!

† congregation standing

x congregation kneeling



[†] **Hymn of Proclamation** Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #30

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
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The Lord is "enthroned on the praises" of his people (Psalm 22:3).

† Prayer of Adoration

Unison:

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

[†] Gospel Reading

Luke 4:16-21

Pew Bible, page 859

Minister: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Unison: Thanks be to the Lord!

ⁿ Prayer of Confession

Unison:

Most holy and merciful God, who has searched and known us, and are acquainted with all our ways, we confess before you our sinfulness and seek your forgiveness. We have failed in our duty; we have forgotten our high calling; we have fallen into many temptations. We have dishonored your name; we have injured our neighbors; we have hurt our own souls. Give us, we pray, the spirit of true repentance, that we may turn from our sins and forsake them with our whole heart; and in your great love, have mercy on us and absolve us from our guilt; for the sake of your dear Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

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

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

"Before they call, I will answer;

while they are yet speaking,

I will hear" (Isaiah 65:24).

* Assurance of Pardon

From 1 Peter 2

Minister: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy

nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not

received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

^x 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



† Hymn of Consecration Hymn B • Trinity Hymnal #128

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Alt. Tune: WINDSOR

† Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith

Chapter 1, Section 7

People:

All things in Scripture are not alike plain in themselves, nor alike clear unto all: yet those things which are necessary to be known, believed, and observed for salvation, are so clearly propounded, and opened in some place of Scripture or other, that not

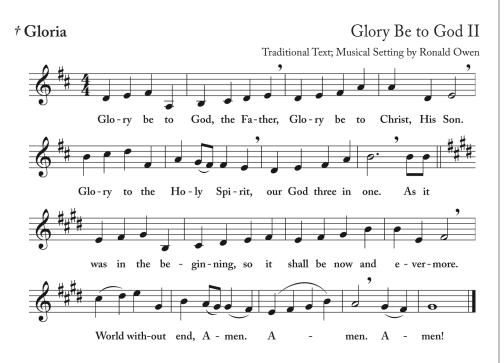
only the learned,

(Continued)

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.

but the unlearned, in a due use of the ordinary means, may attain unto a sufficient understanding of them.

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.

[†] Old Testament Lesson

Daniel 9:24-27

Pew Bible, page 747

Faith comes from hearing (Romans 10:17).

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. Justin Borger

HEAVEN RULES:

The Vision of the Seventy Weeks



$^{\it t}$ Hymn of Response

Ancient of Days

Hymn C

Words and Music by Robinson, Thompson, Farren and Reeves

Giving to God & Choral Offertory

Begin, My Tongue, Some Heavenly Theme Words by Isaac Watts Music by Gordon Young

Begin my tongue some heav'nly theme, and speak some boundless thing.

The mighty works, or mightier name, of our Eternal King.

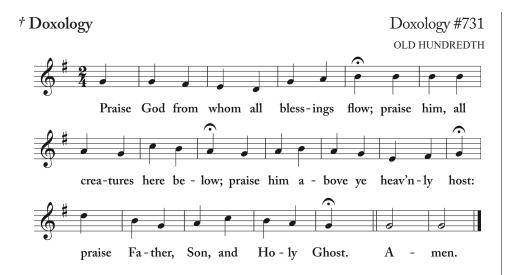
Tell of His wondrous faithfulness, and sound His pow'r abroad; Sing the sweet promise of His grace, and our redeeming God.

His very word of grace is strong as that which built the skies; The voice that rolls the stars along speaks all the promises.

O might I hear Thy heav'nly tongue, but whisper, "Thou art mine," Those gentle words should raise my song to notes almost divine.

"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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- † Prayer of Dedication
- † Benediction
- † Sending Forth Hymn

Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #441 (Verses 1 & 5)

Jesus Shall Reign DUKE STREET With God's blessing upon us, we are sent forth to practice the faith we profess.

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

Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Variations on Austrian Hymn

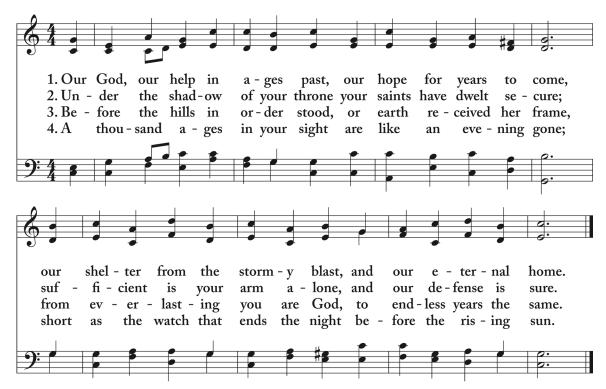
Arr. by G. Blake

Please take a moment to greet those around you.

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.

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Ps. 90:1



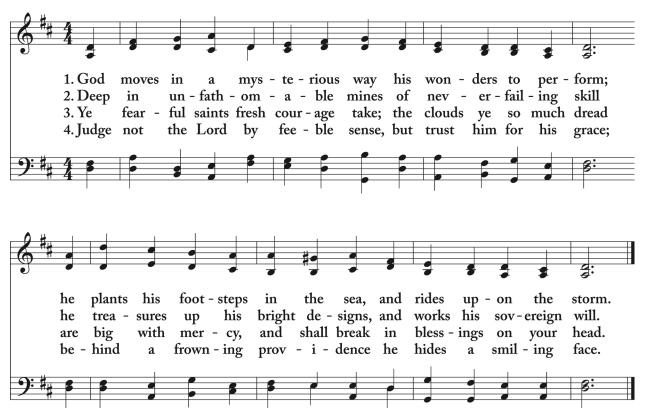
- 5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares, are carried downward by your flood, and lost in foll'wing years.
- 6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.
- Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come:
 O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

From Psalm 90 Isaac Watts, 1719 Alt. 1990, mod. ST. ANNE C.M. Attr. to William Croft, 1678-1727 Tate and Brady's Supplement to the New Version, 1708

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth.

Is. 42:16



- 5. His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev'ry hour; the bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.
- 6. Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan his work in vain; God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain.

Ancient of Days







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Jesus Shall Reign

He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. Ps. 72:8



| The Big Idea: Daniel's great prayer for mercy, which is answered with the vision of seventy weeks, finds its fulfillment in the person and work of Jesus Christ who ator for iniquity "to bring in everlasting righteousness" (9:24). His once for all sacrifice (Hebrews 10:1-10) puts an end to sin and the sacrificial system. He is the true Ten (John 2:18-22) and our ultimate Jubilee (Luke 4:19) who comes in "the fullness of (Galatians 4:4). i. Daniel's prayer of confession and plea for mercy ii. God's answer in the vision of the seventy weeks | se | | D | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

| • Sunday, January 14 | Genesis 15 • Matthew 14 |
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| • Monday, January 15 | Genesis 16 • Matthew 15 |
| • Tuesday, January 16 | Genesis 17 • Matthew 16 |
| • Wednesday, January 17 | Genesis 18 • Matthew 17 |
| • Thursday, January 18 | Genesis 19 • Matthew 18 |
| • Friday, January 19 | Genesis 20 • Matthew 19 |
| • Saturday, January 20 | Genesis 21 • Matthew 20 |
| • Sunday, January 21 | Genesis 22 • Matthew 21 |

WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

- 1. Why is it important to remember that, in context, the vision of the seventy weeks in Daniel 9:24-27 comes in response to Daniel's prayer of confession and plea for mercy in Daniel 9:1-19? How does this context help us interpret the passage?
- 2. What is the symbolic significance of "seventy weeks" in Scripture?
- 3. Are you aware of any problematic interpretations of Daniel 9:24-27? What makes you find these unconvincing?
- 4. Who is the "anointed one" in verse 25? Who is the "anointed one" in verse 26? And who is the one who shall "make a strong covenant with many" and "put an end to sacrifice" in verse 27?
- 5. What are some indications in the text of Daniel 9:24-27 that make it clear that this vision is ultimately fulfilled in the person and work of Jesus Christ?
- 6. How can we find strength and draw hope and comfort from this vision of the seventy weeks?

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

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

"I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom..." (Daniel 7:13-14)

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 stand and kneel at various times in worship?

Answer: Body language is powerful, and God's Word frequently commands us to use our bodies to communicate the disposition of our hearts in worship. "Oh come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!" (Psalm 95:6)

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 New Visitor Table 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*.



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