



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  
Second Sunday after Epiphany  
January 21, 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

## Introit

For the Beauty of the Earth  
DIX

## Call to Worship

From Psalm 103

Minister: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

People: The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

Minister: Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

† congregation standing

✠ congregation kneeling



## ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

### † Hymn of Praise

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #125

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

### † Prayer of Adoration

**Unison:** Give us grace, O Lord, to readily answer the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*Our weekly prayers of adoration are taken from The Book of Common Prayer, which was compiled by Thomas Cranmer and others, and was first issued in 1549.*

### † New Testament Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

Pew Bible, page 979

**Minister:** The Word of the Lord!

**People:** Thanks be to God!

### ✠ Prayer of Confession

**Unison:** Almighty and ever-living God, our hearts break over the dishonor done to your name through the murder of your image-bearers. We remember, O God, the slaughter of the innocents by Herod in Bethlehem and Pharaoh in Egypt. We in America are no less guilty. We have heaped judgment upon ourselves through the legalization and social acceptance of abortion. And we humbly confess our sin and ask you to forgive us for the silence of your saints, the apathy of your church, and the complicity of your people in this ongoing atrocity. We mourn the loss of many millions of little ones who have been murdered in this country and in the state of Florida and pray that you would have mercy upon us for the sake of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

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



*“As there is no sin so small, but it deserves damnation; so there is no sin so great, that it can bring damnation upon those who truly repent” (Westminster Confession of Faith XV.IV).*

*“Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter” (Proverbs 24:11).*

## ✠ Assurance of Pardon

From John 3

**Minister:** God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**Unison:** Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me  
bless his holy name!

## ✠ A Prayer for the Sanctity of Human Life

**Unison:** Lord of life, you formed our inward parts. You knit each one of us together in our mother’s womb. Even when no one else knew us, your eyes saw our unformed substance. We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

**Minister:** For the overturning of Roe vs. Wade, for babies saved from abortion, for mothers and fathers healed from abortion, for crisis pregnancy centers that offer alternatives to abortion, for those who open their homes through adoption and foster care, and for all who stand for the sanctity of every human life, let us give thanks to the Lord.

**People:** We thank you, dear Lord.

**Minister:** For federal, state, and local governments, that God might move all those in high places to do justice, with love and respect for the unborn child.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayers.

**Minister:** For doctors and nurses and medical professionals, that they might be given wisdom and skill to promote life and to protect the most vulnerable.



**People:** Lord, hear our prayers.

**Minister:** For pregnant women and fathers who are contemplating abortion, that they might see the gift of new life and be supplied with every means to cherish the child God has placed in their care.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayers.

**Minister:** For mothers and fathers whose souls are tormented by the guilt and shame of abortion, that you, O God, would speak tenderly to them and they might come to know the grace of forgiveness freely offered to all who repent of their sins and trust in Christ for salvation.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayers in Jesus' name. Amen.



#### † Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism  
Questions & Answers #69 & 74

**Minister:** How does baptism remind you and assure you that Christ's one sacrifice on the cross is for you personally?

**People:** In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it gave the promise that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul's impurity, in other words, all my sins.

**Minister:** Should infants, too, be baptized?

**People:** Yes. Infants as well as adults are in God's covenant and are his people. They no less than adults, are promised the forgiveness of sin through Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit who produces faith.

*(Continued)*



Therefore, by baptism, the mark of the covenant, infants should be received into the Christian church and should be distinguished from the children of unbelievers. This was done in the Old Testament by circumcision, which was replaced in the New Testament by baptism.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

# † 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.

# ✠ Prayers of the People

Minister: Dear Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for Andrew and Alexandria Preston who come with Arthur James to declare publicly their allegiance to your Son our Savior. Daily open their hearts to your grace and truth. Fill them with your life-giving Spirit.

*(Continued)*



Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church. Grant them grace so to live before this child, loving him, teaching him, praying with him and for him, that by their faithful living, and through the power of the gospel, all of the promises of the covenant may be fulfilled in his life.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Minister:** Father, we pray for this child, Arthur: Deliver him from the way of sin and death; open his heart to your grace and truth; fill him with your life-giving Spirit; keep him in the faith and communion of your Church; prepare him to witness to your love; and bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Minister:** And we pray for ourselves, the congregation of St. Paul's Church. Grant us grace to see this child as our own; to love him, pray for him, and assist his parents as duty done to you, the one true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

*The Christian life begins with a bath and ends with a banquet. In the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, we are washed and fed.*

## Presentation of Candidate & Questions

### Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Renew and strengthen, O Lord, this child of the covenant. By your Holy Spirit, empower him for your service and sustain him all his days. Defend him by your grace and claim him as your adopted child in your mercy. May you keep him by your Holy Spirit until at last he comes to your everlasting kingdom and his heavenly home. We humbly yet boldly ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.



Children are welcome for our entire service. Following the Hymn of Consecration, a specifically designed time for children aged four through first grade is also provided. Those interested may meet at the back of the Fellowship Hall.

## † Hymn of Consecration

Song

Let Them Live

Words and Music by Ronald Owen and Nicholas Owen

*Soloist: We are formed to be born, we are born to be free.  
And we're free to pursue what we're destined to be.  
Ev'ry life is a story, a tale to be told.  
From our birth through our youth, we were meant to grow old.*

**Congregation:** Let them live, let them love, let them learn, let them grow.  
Let them run in the wind, let them go where they'll go!  
Let them touch, let them feel, let them hear, let them see.  
Let them be ev'ry thing they can be! Let them live.

*Soloist: We are shaped by God's hand, given life by His breath.  
Only God can command both our life and our death.  
Ev'ry life has a purpose, a plan, a design.  
Ev'ry child has a future, their moment in time.*

**Congregation:** Let them live, let them love, let them laugh, let them cry.  
Let them dance 'neath the sun. Let them dream and ask why!  
Let them taste, let them touch, let them smell, let them hear.  
Let them see, let them breathe, let them be! Let them live! Let them live!

**Congregation:** Let them live, let them love, let them learn, let them grow.  
Let them run in the wind, let them go where they'll go!  
Let them touch, let them feel, let them hear, let them see.  
Let them be ev'ry thing they can be!  
Let them live! Let them live! Let them live!  
Let them live! Let them live! Let them live!

## † Old Testament Lesson

Daniel 10:1-11:1

Pew Bible, page 748

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

## Prayer for Illumination

## Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. Justin Borger

HEAVEN RULES:

*Get Ready for War*

Faith comes from hearing  
(Romans 10:17).



# RESPONDING IN THANKS

## † Hymn of Response

Hymn B

## O Church, Arise

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

## Instrumental Offertory

## Soldiers of Christ, Arise

Arr. by C. DeRousse

## † Doxology

## 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

*With God's blessing upon us,  
we are sent forth to practice  
the faith we profess.*

† **Sending Forth Hymn**                      O Love of God, How Strong and True  
Hymn C • Trinity Hymnal #81 (Verses 1 & 4)                      JERUSALEM

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

People: Thanks be to God!

## Postlude

## Epilogue on St. Denio

Arr. by L. Smith

*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.*

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



# Let All Things Now Living

*Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. 1 Chron. 16:23*

1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing  
 2. His law he en - forc - es: the stars in their cours - es,

to the God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
 the sun in its or - bit, o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,  
 the hills and the mount - ains, the riv - ers and foun - tains

who guides us and leads to the end of our days.  
 the deeps of the o - cean pro - claim him our di - vine.



His ban - ners are o'er us, his light goes be - fore us,  
 We too should be voi - cing our love and re - joic - ing,

a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
 with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise,

'til shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished,  
 'til all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing

as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
 to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!



# O Church, Arise

Words and Music by  
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

HYMN B

1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mour on; hear the call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the  
 2. Our call to war— to love the cap - tive soul, but to rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the  
 3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the Son of God is strick - en; then see His  
 4. So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may

weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has gi - ven. With shield of  
 sword that makes the wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and va - lor. When faced with  
 foes lie crushed be - neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en! And as the  
 run with faith to win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of

faith and belt of Truth, we'll stand a - gainst the de - vil's lies; an ar - my bold, whose bat - tle -  
 trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the out - come is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for  
 stone is rolled a - way and Christ e - mer - ges from the grave, this vic - tory march con - tin - ues  
 old still line the way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger

cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness. Our call to  
 which He died— an in - her - it - ance of na - tions. Come see the  
 'til the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him. So Spi - rit  
 for the day when with Christ we stand in Glo - ry.



# O Love of God, How Strong and True

*I pray that you...may have power...to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge. Eph. 3:17-19*

## Introduction

## Unison

1. O love of God, how strong and true, e - ter-nal  
4. O love of God, our shield and stay through all the

and yet ev - er new, un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -  
per - ils of our way! E - ter - nal love, in you we

bought, be - yond all knowl - edge and all thought! O love of  
rest, for - ev - er safe, for - ev - er blest. We will ex -



God, how deep and great, far deep - er than man's deep - est  
alt you, God and King, and we will ev - er praise your

hate; self - fed, self - kin - dled like the light, change-less, e -  
name; we will ex - tol you ev - 'ry day, and ev - er -

*Interlude*

ter - nal, in - fi - nite.  
more your praise pro - claim.

*Final ending*



HEAVEN RULES:

*Get Ready for War*

Daniel 10:1-11:1 | Rev. Justin Borger

**Big Idea:** You must get ready for battle. Prepare yourself for war. Don't be naïve. Appearances can be deceiving. There is a spiritual conflict taking place in the heavenly realms. So, put away your peacetime expectations and develop a wartime mentality. The purpose of Daniel 10 is to pull back the curtain and prepare us for this “great conflict” (10:1) which is described in much greater detail in chapter 11. Before Daniel receives this final vision concerning this war (10:1), he experiences an overwhelming encounter with a heavenly being (10:4-9) and receives powerful encouragement (10:10-11:1) that prepares him and us to “be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might” (Ephesians 6:10).

*i. A great conflict (10:1-3)*

*ii. A great encounter (10:4-9)*

*iii. A great encouragement (10:10-11:1)*



## DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

*Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.*

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| • Sunday, January 21    | Genesis 22 • Matthew 21 |
| • Monday, January 22    | Genesis 23 • Matthew 22 |
| • Tuesday, January 23   | Genesis 24 • Matthew 23 |
| • Wednesday, January 24 | Genesis 25 • Matthew 24 |
| • Thursday, January 25  | Genesis 26 • Matthew 25 |
| • Friday, January 26    | Genesis 27 • Matthew 26 |
| • Saturday, January 27  | Genesis 28 • Matthew 27 |
| • Sunday, January 28    | Genesis 29 • Matthew 28 |

## WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What's the main point of this passage and how does it function within the last three chapters of Daniel (10-12)?
2. Who is the man clothed in linen in Daniel 10:5-9? Compare the dazzling description of this man with the description of Jesus in Revelation 1:13-16.
3. What are some important truths that we learn in this passage about angels and demons?
4. How does this passage prepare us for spiritual warfare and help us to "be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might" (Ephesians 6:10)? How do Paul's instructions on spiritual warfare in Ephesians 6:10-20 help us to apply lessons learned from Daniel 10:1-11:1?
5. What encouragement can we draw from the encouragement Daniel receives and gives in Daniel 10:10-11:1?

## 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:** Are children welcome in worship?

**Answer:** Yes! It is our prayer that every child in our midst would experience the welcome of Jesus who said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14).



## 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*.

*Use your phone's camera to quickly access the following resources or navigate to the URL below each QR code.*



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**CHURCH APP**  
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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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