

ST. PAUL'S

For The Glory of God & The Joy of All Peoples

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

On the Lord's Day Morning Third Sunday after Epiphany January 28, 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

I Cannot Tell LONDONDERRY AIR

I cannot tell when He will rule the nations,
How He will claim His loved ones as His own;
And who can tell the holy jubilation
When all His children gather 'round His throne.
But this I know: all flesh will see His glory,
And skies will burst as all creation sings.
The Son will rise on one eternal morning.
Our Christ, the Savior of the world, is Lord and King.

Worship is a dialogue. God calls us to worship, speaking to us through his Word, and we respond in prayer and praise.

Call to Worship

From Psalm 100

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the

LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

People: Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us,

and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his

pasture.

+ congregation standing

¤ congregation kneeling

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with

praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and

his faithfulness to all generations.



† Hymn of Proclamation

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #642

Be Thou My Vision

† 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.

[†] Gospel Reading

Luke 10:17-20

Pew Bible, page 868

Minister: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Unison: Thanks be to the Lord!

^x Prayer of Confession

Unison: Great God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we all

like sheep have gone astray. Each of us has turned to his own way. You have graciously gathered us together like lambs. Your rod and staff have comforted us. You have caused us to lie down in green pastures beside still waters and have defended us from more and greater dangers than we know.

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"Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy" (Proverbs 28:13). But we have ignored your voice and distrusted your provision. We buck and bite and kick and have pushed others aside. Forgive us for our stiff necks, stubborn ways, and selfish attitudes, and lead us in paths of righteousness for the sake of your Son, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

If you trust Jesus as he is offered in the gospel, you can rest assured, your sins are forgiven.

* Assurance of Pardon

Minister: Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God.

Unison:

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



† Hymn of Consecration Hymn B • Trinity Hymnal #86 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want BROTHER JAMES' AIR

† Affirmation of Faith

The Belgic Confession Article 30, "The Government of the Church"

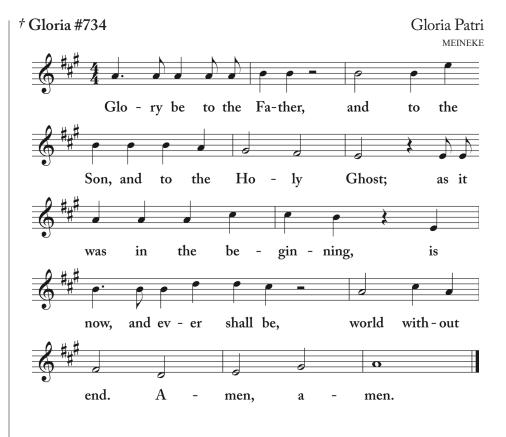
Unison:

We believe that this true Church must be governed according to the spiritual order which our Lord has taught us in his Word. There should be ministers or pastors to preach the Word of God, and to administer the sacraments; there should also be elders and deacons who, together with the pastors, form the council of the Church. By these means they preserve the true religion; they see to it that the true doctrine takes its course, that evil men are disciplined in a spiritual way, and are restrained, and also that the poor and all the afflicted are helped and comforted according to their need. By these means everything will be done well, and in good order, when faithful men are chosen in agreement with the rule that the Apostle Paul gave to Timothy.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

The Belgic Confession (1561) was written by Guido de Bres, a pastor who served in what today is called Belgium. He was a student of John Calvin. In this Confession, he sought to persuade the Roman Catholic king, whose army occupied his homeland, that the faith of Protestants was thoroughly biblical. Within a few years of this writing, de Bres courageously paid for his faith with his life.

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 11:2-12:4

Pew Bible, page 748

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

The "Big Idea" for this morning's message and the outline is found on page 13. Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. Justin Borger

HEAVEN RULES:

From Ancient History to Eternal Glory



† Hymn of Response

Hymn C • Trinity Hymnal #353

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord ST. THOMAS

Questions for the Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders and Deacons

Questions for the Congregation

Laying on of Hands and Prayer

Right Hand of Fellowship

Pronouncement

Charge

Giving to God & Offertory

The Lord Is a Mighty God

From Psalm 95 Felix Mendelssohn Arr. by Olaf C. Christiansen

The Lord is a mighty God.

And a mighty ruler over all false idols.

Ordination is the authoritative admission of one duly called to an office in the Church of God, accompanied with prayer and the laying on of hands, to which it is proper to add the giving of the right hand of fellowship.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth... but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven..." (Matthew 6:19-20).

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† Doxology

Doxology #731 OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all



crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove ye heav'n-ly host:



- † Prayer of Dedication
- † Benediction

[†] Sending Forth Hymn Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #345 (Verses 1 & 4)

AUSTRIAN HYMN

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

Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude Jubilate Deo

G.F. Handel Arr. by G. Blake

Please take a moment to greet those around you, then join us in the Fellowship Hall for a special reception.

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.

Be Thou My Vision

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



Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent. Tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905 Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912

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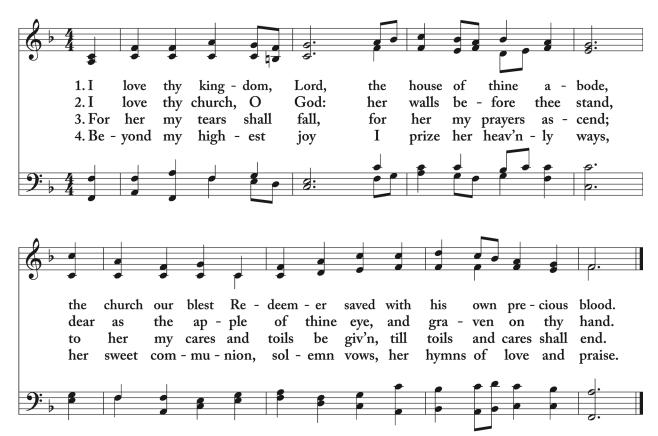
The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. Ps. 23:1



I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

I love the house where you live, O LORD, the place where your glory dwells Ps. 26:8



- 5. Jesus, thou Friend divine, our Savior and our King, thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe shall great deliv'rance bring.
- 6. Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi-on shall be giv'n the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heav'n.

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things are said of you, O city of God. Ps. 87:3



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DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

• Sunday, January 28	Genesis 29 • Matthew 28
• Monday, January 29	Genesis 30 • Mark 1
• Tuesday, January 30	Genesis 31 • Mark 2
• Wednesday, January 31	Genesis 32 • Mark 3
• Thursday, February 1	Genesis 33 • Mark 4
• Friday, February 2	Genesis 34 • Mark 5
• Saturday, February 3	Genesis 35-36 • Mark 6
• Sunday, February 4	Genesis 37 • Mark 7

WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

- 1. What does the extraordinary length and astonishing detail of this fourth and final vision teach us about the character of God who rules over all of history?
- 2. What can we learn about the futility of worldly power from the repetition of the word "but" in verses 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 14, 17, 18, 19, and 20?
- 3. Who is the "contemptible person" in verse 21? And who is "the king" in verse 36? Are they the same or a different person?
- 4. What does Daniel 11:36-12:1 teach us to expect as we look to the future? Should we assume things are going to be gradually better and better over time?
- 5. What hope is held out to God's people in 12:1c-4? And how does this hope encourage you to be "wise" and endure to the end?

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 do the pastors wear robes?

Answer: The pastors wear robes to deemphasize their personal choice of clothing in the pulpit while emphasizing the role they serve as ministers. The pastors fill a distinct role under Christ's authority and their robes distinguish them for this official capacity much like the firemen or police officers or medical personnel who wear recognizable clothing or uniforms. Ultimately, however, the pastors wear robes to decrease and avoid distraction, that Christ might increase.

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

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