



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
Eleventh Sunday after Epiphany
March 26, 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

How Great Thou Art

Arr. by Kevin McChesney

Call to Worship

From Psalm 146 & 63

Minister: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

People: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

† congregation standing

✠ congregation kneeling

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† Hymn of Proclamation

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #81

O Love of God, How Strong and True

JERUSALEM

Christian worship is trinitarian: we worship one God who exists eternally in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

† Prayer of Adoration

Unison: Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

† Old Testament Reading

Leviticus 19:17-18

Pew Bible, page 98

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

▫ Prayer of Confession

Unison: Most merciful Father, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. We have not loved you with our whole heart nor have we cared for our neighbor as ourselves. And there is no health in us. Please have mercy upon us, dear Lord, and spare those who confess their sin.

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

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Restore us according to your promises in Christ Jesus, our Light and Salvation. And grant, most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live godly, righteous, and sober lives, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

✠ Assurance of Pardon

From John 3

Minister: Hear this good news! 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: Thanks be to God!

✠ Pastoral Prayer

This prayer may include elements of adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication. Special attention is given to the needs, sorrows, and joys of our local congregation. As a shepherd of the flock, the pastor prays that God would be known, glorified, and enjoyed in our midst.



† Hymn of Consecration

Hymn B

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Words & Music by Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, & Michael Bleecker

† Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism

Question & Answer #115

Minister: No one in this life can obey the Ten Commandments perfectly: why then does God want them preached so pointedly?

(Continued)

People: First, so that the longer we live the more we may come to know our sinfulness and the more eagerly look to Christ for forgiveness of sins and righteousness.

Second, so that, while praying to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, we may never stop striving to be renewed more and more after God's image, until after this life we reach our goal: perfection.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

† Gloria

Glory Be to God II

Traditional Text; Musical Setting by Ronald Owen



Glo-ry be to God, the Fa-ther, Glo-ry be to Christ, His Son.



Glo-ry to the Ho-ly Spi-rit, our God three in one. As it



was in the be - gin-ning, so it shall be now and 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.

† New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Pew Bible, page 959

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. Justin Berger

*"Open my eyes, that I may
behold wondrous things out of
your law" (Psalm 119:18).*

THE WISDOM OF THE CROSS:

The Most Excellent Way



† Hymn of Response

Hymn C • Trinity Hymnal #597

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

AS THE HART LONGS

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Giving to God & Offertory

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Text by Isaac Watts

Music by Joe Cox and Jody Lindh

*Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly Dove, with all your quick'ning powers;
Kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.*

*See how we trifle here below, fond of our earthly toys;
Our souls, how heavily they go, to reach eternal joys.*

*In vain we tune our formal songs, in vain we strive to rise;
Hosannas languish on our tongues, and our devotion dies.*

Come, Holy Spirit.

† Doxology

Doxology I

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.

The word “doxology” comes from the Greek *doxa* (“glory”) and *logos* (“word”). Thus, to sing the doxology is to ascribe a word of praise or glory to God.

† Prayer of Dedication

† Benediction

† Sending Forth Hymn

Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #355 (Verses 1 & 2)

We Are God’s People

SYMPHONY

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Recessional in G Major

J.Stanley

Arr. by W. Buszin

Please take a moment to greet those around you.

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
 2. O heav'n - ly love, how pre - cious still, in days of
 3. We read you best in him who came to bear for
 4. O love of God, our shield and stay through all the

and yet ev - er new, un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
 wea - ri - ness and ill, in nights of pain and help - less -
 us the cross of shame; sent by the Fa - ther from on
 per - ils of our way! E - ter - nal love, in you we

bought, be - yond all knowl - edge and all thought! O love of
 ness, to heal, to com - fort, and to bless! O wide - em -
 high, our life to live, our death to die. We read your
 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
 brac - ing, won - drous love! We read you in the sky a -
 pow'r to bless and save, e'en in the dark - ness of the
 alt you, God and King, and we will ev - er praise your

hate; self - fed, self - kin - dled like the light, change - less, e -
 bove, we read you in the earth be - low, in seas that
 grave; still more in res - ur - rec - tion light we read the
 name; we will ex - tol you ev - 'ry day, and ev - er -

Interlude

ter - nal, in - fi - nite.
 swell, and streams that flow.
 ful - ness of your might.
 more your praise pro - claim.

Final ending

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

1, 2, 3.

us.
 stand.
 told.

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

4.

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.

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 1 Cor. 13:1

Unison

1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
 2. Though I may give all I pos - sess,
 3. Come, Spi - rit, come, our hearts con - trol,

and have the gift to all in - spire,
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
 our spi - rits long to be made whole.

and have not love, my words are vain,
 but not be giv'n by love with - in,
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;

as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 the pro - fit soon turns strange - ly thin.
 by this we wor - ship and are freed.

Hal Hopson, 1972

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ASTHE HART LONGS L.M.

Appalachian folk melody

Arr. by Danna Harkins, 1975

We Are God's People

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Ps. 100:3

Unison

1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord, born of his
2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord, for we have

Spi - rit, es - tab - lished by his Word; our cor - ner - stone is
known it, the love of God out - poured; now let us learn how

Christ a - lone, and strong in him we stand: O let us live trans -
to re - turn the gift of love once giv'n: O let us share each

par - ent - ly, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.
joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleas - es heav'n.

THE WISDOM OF THE CROSS:

The Most Excellent Way

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 | Rev. Justin Borger

The Big Idea: Even the most extraordinary and miraculous spiritual gifts are worthless without love. When we come to see God face to face, only faith, hope, and love will last. But “the greatest of these is love” (v. 13).

i. The necessity of love (13:1-3)

ii. The character of love (13:4-7)

iii. The perfection of love (13:8-13)

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

- **Sunday, March 26** 1 Samuel 28:3-25 • Acts 8:4-8 • Zechariah 1:7-17 • Luke 8:40-56
- **Monday, March 27** 1 Samuel 29 • Acts 8:9-25 • Zechariah 1:18-21 • Luke 9:1-9
- **Tuesday, March 28** 1 Samuel 30 • Acts 8:26-40 • Zechariah 2 • Luke 9:10-17
- **Wednesday, March 29** 1 Samuel 31 • Acts 9:1-19 • Zechariah 3 • Luke 9:18-36
- **Thursday, March 30** 2 Samuel 1:1-16 • Acts 9:20-31 • Zechariah 4 • Luke 9:37-50
- **Friday, March 31** 2 Samuel 1:17-27 • Acts 9:32-43 • Zechariah 5:1-4 • Luke 9:51-62
- **Saturday, April 1** 2 Samuel 2:1-7 • Acts 10:1-8 • Zechariah 5:5-11 • Luke 10:1-24
- **Sunday, April 2** 2 Samuel 2:8-3:5 • Acts 10:9-23 • Zechariah 6:1-8 • Luke 10:25-37

WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

1. How does 1 Corinthians 13 fit within Paul's larger discussion of spiritual gifts in 1 Corinthians 12-14?
2. Why is love necessary according to verses 1-3?
3. How does Paul's description of love in verses 4-7 compare with contemporary views and assumptions about love?
4. How does Paul's description of love in verses 4-7 compare with what we know about the church at Corinth?
5. To what extent does this famous "love chapter" rebuke the Corinthian's (and our own) misplaced priorities?
6. How do you see Christ in Paul's description of love? How does Christ embody what Paul says about love through his patience, kindness, endurance, etc.?
7. Is there a specific characteristic of love that Paul lists in verses 4-7 that you find most challenging and convicting? Something that you need to work on by grace through faith?
8. How will seeing God "face to face" (v. 12) clarify everything, including the supreme importance of love?

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it" (1 Corinthians 12:27).

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: What is expository preaching, and why is St Paul’s committed to it?

Answer: Expository preaching is an approach to preaching that makes the main point of the text the main point of the sermon. Rather than using a passage as a springboard to talk about something else, expository preaching seeks to expound and apply what is present within a given text in light of the context of Scripture as a whole. We are committed to this approach because the alternative is to use God’s Word for ulterior motives.

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*.

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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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