



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
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 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.*

Welcome

Introit

Come, Thou Almighty King
TRINITY

Call to Worship

From Psalm 111

Minister: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

People: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

(Continued)

† congregation standing
✠ congregation kneeling

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

Minister: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† Hymn of Praise

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #115

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

† Prayer of Adoration

Unison: Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking; Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

† New Testament Reading

1 John 2:15-17

Pew Bible, page 1021

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

Unison: Thanks be to God!

✠ Prayer of Confession

*"I said, 'I will confess my
transgressions to the Lord.'
And you forgave the guilt of my
sin." (Psalm 32:5)*

Unison: O God of mercy and justice, in your holy presence we confess our sin. You have shown us what is good and what you require of us. But we have not done justice, loved mercy, or walked humbly with you, our God. We have not loved you as we ought, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us for our sin and restore us to paths of righteousness, for Christ's namesake we pray. Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

✠ Assurance of Pardon

From John 19:30

Minister: "It is finished!" In Christ, your sins have been paid in full.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

RENEWING OUR FAITH

† Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism

Question #69

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.

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!

✠ Prayers of the People

Unison: Almighty God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you have overcome sin and death and have brought us to yourself. We rejoice that by the sealing of the Holy Spirit, you have bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, the promise of the resurrection, and have bound us to yourself and to your service. Renew us, O Lord, by the same Holy Spirit and grant us faith, hope, and love to persevere in all that you call us to be and to do, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Minister: Most holy and merciful Father, before your Son ascended to your right hand, he told his followers to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey his commands, and promising to be with them always.

In obedience to this command, your servants, Jacob Alexander Roy, Jason Roy, and Maja Alicja Turkanik come to receive the sacrament of baptism. May the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without sin to God, cleanse them from dead works to serve the living God.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Presentation of Candidates

Jacob Alexander Roy

Jason Roy

Maja Alicja Turkanik

Membership Vows

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving his displeasure, and without hope save in his sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered in the gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to further its purity and peace?

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

† Prayer

Minister: Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants. Let your Holy Spirit ever be with them and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 can meet at the back of the Fellowship Hall.

The offering is not merely a way to pay the bills; it is an act of worship.

To give online, visit www.stpaulsorlando.com/give.

† **Hymn of Consecration** Through All the Changing Scenes of Life
Hymn B • Trinity Psalter Hymnal #34C Alt. Tune: AMAZING GRACE

† **Old Testament Lesson** Ecclesiastes 2:1-11
Pew Bible, page 553

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

Unison: Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of God's Word Rev. Justin Berger

VAPOR, JOY & AWE:

Testing Pleasure



† **Hymn of Response** Be Thou My Vision
Hymn C • Trinity Hymnal #642 SLANE

Giving to God & Offertory This Is My Father's World
Arr. by Kathryn Bonner Schulz

*This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears all nature sings,
And round me rings the music of the spheres.*

*This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of trees,
Of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.*

This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair.

In the rustling grass I hear him pass,

He speaks to me ev'rywhere.

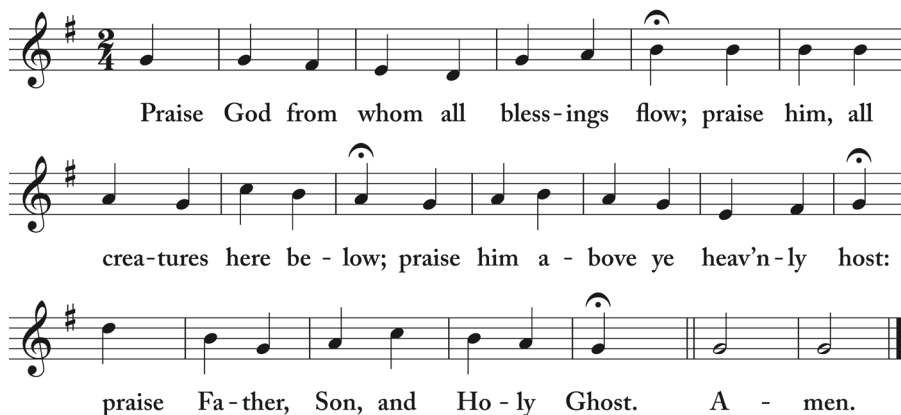
*This is my Father's world; oh, let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.*

This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?

The Lord is King, the heavens ring! God reigns: let earth be glad!

† 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:
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

† Prayer of Dedication

† Benediction

† Sending Forth Hymn

Hymn D (Verses 1, 3, and 6)

The Sands of Time Are Sinking

Words by Anne Ross Cousin

Music by Connie Dever

With the benediction, God places his name upon his people (Numbers 6:27). There is no greater blessing than belonging to God.

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

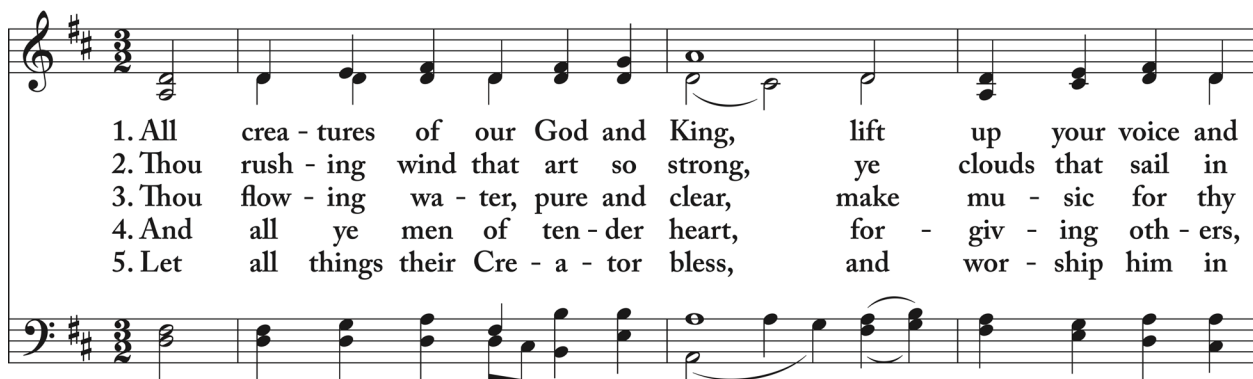
People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

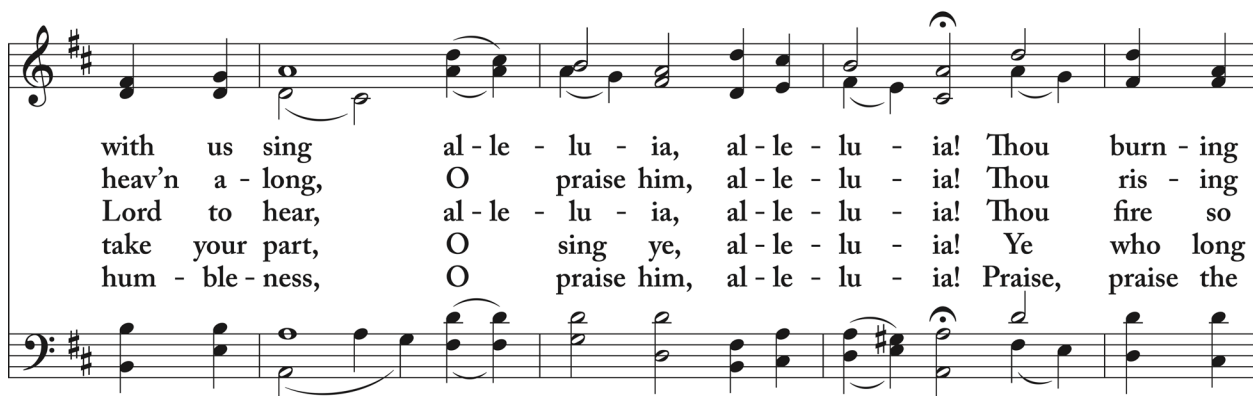
Please take a moment to greet those around you.

All Creatures of Our God and King

All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you. Ps. 145:10



1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and
 2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in
 3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for thy
 4. And all ye men of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers,
 5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in



with us sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing
 heav'n a - long, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing
 Lord to hear, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so
 take your part, O sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long
 hum - ble - ness, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the

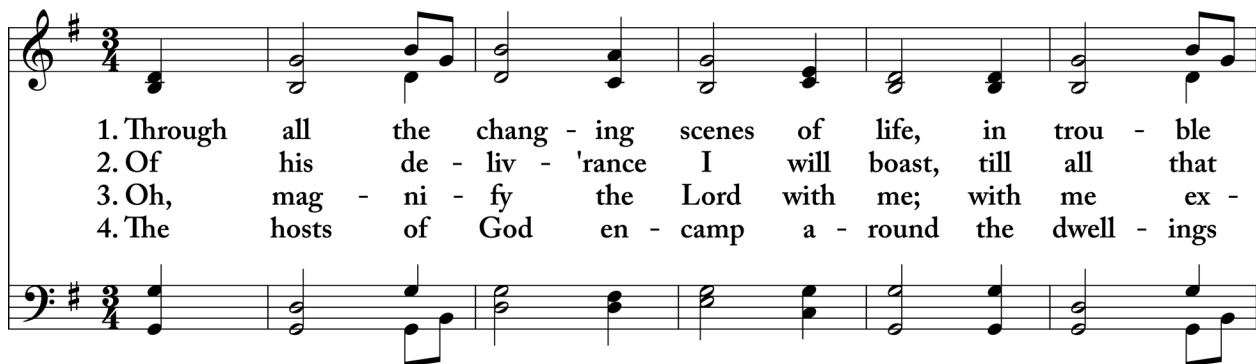


sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,
 morn in praise re - joice, ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice,
 mas - ter - ful and bright, that giv - est man both warmth and light,
 pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit three, in one,

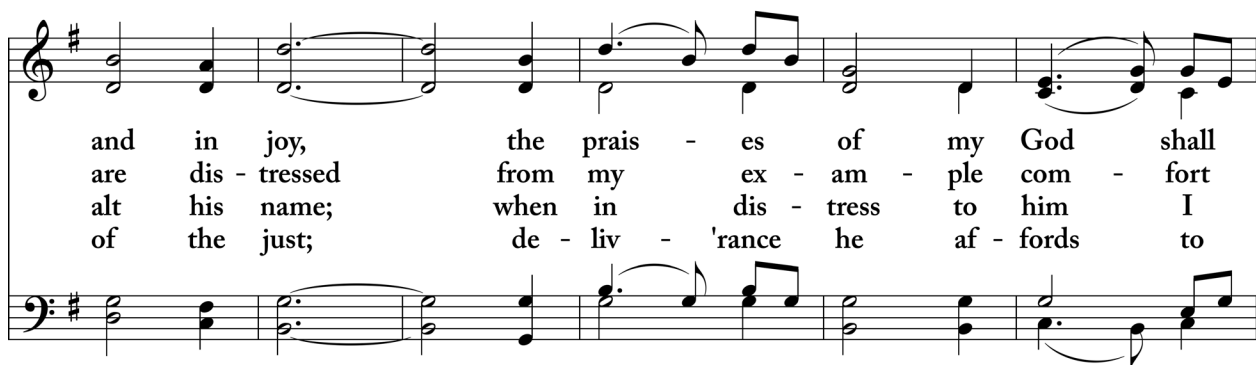
O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Through All the Changing Scenes of Life



1. Through all the chang - ing scenes of life, in trou - ble
 2. Of his de - liv - 'rance I will boast, till all that
 3. Oh, mag - ni - fy the Lord with me; with me ex -
 4. The hosts of God en - camp a - round the dwell - ings



and in joy, the prais - es of my God shall
 are dis - tressed from my ex - am - ple com - fort
 alt his name; when in dis - tress to him I
 of the just; de - liv - 'rance he af - fords to



still my heart and tongue em - ploy.
 take, and charm their griefs to rest.
 called, he to my res - cue came.
 all who on his suc - cor trust.

5. Oh, make but trial of his love,
 experience will decide
 how blest they are, and only they,
 who in his truth confide.

6. Fear him, ye saints, and you will then
 have nothing else to fear;
 make you his service your delight,
 your wants shall be his care.

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
 2. Be though my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er
 3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -
 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
 with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,
 dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,
 her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,
 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.
 I thy true son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 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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Traditional Irish melody

Arr. by David Evans, 1927

The Sands of Time Are Sinking



1. The sands of time are sink - ing, the dawn of Hea - ven
 3. O Christ, he is the foun - tain, the deep, sweet well of
 6. The bride eyes not her gar - ments but her dear Bride - groom's



breaks; the sum - mer morn I've sighed for, the
 love; the streams on earth I've tast - ed, more
 face; I will not gaze at glo - ry but



fair sweet morn a - wakes; dark, dark hath been the
 deep I'll drink a - bove; there to an o - cean
 on my King of Grace; Not at the crown He

mid - night, but day - spring is at hand, and
 full - ness his mer - cy doth ex - pand, and
 giv - eth, but on His pier - ced hand; The

glo - ry, glo - ry dwel - leth in Im-man - uel's land.
 glo - ry, glo - ry dwel - leth in Im-man - uel's land.
 Lamb is all the glo - ry of Im-man - uel's land.

Anne Ross Cousin (1857)

Based on the letters of Samuel Rutherford

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Connie Dever

Testing Pleasure

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11 | Rev. Justin Borger

The Big Idea: In Ecclesiastes 2:1-11, Qoheleth gives himself over to the pursuit of pleasure. He creates a little Garden of Eden for his own self-indulgent purposes that contains no forbidden fruit (2:10). But his headlong plunge into pleasure turned out to be magnificently unsatisfying because of the hedonistic paradox. Simply put, when my own pleasure is pursued directly for its own sake, pleasure ceases to please. As Jesus said, “For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it” (Matt. 16:25). Because seeking my own pleasure inevitably focuses my attention on myself, which is far too small to satisfy my own infinite desire for more, the pursuit of pleasure results in an ever-diminishing experience of pleasure. But because seeking God focuses my attention on that which is supremely good and infinitely satisfying beyond all measure, losing myself in pursuing him results in pleasures forever more (Psalm 16:11).

i. Pleasure forever less

ii. Pleasure forever more

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

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| • Sunday, July 19 | Jeremiah 15 • Mark 1 |
| • Monday, July 20 | Jeremiah 16 • Mark 2 |
| • Tuesday, July 21 | Jeremiah 17 • Mark 3 |
| • Wednesday, July 22 | Jeremiah 18 • Mark 4 |
| • Thursday, July 23 | Jeremiah 19 • Mark 5 |
| • Friday, July 24 | Jeremiah 20 • Mark 6 |
| • Saturday, July 25 | Jeremiah 21 • Mark 7 |
| • Sunday, July 26 | Jeremiah 22 • Mark 8 |

WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Discuss the ways that Qoheleth tried (and failed) to find ultimate meaning and satisfaction through the pursuit of pleasure and the good life. What are some modern equivalents of Qoheleth's hedonistic experiment and why do they fail?
2. What does Qoheleth mean when he claims to have pursued all kinds of self-indulgent and sinful behavior (including the exploitation of slaves and concubines) "with wisdom" (2:3)? What kind of "wisdom" was this?
3. What is "the hedonistic paradox"? Why does the direct pursuit of my own pleasure paradoxically result in ever-diminishing returns?
4. What satisfies? What is the way to experience "fullness of joy" and "pleasures forever more" (Psalm 16:11)?
5. C.S. Lewis famously observed, "Put first things first and we get second things thrown in: put second things first and we lose both first and second things." Discuss and compare with Psalm 37:4; Matthew 16:25; 1 Timothy 6:17-19. Why must we lose our life to find it?

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

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

"There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment?" (Ecclesiastes 2:24-25)

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 we gather for public worship on Sunday?

Answer: We gather on Sunday to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, which took place “on the first day of the week” (Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:2; Luke 24:1; John 20:1, cf. 20:19).

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*.

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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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