



ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

To all who are spiritually 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 risen Lord Jesus Christ.

ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION & WORSHIP OF GOD

Second Sunday after Christmas; January 3, 2021, 10:30 A.M.

Nursery is provided for children aged three and under. The Cry Room located off the foyer is available, if needed for nursing mothers and moms with young children, at any time during worship. A simultaneous broadcast of the service is provided in the room. Children aged four through first grade will be dismissed following the Gloria. Parents, if you have not already registered your child, please accompany your child to their classroom and check in with our Children's Ministry Director, Donna Love.

The sounding of the bells is the call for meditation and prayer as we prepare to worship our holy God.

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

“AS THE HART LONGS FOR FLOWING STREAMS”
AS THE HART LONGS

WELCOME

Please silence your phones and other electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION

“O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST”
ST. ANNE

CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM REVELATION 4 AND 5

Minister: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come.

People: *Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.*

Minister: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN OF PROCLAMATION

“COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING”



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*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Minister and People: *O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of Him who humbled Himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

*GOSPEL READING

Pew Bible, page 886

JOHN 1:19-28

Minister: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: *Thanks be to the Lord!*

RENEWING OUR FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Question #1

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and death?

People: *That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.*

Unison: *Thanks be to God!*

*OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Pew Bible, page 599

ISAIAH 40:1-8

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

“COMFORT IN THE COMING KING”

ISAIAH 40:1-8

1. Comfort for the Present (vv. 1-2)

2. Hope for the Future (vv. 3-5)

3. Certainty for Eternity (vv. 6-8)

RESPONDING IN THANKS

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #197

“COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE”

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The congregation is invited to kneel through the Pronouncement of Forgiveness.

Minister and People: *God of all comfort, our hearts are restless until we rest in You. And yet, we so often resist the rest that You give. We so often give way to hurry and anxiety and believe the lie that everything depends upon us and our endless activity. Forgive us for running ourselves ragged and failing to give rest to others as well. Help us to be still and know that you are God and teach us what it means to come to You as those who are weary and heavy laden and to find rest for our souls through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.*

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

Minister: Hear this good news! By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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

GIVING TO GOD & INSTRUMENTAL OFFERTORY

“JESUS PAID IT ALL”

John T. Grape; Arr. by Kristin Campbell

*DOXOLOGY #732

TALLIS' CANON

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People: *And also with you!*

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: *We lift them up to the Lord!*

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord!

People: *It is good and right so to do!*

Minister: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because You gave your only Son to be born for us; who, by the power of the Holy

Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Countless throngs of angels stand before You to serve You night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer You unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim You, and glorify your name as we sing,

*SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly, Lord God of hosts most ho - ly both
Blessed is he that com - eth in the name - of the Lord Ho -

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heav'n and earth are full of thy glo ry O most high.
san - na O Ho - san - na in the high est.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The congregation is invited to kneel.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Minister: Therefore, we proclaim the faith:

Unison: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The elements will be served by the elders/deacons. Please refrain from partaking of the elements until everyone has been served.

COMMUNION HYMNS

The congregation is invited to sing as the sacrament is observed.

COMMUNION HYMN #252

“WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS”

Alt Tune: AS THE HART LONGS

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God.
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

COMMUNION HYMN

“THE POWER OF THE CROSS”

(See large print hymns at the end of the liturgy)

PRAYER OF THANKS

Minister and People: *Gracious God, You have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. We have recalled your mighty acts in holy history. We have seen your power in sending light to conquer darkness, water to give us life, and the bread of heaven to nourish us in love. Send us with your salvation and joy to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN #32

(Verse 3)

“GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS”

FAITHFULNESS

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

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

People: Thanks be to God!

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

“O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST”

ST. ANNE

Since the early days of the Church, the observance of Holy Communion has been accompanied by the giving of offerings for the poor. Today's offering will go to help those in need.

In our worship service this morning, Dr. Nicholas Reid will be ministering in the pulpit and Rev. Dan Thompson will be assisting. Leading us in musical praise is our pianist, Sarah Birx; clarinetist, Tamia Dawkins; violinist, Eric Diaz; trumpeter, Robert Krahn; trombonist, Jim Crandall; and percussionists, Devon Costanza and Matt Malhiot. Vocalists leading congregational singing are Hannah Pacchioli, and David Romaine.

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@stpaulpca.org to let us know your name, your contact information, and let us know of any questions you may have. Please feel free to introduce yourself to our pastors or ushers.

* Congregation standing

✦ Additional worshipers seated

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HYMN #302

COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING

Come, Christians, join to sing

Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King;

Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,

Before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice.

Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high,

Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky;

Alleluia! Amen!

He is our Guide and Friend;

To us He'll condescend;

His love shall never end.

Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again,

Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain;

Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore,

His goodness we'll adore,

Singing forevermore,

"Alleluia! Amen!"

HYMN #197

COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

Yea, her sins our God will pardon, blotting out each dark misdeed;
All that well deserved his anger he no more will see or heed.
She hath suffered many a day now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness into ever-springing gladness.

For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,
Bidding all men to repentance, since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;
And all flesh shall see the token, that his word is never broken.

Johannes Olearius, 1671
THIRSTING

THE POWER OF THE CROSS

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then, nailed to a cross of wood.

Refrain:

*This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath—we stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed crowning Your blood-stained brow.

Refrain

Now the daylight flees; Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; “Finished!” the victory cry.

Refrain

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
For through Your suff'ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love!

Final Refrain:

*This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God—slain for us.
What a love, What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Keith & Kristyn Getty