

L: O God, merciful Father, who loves the sighing of the repentant and accepts the desire of the sorrowful, hear our prayers, which in our afflictions that continually oppress us we pour out before you; and graciously hear them, that those things that are of the devil or man work against us, may be disproved and by your goodness dispersed so that being cleansed we may give thanks to you in your holy Church evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

P: O God from whom all holy desires, all good deeds, and all just works proceed, give us your servant that peace which the world can't give, that our hearts may obey your commandments, and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may by your protection pass our time in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Sermon

"I Don't Know Yet"

- Pastor Bill Long

Confession of Sin

P: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, I cast myself at your feet with deep humiliation and heartfelt penitent grief, in view of my manifold sins. I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; I have broken your holy laws; I have come short of your righteousness and glory in all my ways. Righteousness belongs to you, O Lord. To you, O Lord our God, belong mercy and forgiveness, though I have rebelled against you; for you, Lord are good, and ready to forgive and give mercy to all that call you. Look on us, therefore, O righteous and holy Father, with an eye of pity and compassion, as I now humble myself with sincere confession, before the throne of your heavenly grace; and for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, grant pardon and peace to my soul. Let your mercy be on me, O Lord, as I hope in you. And with the full forgiveness of my past sins, help me to seek you in the ways of righteousness and uphold me with your Spirit, that I may walk in your ways worthy of my calling, and ever serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Confessional Questions

Assurance of Pardon

◆ Hymn #488

◆ Benediction

Departure

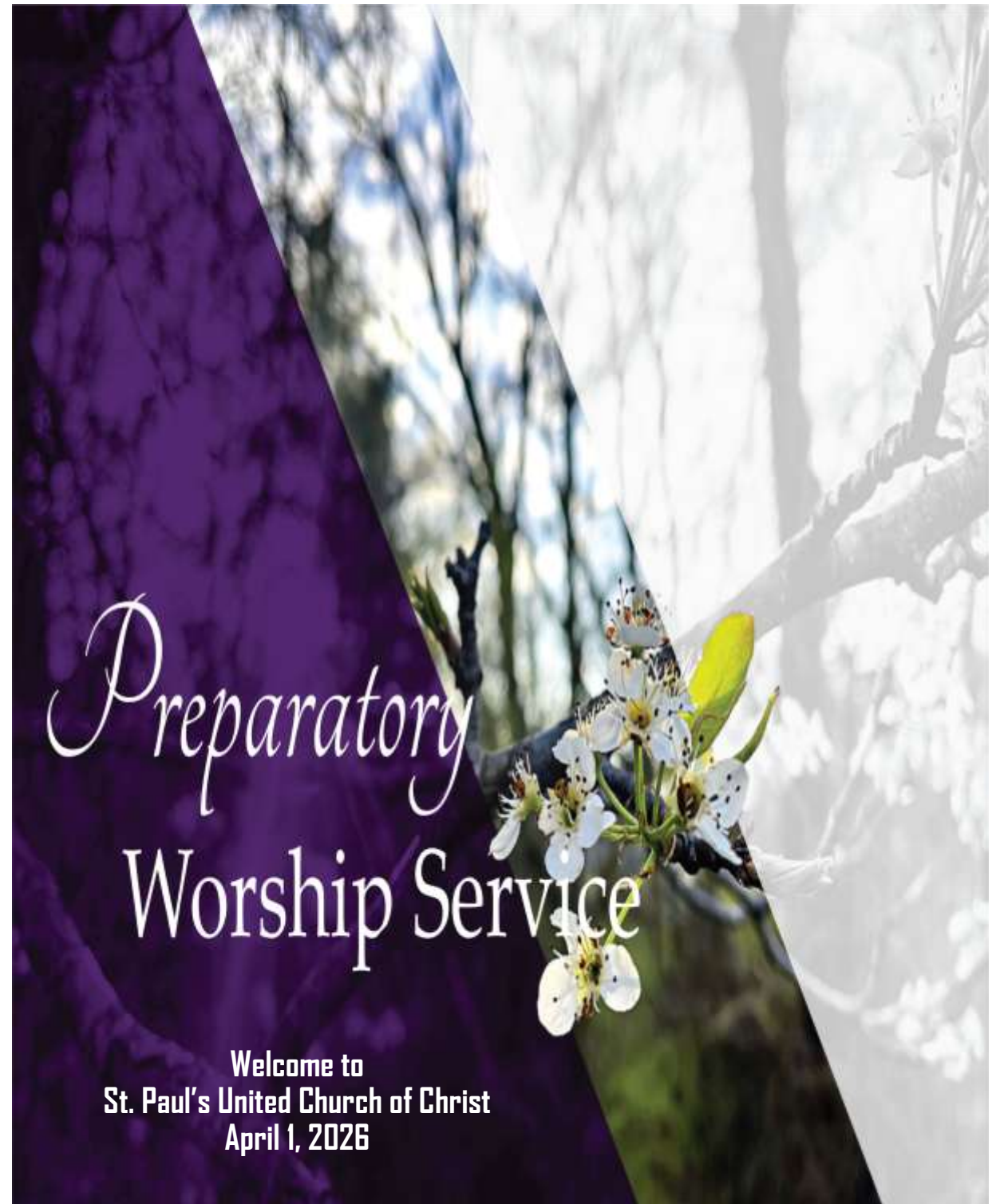
"Just as I Am"

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Preparatory Service ♦ April 1, 2026

WELCOME to ST. PAUL'S

Making a Difference through the Love of Christ to
Know God ♦ Love God ♦ Serve God

♦ All who are able may stand

Gathering

♦ Call to Worship

L: The Lord is in his holy temple, let all the earth keep silent before Him. Amen.

L: God spoke these words, saying I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage:

P: You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself any idols.

You shall not take the name of the Lord in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not lie.

You shall not covet.

P: Lord, have mercy on us and turn our hearts to keep all these laws.

L: Hear also what our Lord Jesus Christ said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law of the prophets. Let us pray.

P: O Lord God, who at the first delivered the commandments from the mount which burned with fire, amid blackness and darkness and storm, we thank you that this same law is now published unto us from Mount Zion, through the Mediator of a new and better covenant; and we humbly seek you to put these words into our minds, and write them in our hearts, that we may delight in your will and serve you with a new spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Litany

L: O God, the Father in heaven, have mercy on us.

P: O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.

L: O God, the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful, have mercy on us.

P: O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, ever one God, have mercy on us.

L: Lord, don't remember our sins, nor the sins of our forefathers, spare us, good Lord, spare your people, whom you have redeemed with your most precious blood. Spare us, good Lord.

P: From all blindness of heart, from pride, conceit, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice and all our selfishness, good Lord, deliver us.

L: From all impure lusts and desires; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil, good Lord, deliver us.

P: From lightning and storm; from fire and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from all disasters by land, by air, and by water, from battle and murder, and from violent death, good Lord deliver us.

L: From insurrection and rebellion; from dissention and division; from hardness of heart and contempt of your Word and authority, good Lord, deliver us.

P: By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your holy nativity; by your baptism, temptation and ministry, good Lord, deliver us.

L: By your agony and bloody sweat; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial; by your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, good Lord, deliver us.

P: In the time of our tribulation; in the time of our wealth; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, good Lord, deliver us.

L: We sinners beg you to hear us, O Lord God, and that it may please you to govern and direct your holy Church Universal, we beg you to hear us, good Lord.

P: That it pleases you to rule the hearts of your servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of Pennsylvania and all others in authority, that law and order may everywhere prevail, we beg you to hear us, good Lord.

L: That it pleases you to bless the rulers of all lands, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth, we beg you to hear us, good Lord.

P: That it pleases you to bless and protect all who serve mankind by work, industry, and learning, we beg you to hear us, good Lord.

L: That it pleases you to give to all nations unity, peace and harmony, we beg you to hear us, good Lord.

P: That it pleases you to keep us in times of temptation, to comfort and help all who are weak, to raise up those that fall and finally to beat down Satan under our feet, we beg you to hear us, good Lord.

L: That it pleases you to help and comfort all who are in danger, need, and trials; to preserve all child-bearing women, all sick persons and young children, and to show your pity on all prisoners and captives, we beg you to hear us, good Lord.

P: That it pleases you to defend and provide for the fatherless children, the widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed, we beg you to hear us, good Lord.

L: That it pleases you to have mercy on all, we beg you to hear us, good Lord.

P: O Son of God, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.

L: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

P: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.