

## St. Paul, Hurst Worship Guide

March 30, 2025, Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbered references are to *The United Methodist Hymnal (UMH)*.

† Please stand as you are able. **Boldfaced** words are voiced in unison.

**CHIMES** (Please be seated. Thank you for silencing your phone.)

### WELCOME

Alex Wooldridge

Good morning! I'm Alex Wooldridge, and I'd like to welcome you to St. Paul Hurst.

Whether you are worshiping with us online or in-person in the Sanctuary, we are glad you are here.

If you are worshiping with us online, we invite you to "like" or "comment" on the Facebook video, so we know you here.

We would also like to extend an extra warm welcome to any guests joining us this morning. We encourage you to fill out the connect card in the pew and drop it in the offering plate, and we will send you a sweet treat during the week. We also invite you to stop by our Welcome Table right outside the Sanctuary doors and to the right. We have a small gift there to thank you for being here today.

If you have children, know they are welcome in worship, and we believe the sound of children in worship is a blessing! We do have a nursery available if you or your child needs it.

Now, as you listen to the prelude, we invite you to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

### PRELUDE

Dr. Bruce McDonald

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

Rin Burdick

\*Please rise in body or spirit for the call to worship\*

#### Leader:

Come, children of God, young and old, seeking the love of Christ.

#### All:

**We come with open hearts and willing spirits, ready to receive God's blessing.**

#### Leader:

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

#### All:

**We come as children before our loving Savior—humble, trusting, and full of wonder.**

#### Leader:

Let us set aside our pride and worries, approaching God with childlike faith.

**All:**

**For in God's kingdom, we are all beloved children, embraced by God's grace.**

**Leader:**

Come, let us worship the One who welcomes all with open arms.

**All:**

**We come to worship, to learn, and to be transformed by Christ's love. Amen.**

†**HYMN** *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Stayton PettyJohn

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Mason McGovern

**ANTHEM** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus*

Chancel Choir

**PASTORAL & LORD'S PRAYER**

Gwen Lay

†**HYMN** *I Can Only Imagine*

Stayton PettyJohn

**OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER** Youth in Review

Tyler Nutter

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Ben Swaney

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** *Sarabande from Bach Suite IV*

Gwen Lay

†**DOXOLOGY**

All

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 19: 13 – 15

Abby Brittingham

<sup>13</sup> Some people brought children to Jesus so that he would place his hands on them and pray. But the disciples scolded them. <sup>14</sup> "Allow the children to come to me," Jesus said. "Don't forbid them, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to people like these children." <sup>15</sup> Then he blessed the children and went away from there.

**MESSAGE TITLE** They're Just Kids

Abby Brittingham

**INVITATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Boyd Stephens

**LENTEN GPS (GROW PRAY STUDY) Wk. 4 GUIDE-**

During Lent, you are invited to read through the Gospel of Luke. A GPS Guide including a daily Scripture reading, reflection, and prayer will be shared in each week's newsletter, and hard copies are available by the church office. We give thanks and credit to The Church of the Resurrection for creating this Lenten GPS Guide.

**NEED CHALLENGE** - We are in the middle a Lent contest for Need sponsored by the Mission Committee. Each Sunday School class and Team are competing to see who can donate the most canned food items. The current front runner is Team 10:30! Congrats to you and we will see if your lead continues next week.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES** – Please refer to your bulletin and mark your calendar for the services we have planned for Holy Week: Maundy Thursday Service, Good Friday Service and Easter Sunday.

If you have any questions about our church or you are feeling nudged by the Spirit to make St. Paul your church home either by professing faith in Christ, rededicating your life to Christ, or by transferring from another church, please talk to Pastor Katie at the back of the sanctuary at the end of the service or you can set up a time to meet with her during the week.

†**HYMN** *Hosanna*

Stayton PettyJohn

**BLESSING AND SENDING**

Griffin Mentzer

**POSTLUDE**

Dr. Bruce McDonald

\*Please remain seated as we listen to the postlude\*