



**St Paul's
United
Reformed
Church**

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Order of Service

Sunday 22nd January 2023



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Today's service is being led by: **Lesley Baker**
The Organ is played by: **Pam Vaughn**

It is a joy to welcome you to this service!

If you do not attend a church elsewhere, we invite you to join regularly with us in our Sunday worship and other activities – see www.stpaulsurc.org.uk

Feel free to spend time before worship for quiet preparation, especially once the music begins. We light a candle at the start of the service to remind us all of Christ's message of peace.

The Reformed Church recognises God's Word as its supreme authority and **you are asked to stand as the Bible is brought in** at the start of worship, **and again as the Bible is taken out after the blessing.**

We pray that you will know God's presence as we worship – in church, at home, online, outdoors, at work, school; in all places.

Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship

Hymn 663: Love divine (tune Hyfrydol)

Prayers

The Lord's prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us
our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against
us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from
evil. For thins is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever, amen

Responsive reading Psalm 27:1, 4-9

**All: The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?**

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

One thing I asked of the Lord;
this I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,

to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.
For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.
Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.
Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!
“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”
Your face, Lord, do I seek.
Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off; do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!

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be afraid?**

Talk

Hymn 657: Rejoice the Lord is king

Junior Church blessing and leave for their activities

Bible Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God[a] that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God

Prayer

Hymn 566: The church's one foundation

Sermon

Hymn 375: In my life Lord

Prayers

Offering and prayer of dedication

Hymn 560: Glorious things

Blessing

Coming up...

Prayers for Peace - *The Sanctuary* **Tuesday 24th January**
12-1pm and every week

WarmSpace - *Open to all!* **Every Thursday 3:30-6:30pm**

United Prayer Time – Zoom - *St Paul's & South Croydon*
United Church Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820 **Every Friday, 6pm**

Tuesday Guild - *On 24th Jan 10.15 for Knit and Natter*

St Paul's Book Club – *meets on 9th Feb 7.30pm Jubilee room – to discuss "Drive your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead" by Olga Tokarczuk and other things!*

Pauline copy date TODAY – *please send bits to Pat GO*

Church meeting next week – *29th Jan after worship – lots to discuss, please come!*

Communion Worship next week is led by our Minister
– *Communion offering in aid of the Benevolent fund*

For future events and activities please see our website