

THIS WEEK AT THREE RIVERS

May 31st through June 7th, 2026

Sunday, May 31st

No Sunday School - On break for the Summer (Pre-K through 6th; Adults)

Sunday School for Middle and High School @ 9am

Sunday Worship @ 10:00am

NO C.R.E.W. this week

Women's Bible Study: Galatians and Ephesians @ 6-8pm

Monday, June 1st

Women and Youth Girls: 3R Women of Grace (A Titus 2 Summer Series) @ 6pm | Location: Three Rivers Church

Saturday, June 6th

Youth Group Trip to Silver Dollar City | Meet at Church at 7am

Sunday, June 7th

Sunday School for Middle and High School @ 9am

Adult Sunday School (Topic: Reformed Theology) @ 9am

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Sunday Worship @ 10:00am

NO C.R.E.W. this week



THREE RIVERS
Presbyterian Church

Knowing God and Making Him Known



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!

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Lord's Day Worship
May 31st, 2026

Welcome!

We are so glad you are worshipping with us today. Three Rivers is a community of saved sinners, who have been redeemed by God's amazing grace. If you are visiting with us today, we would love to connect with you. Please scan the QR code to fill out a connect card (or fill out a connect card located in the back of a chair and place it in the basket during the offering). We will reach out to answer any questions you have, provide more information about the church, and add you to our weekly emails.



Worship



Our worship service tells the story of the gospel. A gospel-centered worship service produces a gospel-centered people. If there are elements of the worship service that are unfamiliar to you, that is okay. We encourage folks to worship with us at least four or five times before deciding whether this is the church for you. The more familiar you get with our liturgy (the order of service), the more you will see how it tells the story of God's grace, renews our relationship with him, and transforms us into the image of Christ.

Request Prayer

How can we pray for you? The Apostle Paul says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Phil. 4:4). Our pastor and elders would love to pray for you. Please use this QR code to share your prayer requests with us.



Giving



When we give, we demonstrate our gratitude to God, and we declare that God is more valuable to us than money. Our offerings are an expression of worship to him. You may give by placing your offering in the basket during the service or by scanning this QR code to give online. If you are visiting with us today, there is no obligation to give.

Sermon Questions for Further Study:

1. In Galatians 2:15-16, Paul repeats three times that justification is by faith and not by works of the law. Why do you think Paul emphasizes this so strongly? How would you explain justification by faith alone to someone who believes they must "earn" God's acceptance through good behavior?
2. True saving faith includes three components: knowledge, assent, and personal trust in Christ. What is the difference between merely knowing facts about Jesus and actually trusting in him for salvation? Read: James 2:19; John 3:16-18; Philippians 3:7-9. How can church involvement, moral living, or religious knowledge sometimes hide the absence of genuine faith and dependence upon Christ?
3. Paul rejects the accusation that justification by faith alone leads to sinful living (Gal. 2:17-18). According to Paul, why does grace not produce careless Christianity, but instead produce holiness and obedience? See also Romans 6:1-14; Titus 2:11-14. Why do you think people sometimes drift either toward legalism ("I must earn God's favor") or antinomianism ("My obedience doesn't matter")?
4. Paul says, "I have been crucified with Christ" (Gal. 2:20). What does union with Christ mean, and how does being united to Christ change the believer's relationship to sin, the law, and personal identity? Read also Romans 6:5-11; Colossians 3:1-4. What does it look like in daily life to say, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me"?
5. Paul concludes in Galatians 2:21 that if righteousness could come through the law, then Christ died for no purpose. Why is adding human effort to the gospel ultimately an attack on grace and the sufficiency of Christ's cross? How can we encourage one another to rest in Christ's finished work while still pursuing holiness and obedience?

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YOU'RE UP! See if you are volunteering at Three Rivers next Sunday.

June 7th, 2026

Audio/Visual: John Richardson

Greeters: Kenny and Courtney Guthrie

Nursery: Dell Baker and Kaedy Cooper

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

""Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful find comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

CALL TO WORSHIP

Romans 11:33-36

Leader: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"

People: For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF ADORATION

Holy, Holy, Holy
(LYRICS ON PAGE 4)

The call to worship is God's gracious invitation to worship him. This reminds us that we do not approach God on our own terms. He initiates and we respond. Biblical worship is a dialogue, where God calls his people and we respond in praise, confession, thanksgiving, and trust.

Congregation reads bold print.

We respond to God's call to worship with prayer, invoking his presence and asking for his help to enable us to worship him with reverence, joy and faith.

SONG OF ADORATION

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

John Bacchus Dykes | Reginald Heber
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Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee
Who wert and art and evermore shall be

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see
Only Thou are holy, there is none beside Thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

SENDING

Now let us go forth in peace as sons and daughters of the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

People: Thanks be to God!

DOXOLOGY

**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.**

BENEDICTION

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

In the benediction, God sends his people into the world with the assurance that they belong to him, bear his name and have been strengthened for the work to which he has called them.

SONG OF RESPONSE HIS MERCY IS MORE

Matt Boswell | Matt Papa

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What love could remember no wrongs we have
done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

*Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

*Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

*Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

We join with Christians throughout history and around the world in reciting the historic creeds, confessions, and catechisms of the Christian faith. The confession of faith reminds us of what we believe and builds us up in the truth.

Confession of sin is the natural response to being confronted with the holiness of God (Isa. 6:5). We confess our sins because it renews our relationship with God and gives us peace through Jesus (1 John 1:8-9; Ps. 32:3-4).

CONFESSION OF FAITH

WSC Q. 79

Leader: Which is the tenth commandment?

People: The tenth commandment is, *Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.*

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 24:3-4

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful Father, we confess that no one can ascend the hill of the Lord. We do not have clean hands - we have used them to serve ourselves, to build our own kingdoms, and to do wicked works. Neither are our hearts pure - we harbor bitterness, pride, lust, and anger. Forgive our unbelief and pardon our sin. We come, therefore, not by our own clean hands, but by the clean hands of Christ, who alone ascended the hill of the Lord and stood in the holy place on our behalf. In his name we pray. Amen.

We pause for a moment of private, silent confession.

The assurance of pardon is God's declaration that if we have sincerely confessed our sin, then we have peace with him through Jesus' life, death and resurrection (Eph. 1:7; Rom. 8:1).

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:31-34

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

There is One Gospel (LYRICS ON PAGE 7)

READING FROM GOD'S WORD

Romans 6:1-14

¹ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SONG OF RESPONSE COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

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Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

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We give to God his tithes and our offerings as a testimony that everything we have belongs to God and should be stewarded for his purposes. By giving cheerfully and freely we participate in the expansion of God's kingdom work (2 Cor. 9:7; Acts 20:35).

The Lord's Supper was instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ on the night before his crucifixion. We partake of this meal in remembrance of Christ's death on the cross. The broken bread and the cup represent Christ's broken body and shed blood for the sake of our salvation. However, the Lord's Supper is more than a memorial. In it we also enjoy spiritual fellowship with Christ himself who is present through the Holy Spirit. By partaking of the bread and the cup, we not only proclaim our salvation hope in Christ, but we also enjoy communion with him, which nourishes our faith and enables us to grow in grace.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

There are four ways to give:

- In the basket during the service
- By mail, to PO Box 451029, Grove OK 74345
- Online at www.3riverspca.com
- Through the Tithe.ly app

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The minister will say: Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed for us! Hallelujah!

And the people respond: **Hallelujah!**

We practice open communion, which means that all believing, baptized Christians, who are a member or regular attender of this or another congregation are welcome to receive the bread and the cup. The red is wine, and the white is grape juice. The bread is gluten free. We come up the center aisle, receive the elements, take them with us back to our seats, and then partake all together.

If you are not a believer, we are so glad you're here! But we do ask that you not partake of the elements, since scripture warns against taking them in an unworthy manner. Please feel free to stay seated. The pastor or elders would love to talk to you about what it means to follow Christ.

SONGS OF RESPONSE

*Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery
His Mercy is More
(LYRICS ON PAGES 11-12)*

SONG OF ASSURANCE

THERE IS ONE GOSPEL

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There is one Gospel on which I stand
For all eternity It is my story my Father's
plan

The Son has rescued me
Oh what a Gospel oh what a peace
My highest joy and my deepest need
Now and forever He is my light
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel to which I cling
All else I count as loss
For there where justice and mercy meet
He saved me on the cross
No more I boast in what I can bring
No more I carry the weight of sin
For He has brought me from death to life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel where hope is found
The empty tomb still speaks
For death could not keep my Saviour down
He lives and I am free
Now on my Saviour I fix my eyes
My life is His and His hope is mine
For he has promised I too will rise
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

And in this Gospel the church is one
We do not walk alone
We have His Spirit as we press on
To lead us safely home
And when in glory still I will sing
Of this old story that rescued me
Praise to my Saviour the King of life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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Prayer is an expression of our dependence on God's grace to supply all our needs.

The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching of the word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation (WSC Q.89).

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 2:15-21

¹⁵ We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; ¹⁶ yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. ¹⁷ But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸ For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. ¹⁹ For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON (Notes available on pg. 9)

"Justified by Faith" | Rev. Spencer Murphy | Galatians 2:15-21

Sermon in a sentence: Right standing with God comes through faith in Christ alone – but the faith that justifies is never alone.

I. Paul's Exposition of Justification (v. 15-16)

II. Paul's Anticipated Objection to Justification (v. 17-18)

III. Paul's Application of Justification (v. 19-21)
