

TRINITY

MISSION  
and VISION



EPHESIANS 4:1-7



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Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, January 8, 2023

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### SONG OF GATHERING & PREPARATION

The people of God always sang as they ascended the hill in Jerusalem up to the temple to worship (see Psalms 120-134). We, as well, prepare our hearts, minds, and bodies for worship by singing about the God we serve.

In Christ Alone

### CALL TO WORSHIP | Ephesians 3:14, 17-21 (ESV)

We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reveals to us who God is and what He expects of us.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ... so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

### PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

We pray together praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON | Ephesians 2:11-14, 17-19 (ESV)

We read God's Word together and are reminded that mercy and grace are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.

Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands — remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace. ... And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.

### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of His church and the kingdom of God.

Grace

### PRAISE & CELEBRATION

Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done for us.

Gratitude

Wake Up

## **KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS' DISMISSAL (Infants - 5th Grade)**

*Please see your child's check-in name tag for class assignment.*

### **GREETING**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION**

We express in prayer our gratitude to God for what He has done and ask Him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and world.

### **PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD | Tim Rice, Lead Pastor & Director of Church Planting**

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our lives and circumstances.

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ in solidarity with his people, we declare the substance of what we believe.*

*The Apostles' Creed:* I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*The ritual meal of Communion is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the work Christ did for our salvation (sign) and communicates the grace and mercy we have been given (seal) as a result of His death and resurrection.*

### **SONG OF RESPONSE**

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

*Christ Be Magnified*

### **BENEDICTION**

Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.

May the LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,  
both now and forevermore. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE PASSAGE & SERMON OUTLINE

### Proclamation of God's Word

**Text:** Ephesians 4:1-7 (ESV)

**Title:** Trinity Mission & Vision

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

<sup>1</sup> I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup> But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

**Intro:** What is the significance of belonging?

### NEW EXPECTATIONS

What is the impact of *God's* kind of love?

## ONE WITH GOD AND HIS PEOPLE

What is the highest joy you can possibly conceive? What's the greatest beauty you could experience?  
*What is the greatest Treasure that can be possessed?*

## HOLD NOTHING BACK

If this is how God, in Christ, has treated us, what should be our instinct either as individuals or collectively as His Church?

## YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Praise God that in the Gospel He offers to take us unto Himself, and adopt us into His *family*. Worship Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for not only loving us but enabling us to build up others in love also.
2. How have you isolated yourself from the helpful influence of other believers? Confess your autonomy or evasion to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and move your heart *toward* Him and others.
3. Read Ephesians 3:10-21. Ask the Father to show you just how rich you are in the gospel! Ask Him to help you grasp *the surpassing worth of Christ and His body – the church*.
4. Who do you know that has helped you in your faith and growth in Christ? Pray for them, asking the Lord to encourage and sustain them in their faithfulness and love.
5. Ask the Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and goodness. Pray that He would enable you to reach out to get to know someone within our body that you do not currently know and encourage them.

