

FAITHFUL CHARACTER IN CRISIS
FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS NO FAITH
JAMES 2:14-26



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, October 11, 2020

Listening devices are available for the hearing impaired.

Please speak with a greeter or visit the sound booth upstairs for a listening device.

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.

No Longer Slaves

CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 37:16-20 (ESV)

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

Better is the little that the righteous has than the abundance of many wicked. For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but the LORD upholds the righteous. The LORD knows the days of the blameless, and their heritage will remain forever; they are not put to shame in evil times; in the days of famine they have abundance. But the wicked will perish; the enemies of the LORD are like the grass of the pastures; they vanish—like smoke they vanish away.

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 | Titus 2:11-14 (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.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

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.

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

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.

It is Done

Graves Into Gardens

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.

From the New City Catechism:

Q. 42. How is the Word of God to be read and heard?

A. With diligence, preparation, and prayer; so that we may accept it with faith, store it in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS DISMISSAL | 9a Service Only

Infants - Fifth Grade are dismissed. Please see your child's check-in name tag for class assignment.

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.

SONG OF RESPONSE

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

Because He Lives (Amen)

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: James 2:14-26 (ESV)

Title: Faithful Character In Crisis: Faith Without Works Is Not Faith

Teacher: Tim Rice

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! ²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? ²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; ²³ and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God. ²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵ And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? ²⁶ For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

Intro: What does it mean to be nominal?

WHAT IS OUR BASELINE?

Why does it matter that the LORD is a God of integrity?

SIN AS DISINTEGRATION

What is wrong here?

JUSTIFICATION & SANCTIFICATION

How does true faith in Jesus result in comprehensive change?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD, God Almighty, for His absolute integrity. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that He is trustworthy and that our eternal future with Him will have absolutely no corruption or discord!
2. How have you lived with a real gap between what you claim and how you live? Confess your hypocrisies to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you for being fraudulent *and that He would transform your character as only He can.*
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His integrity and the full scope of His work to save us! Thank Him for changing our status (forgiving and adopting us) *and for renewing our nature (regenerating us by His Spirit).*
4. Who do you know that lives with a noticeable gap between what they claim and how they live? Pray for them, asking the Lord to meet them in their brokenness and that He would heal them and grow their integrity.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and goodness so that you would be eager for good works. Pray that He would help you “trust Jesus by faith alone, but not by the kind of faith that is alone.”

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

We're so glad you are here.

Please place completed tear-off in offering plate.

Name (Please Print) Gender Male Female

Spouse

Children (Include DOB for Children's Ministry)

Address

City/State Country/Zip

Phone

E-mail Address

First-Time Visitor Regular Attendee

Member College Student

Update my contact information

I would like to receive:

Worship Folder & Announcement Emails

I would like information about:

Children's Ministry Student Ministry

College Ministry Volunteering

Community Group Women's Ministry

Men's Ministry Worship

New Member Class

Prayer

How can our staff pray for you?

Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

October 12 - 17, 2020

(3-year plan: read blue passages | 1-year plan: read all)

Monday	Mark 15 Job 28	Joshua 17 Hosea 13
Tuesday	Mark 16 Job 29	Joshua 18 Hosea 14
Wednesday	1 Peter 1 Job 30	Joshua 19 Joel 1
Thursday	1 Peter 2 Job 31	Joshua 20 Joel 2
Friday	1 Peter 3 Job 32	Joshua 21 Joel 3
Saturday	Psalms 94	Psalms 42 Psalms 140

Scripture Memory for the Week:

James 2:14, 22 & 26 (ESV)

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Communication

Register for events at trinitylakeland.org/events



Women's Ministry PLENTY-fall Gathering

October 22, 7p at [The Joinery](#)

Contact [Whitney Cabrera](#) for information.



Fall Festival - Churchwide Event

October 30, 5-7:30p in the Trinity parking lot.

Contact [Callie](#) or [Brown](#) for information.



AWC - 2020 Walk (Anywhere) for Life

November 7

Contact [Tammy Scruggs](#) for information.

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