



PARABLES OF  
**THE KINGDOM**

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THE PARABLE OF THE WISE  
AND FOOLISH ATTENDANTS

MATTHEW 25:1-13



TRINITY  
Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, October 13, 2019

*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.

Beautiful

### CALL TO WORSHIP | 1 John 2:15-17, 28 (ESV)

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

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever. ... And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.

### PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION | John Tucker

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 | 1 Peter 1:3-7 (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.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

### 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 this church and the kingdom of God.

How Great Thou Art

### 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.

Upon A Life

Worthy Of Your Name

## 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. 40.** What should we pray?

**A.** The whole Word of God directs and inspires us in what we should pray, including the prayer Jesus himself taught us.

**Q. 41.** What is the Lord's Prayer?

**A.** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

## SECOND GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

*Myla Bass*

*Emma Braswell*

*Christian "Press" Brenneman*

*Caitlyn Eisner*

*Jackson Helm*

*Rylee Lynn*

*Hudson McCaulley*

*Siler Nance*

*Charlotte Plating*

*Keller Roland*

*Austin Saunders*

*Stella Spence*

*Eden Joy Vogel*

*Lincoln Wagoner*

*Esther Yeater*

## KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS DISMISSAL

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

## GREETING

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION | John Tucker

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.

The Lion And The Lamb

## 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.

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A city transformed: Loved by God the Father, saved by Jesus His Son, empowered by His Spirit, called by God to reach our city with His love.

## SCRIPTURE PASSAGE & SERMON OUTLINE

### Proclamation of God's Word

**Text:** Matthew 25:1-13 (ESV)

**Title:** Parable of the Wise & Foolish Attendants

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

<sup>1</sup> “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup> but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup> But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup> Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup> But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup> And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup> Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup> But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup> Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

**Intro:** As unrecognizable as the story is, *it's a call to readiness.*

### STAY ALERT!

What is the activity of readiness? And what are the reasons?

## PAIN & SORROW, THE WORLD OVER

What are the consequences of a lack of vigilance?

## THE READINESS OF THE RESCUED

*Prepared, we don't lose what we value or a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.*

## YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His supremacy. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that He is worthy of being obeyed, honored and served with all your heart.
2. How have you lived as if God is demanding for expecting you to wait on Him? Confess your pride and conceit to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and to help you humble yourself before Him as you should.
3. Read Matthew 20:28. Give thanks to Jesus for His work in serving us and giving His life as a ransom in our place. Thank Him for attending to *whatever the Mission of His Father required* in order to save us from sin, death and hell.
4. Who do you know that is not ready for Jesus' return? Pray for them, asking the Lord to open their eyes to their need *and* the beauty of His Grace in the Gospel.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear the fruit of faithfulness in you. Read 1 John 2:15-17, 28 and pray for His work in your heart to help you "abide in him, so that when he appears you may have confidence and not shrink from Him in shame at His coming."

