

1 SAMUEL

**GOD GIVES
GRACE
TO THE
HUMBLE**

1 SAMUEL 16:1-13



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | October 15, 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 | 1 Samuel 2:6-10 (ESV)

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

The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts. He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and on them he has set the world. "He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail. The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed."

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 | Matthew 11:27-30 (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.

"All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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.

Abide With 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.

Rest

Just As Good

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.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS | 10:30a Service

We are called to publicly confess our faith in the grace of God, to participate in the rituals of entrance into the people of God and to acknowledge our membership with His people.

Anna Grace Starkes

KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS' DISMISSAL (Infants - 5th Graders)

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 and 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.

I Speak Jesus

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: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Title: God Gives Grace to the Humble

Teacher: Tim Rice

1 The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." 2 And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' 3 And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you." 4 Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" 5 And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. 6 When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before him." 7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." 9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." 10 And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." 11 Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." 12 And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

INTRO: How has an emphasis on appearances shaped how you live?

AN IMAGE THAT MATTERS

How is the LORD gracious to call people to Himself, and into His Kingdom's work?

IN LOVE WITH APPEARANCES

What do our fallen hearts naturally seek?

SUBSTANCE OVER IMAGE

How is God's work through a surprising mystery?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD as God, all-wise! Praise and adore Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that He knows all things and that He is holy in all His ways, especially where He has worked through suffering.
2. How have you lived more affected by appearances in this world than you have been shaped by God and His Word? Confess your sin – *your distortion of God's reality* – to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and heal you.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for how He does not look on outward appearances but on the heart! Thank Him that knowing what was in our hearts, He humbled Himself even to death in order to save us.
4. Pray for any ministry you are aware of that pursues the work of serving those who are humiliated and broken, eschewing what this world loves. Pray for them, asking the Lord to equip and empower them for His work.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you grow in being defined by His heart, by His Word, rather than being defined by the things of this world. Pray for growth in pure faithfulness even when this world rejects Him and His character!

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We would love to connect with you.
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and let us know of any prayer requests
you may have.



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The Weekender - New Member Class

October 27, 6-8:30p & October 28, 8a-12p.
Contact [Ashley Coleman](#) for information.



Renew Polk Worship Service

October 29, 5p
Contact the church office for information.



Women's Ministry - Celebrating the Season

November 10, 6:30p
Contact [JoAnn Johnson](#) for information.

Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

October 16-21, 2023

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

Monday	1 Peter 1 Job 30	Joshua 19 Hosea 14
Tuesday	1 Peter 2 Job 31	Joshua 20 Joel 1
Wednesday	1 Peter 3 Job 32	Joshua 21 Joel 2
Thursday	1 Peter 4 Job 33	Joshua 22 Joel 3
Friday	1 Peter 5 Job 34	Joshua 23 Amos 1
Saturday	Psalm 95	Psalm 43 Psalm 140

Scripture Memory for the Week:

1 Samuel 16:1 (ESV)

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Office Hours:

Mon - Fri | 8:30a - 5:00p

Sunday Worship | 8:45a & 10:30a

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empowered by His Spirit, called by God to reach our city with His love.