

1 SAMUEL

THE
URGENCY
OF TRUE
REPENTANCE



1 SAMUEL 15: 1-3, 7-34



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | October 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.

We Will Dwell

CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 2:7-12 (ESV)

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

I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

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 | Galatians 3:10-14 (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 all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

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.

Sovereign Grace O'er Sin Abound

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 Well

God Is Love

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.

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 | Brown Peterson, *Pastor of Students & Young Adults*

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: 1 Samuel 15:1-3, 7-24

Title: The Urgency of True Repentance

Teacher: Brown Peterson

1 And Samuel said to Saul, "The LORD sent me to anoint you king over his people Israel; now therefore listen to the words of the LORD. 2 Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'I have noted what Amalek did to Israel in opposing them on the way when they came up out of Egypt. 3 Now go and strike Amalek and devote to destruction all that they have. Do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.'" ... 7 And Saul defeated the Amalekites from Havilah as far as Shur, which is east of Egypt. 8 And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive and devoted to destruction all the people with the edge of the sword. 9 But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep and of the oxen and of the fattened calves and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them. All that was despised and worthless they devoted to destruction. 10 The word of the LORD came to Samuel: 11 "I regret that I have made Saul king, for he has turned back from following me and has not performed my commandments." And Samuel was angry, and he cried to the LORD all night. 12 And Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning. And it was told Samuel, "Saul came to Carmel, and behold, he set up a monument for himself and turned and passed on and went down to Gilgal." 13 And Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, "Blessed be you to the LORD. I have performed the commandment of the LORD." 14 And Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears and the lowing of the oxen that I hear?" 15 Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites, for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen to sacrifice to the LORD your God, and the rest we have devoted to destruction." 16 Then Samuel said to Saul, "Stop! I will tell you what the LORD said to me this night." And he said to him, "Speak." 17 And Samuel said, "Though you are little in your own eyes, are you not the head of the tribes of Israel? The LORD anointed you king over Israel. 18 And the LORD sent you on a mission and said, 'Go, devote to destruction the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.' 19 Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? Why did you pounce on the spoil and do what was evil in the sight of the LORD?" 20 And Saul said to Samuel, "I have obeyed the voice of the LORD. I have gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me. I have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and I have devoted the Amalekites to destruction. 21 But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the best of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal." 22 And Samuel said, "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has also rejected you from being king." 24 Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Praise the Lord for His Love of all things righteous and good. Give Him thanks for His patience in dealing with sinners like us, and then rejoice that one day, He will end evil and sin for good.
2. Where can you repent about your lack of joyful repentance? Where do you need Christian repentance that leads to joyful obedience to the Lord?
3. Give Jesus thanks that he loved obedience to His Father. Ponder how obedience was the great delight of Jesus' life, and we have a secured eternity because of His love of obedience.
4. Pray for someone in your life who is missing out on enjoying intimacy with the Lord. Pray that they see the beauty of repentance and obedience as the daily call on our life.
5. Pray for ways the Holy Spirit is prompting you to deep repentance more and more. Pray for the Holy Spirit to give you new desires to get out of your own way so you can worship the Lord all your life.

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The Weekender - New Member Class

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



Renew Polk Worship Service

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



Men's Prayer Breakfast

Tuesdays, 6a in the Fellowship Hall.
Contact [Graham Albright](mailto:Graham.Albright@trinitylakeland.org) for information.

Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

October 10-15, 2023

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

Monday	Mark 12 Job 25	Joshua 14 Hosea 9
Tuesday	Mark 13 Job 26	Joshua 15 Hosea 10
Wednesday	Mark 14 Job 27	Joshua 16 Hosea 11
Thursday	Mark 15 Job 28	Joshua 17 Hosea 12
Friday	Mark 16 Job 29	Joshua 18 Hosea 13
Saturday	Psalm 94	Psalm 42 Psalm 139

Scripture Memory for the Week:

1 Samuel 15:22-23 (ESV)

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Office Hours:

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