



PARABLES OF
THE KINGDOM

PARABLE OF THE
OLDER BROTHER

LUKE 15:11-32



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, November 17, 2019

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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.

Almighty God

CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalms 31:21-24 (ESV)

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

Blessed be the LORD, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was in a besieged city. I had said in my alarm, "I am cut off from your sight." But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cried to you for help. Love the LORD, all you his saints! The LORD preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride. Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!

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 | Proverbs 28:13 (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.

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

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.

At The Foot Of The Cross

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.

Sovereign Grace O'er Sin Abounding

No Longer Slaves

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. 46. What is the Lord's Supper?

A. Christ commanded all Christians to eat bread and to drink from the cup in thankful remembrance of him and his death. The Lord's Supper is a celebration of the presence of God in our midst; bringing us into communion with God and with one another; feeding and nourishing our souls. It also anticipates the day when we will eat and drink with Christ in his Father's kingdom.

Q. 47. Does the Lord's Supper add anything to Christ's atoning work?

A. No, Christ died once for all. The Lord's Supper is a covenant meal celebrating Christ's atoning work; as it is also a means of strengthening our faith as we look to him, and a foretaste of the future feast. But those who take part with unrepentant hearts eat and drink judgment on themselves.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The ritual of baptism is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. It symbolizes the cleansing all people need before they are acceptable to God (sign), and it marks how real God's promise is for all who will trust in Him (seal).

Wesley James Saunders

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 | Brandon Porter, Community Life Director at Strong Tower Church

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 Way

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.

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: Luke 15:11-32 (ESV)

Title: Parable of the Older Brother

Teacher: Brandon Porter

¹¹ And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹ And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

THE SIGNS OF SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS

THE REASONS FOR SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS

THE REMEDY TO SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship God for being perfect in justice and holiness.
2. How have you been angry, proud, or bitter? Confess your self-righteousness to Jesus, and ask Him to show you all He's done to save you.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for treating us like His beloved brothers (Hebrews 2:10-11)!
4. Who do you know that has been discouraged by self-righteous attitudes in the church? Ask God to open up their eyes to see the good news of Jesus.
5. Pray that God would make Trinity Presbyterian Church a place where sinners like us can come back home.

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

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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 New Member Class

College Ministry Student Ministry

Community Group Volunteering

Men's Ministry Women's Ministry

Prayer

How can our staff pray for you?

Community Bible Reading

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November 18 - 23, 2019

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

Monday	James 4 Proverbs 12	Judges 19 Nahum 1
Tuesday	James 5 Proverbs 13	Judges 20 Nahum 2
Wednesday	Matthew 1 Proverbs 14	Judges 21 Nahum 3
Thursday	Matthew 2 Proverbs 15	Ruth 1 Habakkuk 1
Friday	Matthew 3 Proverbs 16	Ruth 2 Habakkuk 2
Saturday	Psalms 99	Psalms 47 Psalms 145

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Luke 15:28-30 (ESV)

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³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!'

Communication

Register for events at trinitylakeland.org/events



Kids' Worship Registration for 2 Services

Register BY December 1.

Contact [Callie Sandman](#) for information.



Merry Little Christmas Party

December 8, 3:00p

Contact [Callie Sandman](#) for information.



High School Midwinter

January 10-12, 2020

Contact [Brown Peterson](#) for information.

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