

FAITHFUL CHARACTER IN CRISIS
P R A Y E R S O F F A I T H
JAMES 5:13-20



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, November 22, 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.

King Of Kings

CALL TO WORSHIP | Hebrews 3:12-13 (ESV)

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

Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

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 | Luke 11:2-4, 9-13 (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.

And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation." ... And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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.

Grace

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.

When My Heart Is Torn Asunder

All The Poor And Powerless

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. 49. Where is Christ now?

A. Christ rose bodily from the grave on the third day after his death and is seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling his kingdom and interceding for us, until he returns to judge and renew the whole world.

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.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING | Mercy Fund Offering

SONG OF RESPONSE

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

Lord I Need You

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 5:13-20 (ESV)

Title: Faithful Character In Crisis: Prayers of Faith

Teacher: Tim Rice

¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. ¹⁹ My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰ let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Intro: Elijah prayed in context of calling people to repentance ...

HOW THINGS GO WRONG

How can we malfunction when suffering, *internally or externally*?

JESUS, OUR GOOD SHEPHERD

Why does it matter that Jesus *engages* with His Father – and us?

LIVING ENGAGED

What if we respond in faith, trusting Jesus and what He has done for us?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His willingness to listen to you. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that, in Christ, He hears us – receiving our praise, welcoming our confession, and answering our cries for help.
2. How (*or in what circumstances*) are you practically prayerless? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to save you here also – that He would *forgive you and work a growing confidence in Him into your heart*.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His work to “bring sinners back” making it possible for you to be God’s adopted child! Thank Him that rather than staying remote and uninvolved, that He engaged in the work and fight so we could be saved.
4. Who do you know that is in need, whether a co-worker, neighbor, or friend? Ask the Father to hear you on their behalf, and to work in their life to give them His joy and Presence.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and goodness. Read again Luke 11:1-13 and pray for the Spirit to help you trust the access you’re given in Christ and to pray as you should.

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

We're so glad you are here.

Please place completed tear-off in offering plate.

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Update my contact information

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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

November 23 - 28, 2020

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

Monday	Matthew 3 Proverbs 16	Ruth 2 Habakkuk 2
Tuesday	Matthew 4 Proverbs 17	Ruth 3 Habakkuk 3
Wednesday	Matthew 5 Proverbs 18	Ruth 4 Zephaniah 1
Thursday	Matthew 6 Proverbs 19	1 Samuel 1 Zephaniah 2
Friday	Matthew 7 Proverbs 20	1 Samuel 2 Zephaniah 3
Saturday	Psalms 100	Psalms 48 Psalms 146

Scripture Memory for the Week:

James 5:16 (ESV)

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Communication

Register for events at trinitylakeland.org/events



Prepare Him Room - Family Advent Workshop

December 5, 10a-2p

Contact [Callie Sandman](#) for information.



Comfort & Joy - Celebrating the Season

December 6, 6p

Contact [Whitney Cabrera](#) for information.



Parker Street Ministries Christmas Store

Pricing Night - December 8, 6p

Bike Assembly Night - December 9, 6:15p

Contact [Hannah Scruggs](#) for information.

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