



PARABLES OF
THE KINGDOM

PARABLE OF THE
FATHER WHO GOES OUT

LUKE 15:11-32



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, November 24, 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.

Come As You Are

CALL TO WORSHIP | Ephesians 5:1-2 (ESV)

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

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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 | Ephesians 2:1-5 (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 you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

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.

My All In Thee

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.

Good Good Father

Great Are You Lord

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. 48. What is the church?

A. God chooses and preserves for himself a community elected for eternal life and united by faith, who love, follow, learn from, and worship God together. God sends out this community to proclaim the gospel and prefigure Christ's kingdom by the quality of their life together and their love for one another.

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.

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.

His Mercy Is More

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: Luke 15:11-32 (ESV)

Title: Parable of the Father Who Goes Out

Teacher: Tim Rice

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.'"

Intro: This parable attacks our misconceptions about God ...

HE IS A GOOD FATHER

How can we see the goodness of the father in this story?

HE IS AN OFFENDED FATHER

How has he been profoundly insulted - by *each* son?

YET HE GOES OUT TO HIS SONS

What is so radical about how the father goes out to each son? *He wants sons, not slaves.*

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His lavish generosity and grace! Praise and adore Him for how He does what no one else does – in Christ He loves and searches and recovers those who have hated Him!
2. How have you lived believing you could only have a relationship with God if you earn it (or *you believed you have earned it*)? Confess your pride to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you for your presumption.
3. Give thanks to the Father for His willingness to come alongside us to invite us into His gracious household. Give thanks to Jesus for being our true elder brother, leaving home to search us out until He finds us and brings us home.
4. Who do you know that is simply lost? Pray for them, asking Jesus to seek and save them too.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you repent of your self-righteousness and pride. *Pray for renewal in your heart that you would join Jesus in His work of seeking those who are lost.*

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

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Phone

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- 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 25 - 30, 2019

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

Monday	Matthew 4 Proverbs 17	Ruth 3 Habakkuk 3
Tuesday	Matthew 5 Proverbs 18	Ruth 4 Zephaniah 1
Wednesday	Matthew 6 Proverbs 19	1 Samuel 1 Zephaniah 2
Thursday	Matthew 7 Proverbs 20	1 Samuel 2 Zephaniah 3
Friday	Matthew 8 Proverbs 21	1 Samuel 3 Haggai 1
Saturday	Psalms 100	Psalms 48 Psalms 146

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Luke 15:20 & 28 (ESV)

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Communication

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[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.



[Parker Street Ministries Christmas Store](#)

Gifts need by December 9

Visit psmlakeland.org for information.

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