

Christ
THE
LORD

I AM THE DOOR
& THE GOOD SHEPHERD

JOHN 10:1-21



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, December 15, 2019

Listening devices are available for the hearing impaired.

Please speak with a greeter or visit the sound booth upstairs for a listening device.

CELEBRATING THE SEASON - 2019

The earth holds its breath, waiting. Advent is a season of longing, a yearly representation in our church calendar of the eons spanning from the moment Eve took the first bite of the fruit until that starry night when Heaven touched earth and Christ incarnated, becoming God-man. Fully human. Fully God. Advent culminates in the arrival of Jesus--Messiah in the flesh, born as a human child to the last people on earth who anyone would have chosen to parent a king!

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.

It's Christmas - Community Kids
Prince of Heaven

EXPLANATION OF ADVENT THEME: LAW | John Tucker

CALL TO WORSHIP/LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE | The Peterson Family - Isaiah 65:17-19 & 25 (ESV)

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

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. ... The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,"

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 | Psalm 130: 1-4 & 7-8 (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.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. ... O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

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.

Behold The Lamb Of God

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

Come Thou Fount

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. 50. What does Christ's resurrection mean for us?

A. Christ triumphed over sin and death by being physically resurrected, so that all who trust in him are raised to new life in this world and to everlasting life in the world to come. Just as we will one day be resurrected, so this world will one day be restored. But those who do not trust in Christ will be raised to everlasting death.

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.

SONG OF RESPONSE

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

Build My Life

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: John 10:1-21 (ESV)

Title: I AM the Door & the Good Shepherd

Teacher: Tim Rice

¹ “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. ¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.” ¹⁹ There was again a division among the Jews because of these words. ²⁰ Many of them said, “He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?” ²¹ Others said, “These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

Intro: What is it like to want someone's care?

YOU ARE MY SHEEP

What does it mean that we're viewed as sheep?

FALSE SHEPHERDS

What do false shepherds have in common?

HE IS THE DOOR/THE GOOD SHEPHERD

If this is the LORD speaking to us, what does that mean?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His kindness in leading us when He could justly cast us out in our sin. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that as the Great I AM, God of all authority, He is loving and kind.
2. How have you lived as if you are not covered or cared for by God (grumbling or complaining in self-pity)? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and change how you see Him.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His amazing work to grant us access to the Father, and to shepherd us against all threats! Thank Him for willingly laying down His life (*harassed and helpless on the Cross*) that we could live.
4. Who do you know that is harassed and helpless, like a sheep without a shepherd? Pray for them, asking Jesus to help them see His care for them, and that He would use you to help that happen.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of joy. Pray that He would help you to be hopeful against real threats (because of Jesus' power and Presence with you) and loving (*because Jesus gave everything to care for you*).

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

Phone

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

joincbr.com

December 16 - 21, 2019

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

| | | |
|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Monday | Matthew 19 Ecclesiastes 1 | 1 Samuel 14 Zechariah 10 |
| Tuesday | Matthew 20 Ecclesiastes 2 | 1 Samuel 15 Zechariah 11 |
| Wednesday | Matthew 21 Ecclesiastes 3 | 1 Samuel 16 Zechariah 12 |
| Thursday | Matthew 22 Ecclesiastes 4 | 1 Samuel 17 Zechariah 13 |
| Friday | Matthew 23 Ecclesiastes 5 | 1 Samuel 18 Zechariah 14 |
| Saturday | Psalms 103 | Psalms 51 Psalms 149 |

Scripture Memory for the Week:

John 10:14-15 (ESV)

¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Communication

Register for events at trinitylakeland.org/events



[Christmas Eve Candlelight Service](#)

December 24, 5:30p

There will be **NO** childcare provided.



[High School MidWinter - Southland](#)

January 10-12

Contact [Brown Peterson](#) for information.



[Women's Bible Study](#)

Starting January 14

Contact [Cara Roland](#) for information.

Office Hours:

Mon - Thur | 8:30a - 5:00p & Fri | 8:30a - 12:00p

301 N Florida Ave, Lakeland, FL 33801

863-603-7777 | trinitylakeland.org

