



PARADISE

Redeemed



ADVENT

*Revelation 21:1-5,
9-14, 21-27, 22:1-6*



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | December 31, 2023

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.

Beautiful

CALL TO WORSHIP | Revelation 21:1-5 (ESV)

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

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

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 | Philippians 1:6 (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 I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

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.

Power To Redeem

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.

Great Are You Lord

Who You Say I Am

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. 20. Who is the Redeemer?

A. The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, in whom God became man and bore the penalty for sin himself.

KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS' DISMISSAL (Infants - Kindergarten)

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 | Graham Albright, *Campus Outreach Director for Florida Southern College*

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our lives and circumstances.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING | Mercy Fund Offering

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.

SONG OF RESPONSE

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

King Of Kings

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: Revelation 21:1-5, 9-14, 21-27, 22:1-6 (ESV)

Title: Paradise Redeemed

Teacher: Graham Albright

21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." 5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ... 9 Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, 11 having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. 12 It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— 13 on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. 14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ... 21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. 22 And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24 By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, 25 and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. 26 They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. 27 But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. ... 22:1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. 6 And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

INTRO: When you think of heaven what comes to mind?

THE WEDDING

THE BRIDE

THE GROOM

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Adoration: Praise the Father for His promise to make all things new.
2. Confession: Confess how you have strived to create heaven here rather than resting in the future hope of our eternal home.
3. Thanksgiving: Thank Jesus for being the perfect husband who provides, protects, and laid His life down for us.
4. Supplication: Ask that the Holy Spirit would grow you and those around you in longing for heaven through 2024.

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and let us know of any prayer requests
you may have.



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Communication

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The Weekender - New Member Class

January 19, 6-8:30p & January 20, 9a-12p.

Contact [Ashley Coleman](#) for information.



Women's Bible Study - Spring Semester

Starting February 6 & 7

Registration Opens on January 7.



High School Winter Retreat

February 9-11

Contact [Brown Peterson](#) for information.

Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

January 1-6, 2024

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

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| Monday | Luke 1 1 Samuel 25 | Genesis 1 Song of Solomon 1 |
| Tuesday | Luke 2 1 Samuel 26 | Genesis 2 Song of Solomon 2 |
| Wednesday | Luke 3 1 Samuel 27 | Genesis 3 Song of Solomon 3 |
| Thursday | Luke 4 1 Samuel 28 | Genesis 4 Song of Solomon 4 |
| Friday | Luke 5 1 Samuel 29 | Genesis 5 Song of Solomon 5 |
| Saturday | Psalm 53 | Psalm 1 Psalm 105 |

Scripture Memory for the Week: Revelation 21:1-3 (ESV)

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Office Hours:

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

Sunday Worship | 10:30a

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empowered by His Spirit, called by God to reach our city with His love.