

Authority, Truth & Power

THE GOSPEL OF
MARK



// MARK 12:13-27



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, February 12, 2023

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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.

Power to Redeem

CALL TO WORSHIP | Genesis 1:26-28 (ESV)

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

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

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 | Colossians 1:13-16, 21-23 (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.

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ... And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel.

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.

Before the Throne of God Above

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.

God With Us

You've Already Won

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. 7. What does the law of God require?

A. Personal, perfect, and perpetual obedience; that we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbor as ourselves. What God forbids should never be done and what God commands should always be done.

KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS' DISMISSAL (Infants - 5th Grade)

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 | *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.

Only a Holy God

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: Mark 12:13-27 (ESV)

Title: Authority, Truth & Power

Teacher: Tim Rice

¹³ And they sent to him some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians, to trap him in his talk. ¹⁴ And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are true and do not care about anyone's opinion. For you are not swayed by appearances, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?" ¹⁵ But, knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why put me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." ¹⁶ And they brought one. And he said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said to him, "Caesar's." ¹⁷ Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they marveled at him. ¹⁸ And Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection. And they asked him a question, saying, ¹⁹ "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife, but leaves no child, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁰ There were seven brothers; the first took a wife, and when he died left no offspring. ²¹ And the second took her, and died, leaving no offspring. And the third likewise. ²² And the seven left no offspring. Last of all the woman also died. ²³ In the resurrection, when they rise again, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as wife." ²⁴ Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God? ²⁵ For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. ²⁶ And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? ²⁷ He is not God of the dead, but of the living. You are quite wrong."

Intro: *Let's talk about ultimate issues: about authority, truth & power*

WHO'S IN CHARGE?

Why do we believe that there is good potential in human authority?

A VERBAL STREET BRAWL

What does it mean to live in pride and unbelief?

THE ONE WHO TRUSTS GOD'S WORD & POWER

In the gospel, how do we see God's work, His promises *and* good design become entirely ours?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His goodness in all His ways. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that in His authority, by His defining of all reality (truth) and His unrivaled power, that He is perfectly loving and just.
2. How have you lived as if you are a law unto yourself and that others in authority are corrupt just because they tell you how to live? *Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and heal your rebel heart.*
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His absolute integrity and goodness. Thank Him for being successful where Adam (and we) failed, and yet willing to bear the punishment we deserve for all of our corruption and sin.
4. Who do you know that struggles with God's authority? Pray for them, asking the Lord to make known to them both their lack of integrity and His trustworthiness, especially as Jesus was so willing to suffer to save our lives.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to work in you His fruit of love, goodness and faithfulness. Pray that vs. your pride, He would work into you Jesus' very integrity to help you trust the Father's authority, truth and power as He did.

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

We’re so glad you are here.

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Spouse

Children (Include DOB for Children’s Ministry)

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City/State Country/Zip

Phone

E-mail Address

I am interested in:

- Worship Folder & Announcement Emails
- Volunteering
- Joining Trinity
- Ministry Opportunities
- _____

Prayer

How can our staff pray for you?

Mission

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.

Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

February 13 - February 18, 2023

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

Monday	Acts 7 2 Samuel 24	Genesis 31 Isaiah 22
Tuesday	Acts 8 1 Kings 1	Genesis 32 Isaiah 23
Wednesday	Acts 9 1 Kings 2	Genesis 33 Isaiah 24
Thursday	Acts 10 1 Kings 3	Genesis 34 Isaiah 25
Friday	Acts 11 1 Kings 4	Genesis 35 Isaiah 26
Saturday	Psalm 60	Psalm 8 Psalm 112

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Mark 12:24, 27 (ESV)

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Communication

Visit trinitylakeland.org/events to register.



Women’s Ministry - Valentine’s Ladies’ Night

February 17, 7p

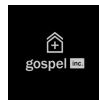
Contact [Tina Strawbridge](#) for information.



Campus Outreach College Lunch

February 26, following worship.

Contact [David Springer](#) for information.



Trinity Workday at Gospel Inc. Village

March 4, 9a-12p

Contact [James Spence](#) for information.

Office Hours:

Sunday Worship | 8:45a & 10:30a

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

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