



— BY FAITH —

ABEL

HEBREWS 11:4, GEN 4:1-13



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, February 7, 2021

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.

Almighty God

CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 51:1-2, 7, 16-17 (ESV)

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

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! ... Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ... For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

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 1:13-14, 21-23a (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. ... 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.

Man Of Sorrows

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.

It Is Done

Great Are You Lord

KIDS' WORSHIP DISMISSAL (Infants - Kindergarten) | 9a Service

KIDS' WORSHIP DISMISSAL (Infants - 4 Years) | 10:45a Service

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.

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.

The Apostles' Creed: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The ritual meal of Communion is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the work Christ did for our salvation (sign) and communicates the grace and mercy we have been given (seal) as a result of His death and resurrection.

SONG OF RESPONSE

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

Creed

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: Hebrews 11:4; Genesis 4:1-13 (ESV)

Title: By Faith: Abel

Teacher: Tim Rice

Hebrews 11:4 By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ... Genesis 4:1 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." ² And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³ In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶ The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it." ⁸ Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰ And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹² When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." ¹³ Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear ..."

Intro: What is the right way to approach God?

AN ALREADY ESTABLISHED NORM

What was already known about God and living before Him?

THE PROBLEM OF PERFORMANCE

What ripples out when we break God's good design?

THE SACRIFICE WE TRUST

What happens when I realize that my guilt is too great to bear?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His trustworthiness and graciousness to reveal Himself to us. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for His kindness to make known to us His holiness and how we may approach Him!
2. How have you lived as if your imagination and performance should be good enough for God? Confess your pride and presumption to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and heal you to trust His word and His work.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His mercy to not crush us in our guilt, but also His holiness to insist that God's justice be satisfied. Thank Him for loving us enough to wash us *and* restore us to the Father's good design.
4. Who do you know that is demanding or presumptuous? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them see the folly of their pride, and that He would help them repent and trust Him instead.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and faithfulness. Pray that He would secure you by Jesus' commendation (blessing) and empower you with joy to offer His grace and mercy to others.

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

We're so glad you are here.

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Spouse

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City/State Country/Zip

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- First-Time Visitor Regular Attendee
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 Update my contact information

I would like to receive:

- 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

February 8 - 13, 2021

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

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| Monday | Acts 3 Genesis 27 | Isaiah 18 2 Samuel 20 |
| Tuesday | Acts 4 Genesis 28 | Isaiah 19 2 Samuel 21 |
| Wednesday | Acts 5 Genesis 29 | Isaiah 20 2 Samuel 22 |
| Thursday | Acts 6 Genesis 30 | Isaiah 21 2 Samuel 23 |
| Friday | Acts 7 Genesis 31 | Isaiah 22 2 Samuel 24 |
| Saturday | Psalm 7 | Psalms 111 Psalm 59 |

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Hebrews 11:4 (ESV)

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Communication

Register for events at trinitylakeland.org/events



Trinity College Night

Tuesdays, 8:15p at Trinity.

Contact [David Springer](#) for information.



Trinity Deacon Workday

February 20, 12p

Contact [Frank McCaulley](#) for information.



Churchwide Easter Picnic

March 28, 12p, Lake Bonny Park.

Contact [Callie Sandman](#) for information.

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