

WHY WE BELIEVE //

the
trustworthiness
of scripture

 // MATTHEEW 5:17-18, 24:35



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, June 12, 2022

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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.

No Weapon

CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 15:1-4 (ESV)

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

O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill? He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart; who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend; in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the LORD.

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 | Hebrews 6:16-20a (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.

For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf.

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.

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

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.

Worthy Of Your Name

Jesus Paid It All

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. 25. Does Christ's death mean all our sins can be forgiven?

A. Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God graciously imputes Christ's righteousness to us as if it were our own and will remember our sins no more.

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.

[Overcome](#)

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: Matthew 5:17-18, 24:35 (ESV)

Title: The Trustworthiness of Scripture

Teacher: Tim Rice

5:17 Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ... ^{24:35} Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Intro: Why does almost everyone crave assurances?

THE GREATEST ASSURANCE

Why does it matter that God gives us His word and that it is sure?

VS. SHAKY GROUND

How do we love to *get* assurances but hate having to *give* them?

A BETTER WORD

How has Jesus worked to anchor us, even making eternal assurances to His own hurt?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD, God Almighty for the gift of His Word. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that He is not only gracious but that He guarantees that *Grace to all of His people throughout the ages by His Word.*
2. How have you lived ignoring what God has said or as if what He has said cannot be trusted? Confess your prideful rebellion to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you for defying His commands and promises.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for being God's very Word, to fulfill everything the Father has promised, and for remaining faithful beyond space and time! Thank Him for keeping God's Covenant to save us, even to His own hurt.
4. Who do you know that doubts what God has said, while insisting that they be taken seriously for all that they say? Pray for them, asking the Lord to open their eyes and move them to repentance and to trust Jesus.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and joy. Pray that He would grow within you a hunger to know God's Word, and a gratitude for the privilege of even having your own copy while millions of people don't.

