

CHARACTER & INTEGRITY IN THE PROVERBS

THE FEAR OF  
**THE LORD**



PROVERBS 1:7, 2:1-8, 8:10-11, 9:10



TRINITY  
Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | June 4, 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.

Goodness of God

### CALL TO WORSHIP | 1 Corinthians 1:27-31 (ESV)

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

But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in 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 | Titus 3:3-7 (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 we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

### 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.

Holy Holy Holy

### 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

Wake Up

## 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 | Tim Rice, *Lead Pastor and 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.

How Great is Your Love

### 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:** Proverbs 1:7, 2:1-8, 8:10-11, 9:10

**Title:** The LORD The Fear of the LORD

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. ...  
2:1 My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, 2 making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; 3 yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, 4 if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, 5 then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. 6 For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; 7 he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity, 8 guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints. ... 8:10 Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold, 11 for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her. ... 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

**INTRO:** How reverent and humble are you? *Really?*

### LISTEN TO MY WORDS

How is wisdom *less* a thing or technique *and more a relationship?*

## SELF-IMPORTANT INDEPENDENCE

What happens when we don't value this relationship?

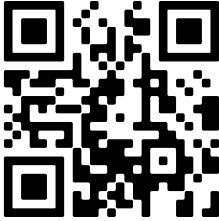
## THE LORD GIVES WISDOM

How does God's Grace weave together 2 dynamics our world just cannot fit together?

## YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His wisdom! Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for His truthfulness, trustworthiness and total perspective on absolutely *everything*.
2. How have you been foolish to exalt your opinion over what God has expressed in His Word? Confess your arrogance and folly to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and to rescue you from your sinful rebellion.
3. Give thanks for Jesus' wisdom, especially His ability to work in ways that no one in this world could've imagined as effective! *Thank Him for taking the place we deserve for our foolish rebellion and for planting His wisdom in us by His Spirit.*
4. Who do you know that exalts their opinion over what God has expressed in His Word? Pray for them asking the Lord to have mercy upon them to open their eyes to their true need (and danger) and that they would trust in Jesus.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you grow in wisdom. Pray for insight into God's character and Word (and into your own heart) so that you would eagerly turn from your folly to trust and follow the LORD.

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### Communication

Visit [trinitylakeland.org/events](http://trinitylakeland.org/events) to register.



#### Women's Ministry Summer Series Book Study

June 14, 28 & July 12, 26, 6:15p

Contact JoAnn Johnson for information.



#### A Woman's Choice - Baby Bottle Campaign

May 14 - June 18

Contact the church office for information.



#### Vacation Bible School (VBS)

June 19-23

Registration is full.

### Community Bible Reading

[communitybiblereading.org](http://communitybiblereading.org)

**June 5 - 10, 2023**

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

Monday	Philippians 2 2 Chronicles 4	Leviticus 21 Jeremiah 36
Tuesday	Philippians 3 2 Chronicles 5	Leviticus 22 Jeremiah 37
Wednesday	Philippians 4 2 Chronicles 6	Leviticus 23 Jeremiah 38
Thursday	Colossians 1 2 Chronicles 7	Leviticus 24 Jeremiah 39
Friday	Colossians 2 2 Chronicles 8	Leviticus 25 Jeremiah 40
Saturday	Psalm 76	Psalm 24 Psalm 121

### Scripture Memory for the Week:

#### Proverbs 8:10-11 (ESV)

10 Take my instruction instead of silver, and  
knowledge rather than choice gold, 11 for wisdom  
is better than jewels, and all that you may desire  
cannot compare with her.

### Office Hours:

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

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

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### 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.