

CHARACTER & INTEGRITY  
IN THE PROVERBS

HEART  
INTEGRITY



PROVERBS 4:11-27



TRINITY  
Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | July 16, 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.

Almighty God

### CALL TO WORSHIP | John 7:37-39a (ESV)

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

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive.

### 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 | 1 Corinthians 1:30 & 2:16b (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 because of him you are in Christ Jesus, *who became to us wisdom from God*, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ... *But we have the mind of 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.

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.

Power To Redeem

God Is Love

## 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. 29. How can we be saved?

A. Only by faith in Jesus Christ and in his substitutionary atoning death on the cross; so even though we are guilty of having disobeyed God and are still inclined to all evil, nevertheless, God, without any merit of our own but only by pure grace, imputes to us the perfect righteousness of Christ when we repent and believe in him.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The ritual of baptism is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. It symbolizes the cleansing all people need before they are acceptable to God (sign), and it makes how real God's promise is for who will trust in Him (seal).

John David Shelburne

## KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS' DISMISSAL (Infants - Rising 5th Graders)

*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.

## SONG OF RESPONSE

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

Worthy Of Your Name

## 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 4:11-27

**Title:** Heart Integrity

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

11 I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness. 12 When you walk, your step will not be hampered, and if you run, you will not stumble. 13 Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life. 14 Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil. 15 Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on. 16 For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong; they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble. 17 For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. 18 But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. 19 The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble. 20 My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. 21 Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. 22 For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. 23 Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. 24 Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you. 25 Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. 26 Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. 27 Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil.

**INTRO:** By what grid do you think and evaluate all you do?

## HEART INTEGRATION

What does it mean to internalize a perspective?



## IMMEASURABLE WORTH vs. HEARTLESS THIEVES

Why do we guard anything? And what does that reveal?

## THE TREASURE OF WISDOM & KNOWLEDGE

What is the goal for someone who trusts Jesus?

## YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for freely giving wisdom to all who ask in faith. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that by His wisdom and kindness He would dwell even in our hearts through Christ.
2. How have you failed to guard your heart from folly so that you have trashed what is precious and you've held dear what is worthless? Confess your folly and destructiveness to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and to restore you.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for entering into the deepest darkness of the Cross to cleanse you of your sin. And thank Him that by His resurrection He is the source of light and life, *worked right into your heart by His indwelling Spirit*.
4. Who do you know that lives foolishly, neglecting to guard their heart? Pray for them, asking the Lord to have mercy upon them and to save them from their perilous condition.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to grow in you the regular practices of forming Jesus' character in you by His means of Grace. Pray for faithfulness in daily repenting and believing the Gospel, daily dying to your self and trusting Jesus to work in your heart as only He can.

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### Communication

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



#### Parker Street Start Smart Education Essentials

Supplies due by July 28.  
Contact the church office for information.



#### Children's Ministry Move-Up Sunday

August 13, for worship  
Contact [Callie Sandman](#) for information.



#### Trinity Men's Retreat

September 14-17  
Contact [Frank McCaulley](#) for information.

### Community Bible Reading

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

July 17-22, 2023

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

Monday	John 2 2 Chronicles 34	Numbers 24 Ezekiel 9
Tuesday	John 3 2 Chronicles 35	Numbers 25 Ezekiel 10
Wednesday	John 4 2 Chronicles 36	Numbers 26 Ezekiel 11
Thursday	John 5 Ezra 1	Numbers 27 Ezekiel 12
Friday	John 6 Ezra 2	Numbers 28 Ezekiel 13
Saturday	Psalm 82	Psalm 30 Psalm 127

### Scripture Memory for the Week:

**Proverbs 4:14-15, 26 (ESV)**

14 Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil. 15 Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on. ... 26 Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure.

### Office Hours:

Mon - Fri | 8:30a - 5:00p  
Sunday Worship | 10:00a  
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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.