

CHARACTER & INTEGRITY
IN THE PROVERBS

VERBAL INTEGRITY

PROVERBS 10:18-21, 31-32;
12:13-14, 17-18; 15:1-4; 18:21



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | July 30, 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.

The Way

CALL TO WORSHIP | James 1:19-22 (ESV)

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

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

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 | John 1:1-5, 12-14 (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.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ... But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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.

Goodness Of God

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.

Great Are You Lord

Who You Say I Am

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. 31. What do we believe by true faith?

A. Everything taught to us in the gospel. The Apostles' Creed expresses what we believe in these words: We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was 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. We 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.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

We are called to publicly confess our faith in the grace of God, to participate in the rituals of entrance into the people of God and to acknowledge our membership with His people.

Colby Lee

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.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING | *Mercy Fund Offering*

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.

SONG OF RESPONSE

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

Abide

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 10:18-21, 31-32; 12:13-14, 17-18; 15:1-4; 18:21

Title: Verbal Integrity

Teacher: Tim Rice

10:18 The one who conceals hatred has lying lips, and whoever utters slander is a fool. 19 When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent. 20 The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; the heart of the wicked is of little worth. 21 The lips of the righteous feed many, but fools die for lack of sense. ... 31 The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off. 32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked, what is perverse. ... 12:13 An evil man is ensnared by the transgression of his lips, but the righteous escapes from trouble. 14 From the fruit of his mouth a man is satisfied with good, and the work of a man's hand comes back to him. ... 17 Whoever speaks the truth gives honest evidence, but a false witness utters deceit. 18 There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. ... 15:1 A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. 2 The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouths of fools pour out folly. 3 The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good. 4 A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit. ... 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.

INTRO: What words are burned in your heart?

WHY DO WORDS HAVE SUCH POWER?

Why do words have such power?

PRIDE, LIES & CRUELTY

How does our quest to replace God distort how we view and use words?

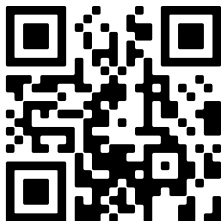
GOD'S WORD MADE FLESH & THE END OF MY WORDS

As God's Word made flesh, how does Jesus have, and *how is He, the Final Word?*

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD who speaks! Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for the gift of His commands (revealing His good design), His promises in the face of evil, and that His counsel is always wise and good.
2. *How have you lived wielding your words carelessly, or exalting the importance of your words while ignoring God or the words of others?* Confess your arrogance and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and help you humble yourself.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His work and His words! Thank Him that He not only offers forgiveness for how you've defied the Father's word but that He also offers you His righteousness to cover all your failures and sin.
4. Who do you know that has a harsh tongue? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them to see their spiritual danger, and that He would give them opportunities to learn to be defined by Jesus and His Word.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you stop your mouth before His holiness! Pray for help in growing more loving and faithful in your words, and to trust that you are blessed if you trust in the LORD.

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Communication

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All Volunteer Kickoff Breakfast

August 6, 8:15a

Contact [Ashley Coleman](#) for information.



Children's Ministry Move-Up Sunday

August 13, for worship

Contact [Callie Sandman](#) for information.



Children's Ministry Back to School Pool Party

August 12, 4p

Contact [Callie Sandman](#) for information.

Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

July 31 - August 5, 2023

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

Monday	John 12 Ezra 8	Numbers 34 Ezekiel 19
Tuesday	John 13 Ezra 9	Numbers 35 Ezekiel 20
Wednesday	John 14 Ezra 10	Numbers 36 Ezekiel 21
Thursday	John 15 Nehemiah 1	Deuteronomy 1 Ezekiel 22
Friday	John 16 Nehemiah 2	Deuteronomy 2 Ezekiel 23
Saturday	Psalm 84	Psalm 32 Psalm 129

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Proverbs 15:3-4 (ESV)

3 The eyes of the LORD are in every place,
keeping watch on the evil and the good. 4 A
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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.