

ISAIAH

A TALE OF TWO CITIES

ISAIAH 26:1-8, 12



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, August 29, 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.

Come Thou Fount

CALL TO WORSHIP | 1 Peter 5:5b-7 (ESV)

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

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

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 | 2 Corinthians 4:8-11, 16-18, 5-6a, 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.

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh ... So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal ... He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always of good courage ... for we walk by faith, not by sight.

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.

Grace

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.

Sovereign Grace O'er Sin Abounding

The Way

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. 34. Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through Christ alone, must we still do good works and obey God's Word?
- A. Yes, because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, also renews us by his Spirit; so that our lives may show love and gratitude to God; so that we may be assured of our faith by the fruits; and so that by our godly behavior others may be won to Christ.

KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS DISMISSAL (Infants - 5th Grade) | 9a Service

KIDS' WORSHIP DISMISSAL (Infants - 5 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.

SONG OF RESPONSE

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

Living Hope

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING | Mercy Fund Offering

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: Isaiah 26:1-8, 12 (ESV)

Title: Isaiah: A Tale of Two Cities

Teacher: Tim Rice

¹ In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: "We have a strong city; he sets up salvation as walls and bulwarks. ² Open the gates, that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in. ³ You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. ⁴ Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock. ⁵ For he has humbled the inhabitants of the height, the lofty city. He lays it low, lays it low to the ground, casts it to the dust. ⁶ The foot tramples it, the feet of the poor, the steps of the needy." ⁷ The path of the righteous is level; you make level the way of the righteous. ⁸ In the path of your judgments, O LORD, we wait for you; your name and remembrance are the desire of our soul. ... ¹² O LORD, you will ordain peace for us, for you have indeed done for us all our works.

Intro: What is a psalm of confidence?

WHAT IS WRONG HERE?

What fuels the world? And what does it represent?

WHO BRINGS US HOPE HERE?

Why does it matter that the LORD promises protection?

WHOSE WORK DEFINES YOU?

Once you survey your options, what makes sense?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His goodness and faithfulness. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for all that He has done so far (recorded in His Word) and all that He promises yet ahead of us (prophesied).
2. How have you lived more influenced by the voices of this world rather than the Lord? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and to stabilize you in His work (vs. your own efforts to secure your life).
3. Give thanks to Jesus for the wonder of His saving work and victory over all that threatens us. Thank Him for His redeeming work, to cleanse us by His death, and to enliven us by His resurrection power.
4. Who do you know that is double-minded, living in the competing currents of this world vs. what God says? Pray for them, asking the Lord to make His saving power known to them.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of peace, especially as you see God's work and trustworthiness vs. the pride or self-interest of the world. Pray that He would grow you in your confidence in the LORD.

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

We're so glad you are here.

Please place completed tear-off in offering box.

Name (Please Print) Gender Male Female

Spouse

Children (Include DOB for Children's Ministry)

Address

City/State Country/Zip

Phone

E-mail Address

- First-Time Visitor Regular Attendee
 Member College Student
 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

August 30 - September 4, 2021

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

Monday	Revelation 5 Deuteronomy 19	Ezekiel 40 Esther 6
Tuesday	Revelation 6 Deuteronomy 20	Ezekiel 41 Esther 7
Wednesday	Revelation 7 Deuteronomy 21	Ezekiel 42 Esther 8
Thursday	Revelation 8 Deuteronomy 22	Ezekiel 43 Esther 9
Friday	Revelation 9 Deuteronomy 23	Ezekiel 44 Esther 10
Saturday	Psalm 36	Psalms 133 Psalm 88

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Isaiah 26:3-5 (ESV)

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Communication

Visit trinitylakeland.org/events to register.



Baby Shower for Louise Craane

September 12, 3p

RSVP to [Andrea O'Brien](mailto:Andrea.O'Brien).



Women's Bible Study - Starting Sept. 14!

Tuesdays, 9a & Wednesdays, 7p

Contact [JoAnn Johnson](mailto:JoAnn.Johnson) for information.



Fourth Sunday Prayer Gathering

September 26, 4p

Contact the church office for information.

Office Hours:

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

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