

What Are You Seeking?

John 1:35-51



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | January 25, 2026

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.

Abide With Me

CALL TO WORSHIP | Isaiah 55:8-11 (ESV)

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

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it."

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 | Isaiah 55:1-2, 6-7 (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.

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ... Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

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.

Holy Holy Holy

Just As Good

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. 4. **How and why did God create us?**

A. God created us male and female in his own image to know him, love him, live with him, and glorify him. And it is right that we who were created by God should live to his glory.

Q. 5. **What else did God create?**

A. God created all things by his powerful Word, and all his creation was very good; everything flourished under his loving rule.

COMMUNITY KIDS' DISMISSAL (Infants - 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, Founding & Teaching Pastor*

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.

King Of Kings

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: John 1:35-51 (ESV)

Title: What Are You Seeking?

Teacher: Tim Rice

35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" 39 He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter). Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael 43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." 46 Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" 48 Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." 49 Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" 50 Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." 51 And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

INTRO: What do your searches say about you?

PREDICTED YET UNEXPECTED

How was Jesus' coming predicted, yet still not what people were looking for?

SEEKING AND FINDING

The issue is not whether we are seeking; everyone is. But what are we seeking?

CHANGED NAMES AND PLACES

How does Jesus signal that He is about radical change?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His openness and mercy in revealing Himself to us, even when we have turned our backs on Him in sin. Praise Him that, in Christ, He has said, "Come and see" to people like us.
2. How have you denied the testimony of God's Word or His messengers in the stubbornness of your actions and attitudes? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to be merciful to you and forgive you.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His wisdom and grace to come for us, even in ways that we couldn't fathom. Thank Him for coming across unimaginable barriers, and in unforeseen humility, in order to save our lives.
4. Who do you know who is afraid of God or resistant to being inspected by Jesus? Pray for them, asking the Father to pour out His love into their hearts that they would gladly open their hearts to Him in His grace.
5. Pray for the Spirit's fruit of love and joy. Ask Him to give you wisdom and insight into what it means to live in light of Jesus' power to change our status and our nature, even as He changes our name.

Upcoming *events*



Night of Worship & Prayer

January 25, 5pm

Contact the Church Office for details.



Young Adults Trivia Night

January 30, 6pm

Contact Brown Peterson for details.

Scan the code to register.



Retirees Prayer Luncheon

February 5, 12pm

Contact John Tucker at
jtuckerdc@gmail.com for details.



The Weekender

February 6 & 7

Contact Ashley Coleman for details.

Scan the code to register.



Middle School Girls' Pickleball

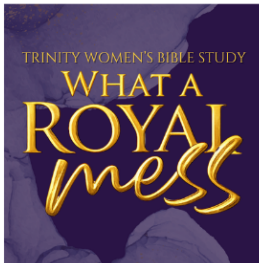
February 7, 1pm

Contact Emma Riggs for details.

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Upcoming *events*



Women's Bible Study
Starting February 10 & 11
Contact Laura McCaulley for details.
Scan the code to register.



Young Adult Ladies' Paint & Dip
February 13, 6:30pm
Contact Taylor Hart for details.
Scan the code to register.



Children's Ministry
Valentine's Ice Skating Party
February 14, 2pm
Contact Callie Sandman for details.
Scan the code to register.



High School Winter Retreat
February 20-22
Contact Bud Daniel for details.
Scan the code to register.



Grace & Grit: Men's Prayer Gathering
February 21, 7:30am
Every 3rd Saturday of the month.
Contact Tony Myers for details.
Tony@trinitylakeland.org

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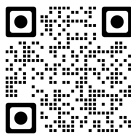


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Community Bible Reading

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January 26-31, 2026

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

Monday	Luke 18 2 Samuel 12	Genesis 18 Isaiah 10
Tuesday	Luke 19 2 Samuel 13	Genesis 19 Isaiah 11
Wednesday	Luke 20 2 Samuel 14	Genesis 20 Isaiah 12
Thursday	Luke 21 2 Samuel 15	Genesis 21 Isaiah 13
Friday	Luke 22 2 Samuel 16	Genesis 22 Isaiah 14
Saturday	Psalm 57	Psalm 5 Psalm 109

Scripture Memory for the Week:

John 1:38–39a, 51 (ESV)

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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday | 8:30a - 5:00p & **Friday** | 8:30a-12:00p

Sunday Worship | 9:00a & 10:45a

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