



# WHAT IS OUR MINISTRY?



TRINITY  
Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | January 4, 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.

My All In Thee

### CALL TO WORSHIP | John 17:10-11, 22-23, 26 (ESV)

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

All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one ... The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me ... that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.

### 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 1:26-31 (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 consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 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."

### 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.

Before The Throne Of God Above

### 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.

A Thousand Hallelujahs

Great Are You Lord

## 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, *Founding & Teaching Pastor*

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.

Made For More

### 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:** 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 (ESV)

**Title:** What Is Our Ministry?

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

14 For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; 15 and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. 16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**INTRO:** Tony gave us a great image last week of what a partisan is ...

### ON ASSIGNMENT

How are we called to live on mission?

## **FIGHTING DISTRACTIONS**

How does unbelief work against God's call?

## **WITH POWERFUL MOTIVATIONS**

But how is a Gospel community different?

## **YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...**

1. Worship the LORD for His life-giving power and grace. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for His mercy to not only forgive all who trust Him but especially to renew us, commission us, and eventually glorify us!
2. How have you, and how do you live for yourself? Confess your selfish pride to Jesus, asking Him to cleanse you of your guilt and also to transform your heart to truly live for Him.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His loving work to be our Substitute to save us. Thank Him for bearing our guilt on the Cross, and for giving His Spirit to us in order to renew us from the heart.
4. Who do you know that, if they were changed, would encourage you? Pray for them, asking the Lord to work in them the same kind of heart transformation that you need and desire.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His work of new creation. Pray, especially in terms of where you yearn to be different, for the Spirit's work in you, your family, your friends, your co-workers and in Trinity.

# Upcoming *events*



## Retirees Prayer Luncheon

**January 8, 12p**

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



## Middle School Winter Retreat

**January 9-11**

Contact Bud Daniel for details.  
***Scan the code to register.***



## Night of Worship & Prayer

**January 25, 5p**

Contact the Church Office for details.  
***Scan the code to register  
for childcare.***



## The Weekender

**February 6 & 7**

Contact Ashley Coleman for details.  
***Scan the code to register.***



## Middle School Girls' Pickleball

**February 7, 9a**

Contact Emma Riggs for details.  
***Scan the code to register.***



# Upcoming *events*



## Young Adult Ladies' Paint & Dip

February 13, 6:30p

Contact Taylor Hart for details.

*Scan the code to register.*



## Middle School

### Boys & Dads Paintball

February 14, 9a

Contact Tucker O'Brien for details.

*Scan the code to register.*



## High School Winter Retreat

February 20-22

Contact Bud Daniel for details.

*Scan the code to register.*



## High School Girls' Rom-Com Bingo

March 7, 7p

Contact Taylor Hart for details.

*Scan the code to register.*



## Middle School Girls' Dos de Mayo

May 2, 6p

Contact Emma Riggs for details.

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## Community Bible Reading

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

**January 5 - 10, 2026**

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

Monday	Luke 3 1 Samuel 28	Genesis 3 Song of Solomon 3
Tuesday	Luke 4 1 Samuel 29	Genesis 4 Song of Solomon 4
Wednesday	Luke 5 1 Samuel 30	Genesis 5 Song of Solomon 5
Thursday	Luke 6 1 Samuel 31	Genesis 6 Song of Solomon 6
Friday	Luke 7 2 Samuel 1	Genesis 7 Song of Solomon 7
Saturday	Psalms 54	Psalms 2 Psalm 106

## Scripture Memory for the Week:

### 2 Corinthians 5:20–21 (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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## 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.