

SERIES ON GALATIANS

Gracious Disagreements

GALATIANS 4:8-20



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | October 20, 2024

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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.

Goodness Of God

CALL TO WORSHIP | Colossians 2:20-3:3 (ESV)

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

If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations—"Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch" (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh. If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

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 | Colossians 1:13-14, 21-22 (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.

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ... And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.

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.

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

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.

Abide With Me

Power To Redeem

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 Westminster Shorter Catechism:

Q. 76. Which is the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment is, Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Q. 77. What is required in the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment requires the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbor's good name, especially in witness-bearing.

Q. 78. What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment forbids whatsoever is prejudicial to truth, or injures our own or our neighbor's good name.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS | 10:30a Service

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.

Chris & Jenny Kersey

Alice, Barrett, Brooks & Eleanor Kersey (*non-communing*)

Billy McLaughlin

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | 10:30a Service

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).

Colin Christopher Cerjan

Barrett Michael Kersey

Eleanor Elizabeth Kersey

Alice Caroline Kersey

Brooks Walter Kersey

William Jay McLaughlin

KIDS' WORSHIP & 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.

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: Galatians 4:8-20 (ESV)

Title: Gracious Disagreements

Teacher: Tim Rice

8 Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. 9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more? 10 You observe days and months and seasons and years! 11 I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain. 12 Brothers, I entreat you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You did me no wrong. 13 You know it was because of a bodily ailment that I preached the gospel to you at first, 14 and though my condition was a trial to you, you did not scorn or despise me, but received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus. 15 What then has become of your blessedness? For I testify to you that, if possible, you would have gouged out your eyes and given them to me. 16 Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth? 17 They make much of you, but for no good purpose. They want to shut you out, that you may make much of them. 18 It is always good to be made much of for a good purpose, and not only when I am present with you, 19 my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you! 20 I wish I could be present with you now and change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.

INTRO: If your disagreements were a weather system ...

A SHARED DIGNITY & STATUS

As God's creation and as His redeemed children, what dignity and status do we share?

FOOLISH DEGRADATION

By pride or fear, wavering in unbelief, how do we needlessly submit ourselves to slavery and humiliation?

TRUTH & GRACE

By the Gospel, how does Jesus love us *and* position us *to love* others?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His sufficiency and His authority. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that while there is no good thing apart from Him, there is nothing we need that He has withheld from us in Christ.
2. How have you lived manipulatively towards people and God rather than seeking their well-being? Confess your instinct to use others as selfish and corrupt, asking Jesus to forgive you and change your heart motives.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for how He meets our deepest needs, taking away the very reason we would ever be self-centered! Thank Him for making much of us through His death and resurrection to cleanse us and heal our souls.
4. Pray for our country, *especially in our culture's deep trend toward autonomy or independence*. Ask the Lord to have mercy on our land, that He would pour out His Spirit on us and move us to repent and return to Him as a people.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear His fruit of love and joy in you. Give thanks and pray for His perspective in truth (that we were profoundly guilty and wrong) and grace (that, nevertheless, He has loved and saved us).

Welcome to Trinity!

We would love to connect with you. Please scan on the QR code to get connected and let us know of any prayer requests you may have.



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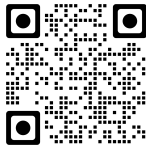


The Compass And Map

now streaming on Apple Podcasts and Spotify



Apple



Spotify

Communication

Visit trinitylakeland.org/events to register.



Seeing Jesus Together Seminar

October 25, 6-8:30p & October 26, 9a-12p
Contact [Brown Peterson](#) for details.



Renew Polk Worship Service

October 27, 5:30p at The King's Church
Contact the church office for details.



2nd Grade Bible Presentation

October 27, during the first service.
Contact [Callie Sandman](#) for details.

Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

October 21-26, 2024

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

Monday	2 Peter 1 Job 35	Joshua 24 Amos 3
Tuesday	2 Peter 2 Job 36	Judges 1 Amos 4
Wednesday	2 Peter 3 Job 37	Judges 2 Amos 5
Thursday	Jude Job 38	Judges 3 Amos 6
Friday	Hebrews 1 Job 39	Judges 4 Amos 7
Saturday	Psalms 95	Psalms 43 Psalms 137

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Galatians 4:18-20 (ESV)

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Office Hours:

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

Sunday Worship | 8:45a & 10:30a

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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.