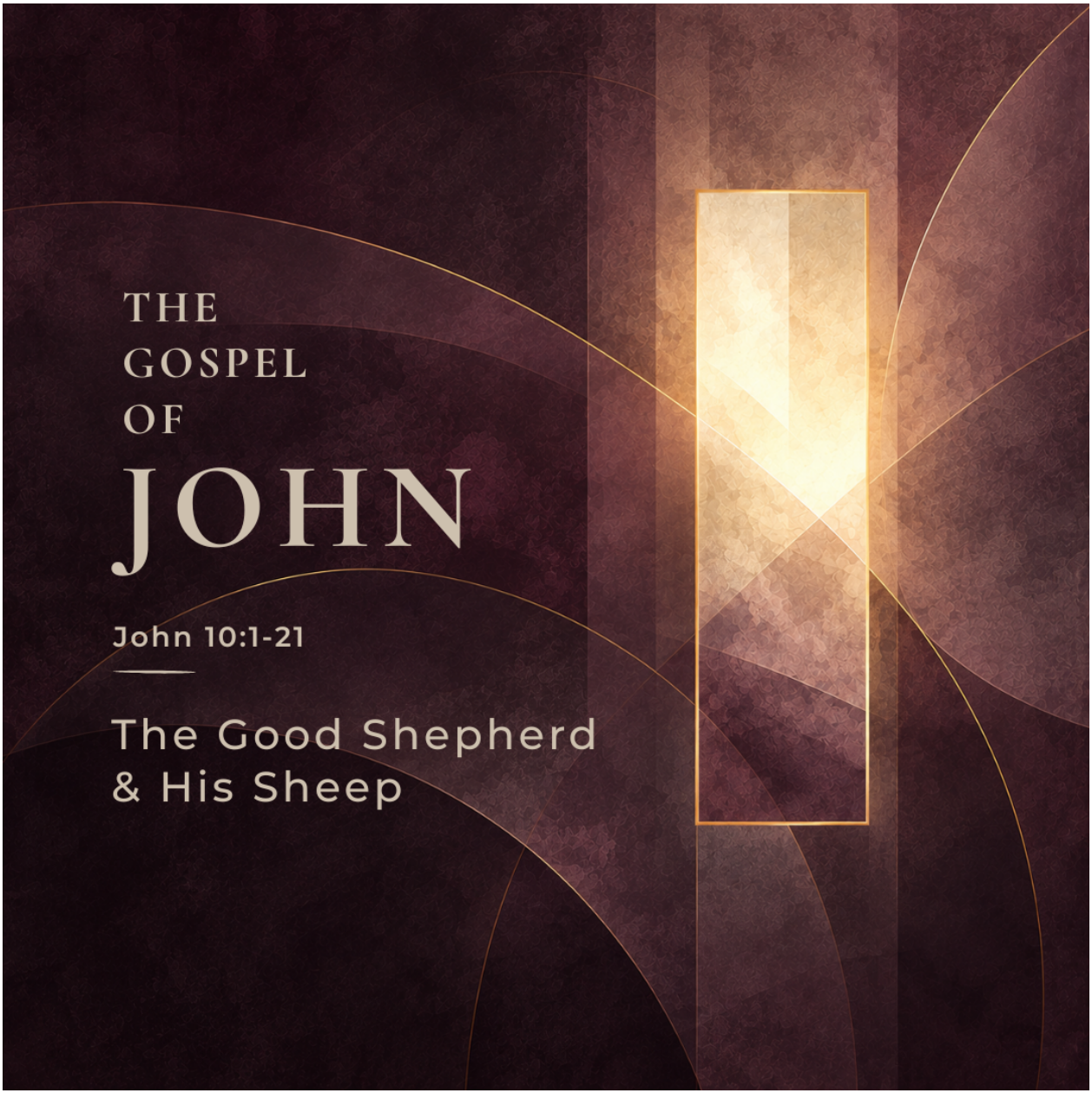

TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | October 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.

Rest

CALL TO WORSHIP | Ezekiel 34:2-5, 11–16 (ESV)

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

Prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, "Thus says the LORD God: [You] shepherds of Israel have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them. So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts. My sheep are scattered …" For thus says the LORD God: "Behold … As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them … I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep… declares the LORD God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak"

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 | Psalm 130 (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.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

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.

Come Thou Fount

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.

God Is Love

Only A Holy God

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.

> Lead On Good Shepherd

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 10:1-21 (ESV)
Title: The Good Shepherd & His Sheep
Teacher: Tim Rice

1 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. 2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." 6 This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. 7 So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father." 19 There was again a division among the Jews because of these words. 20 Many of them said, "He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?" 21 Others said, "These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

INTRO: What is it like to want someone's care?

LIFE AS SHEEP
What is it like to want someone's care?

ALL THE THREATS

What do false shepherds have in common?

UNDER THE CARE OF JESUS

How does Jesus, as our Shepherd, cover us from the worst threats and secure for us the best blessings?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US …

1. Worship the LORD for His kindness in leading us when He could justly cast us out in our sin. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that as the Great I AM, God of all authority, He is loving and kind.
2. How have you lived as if you are not covered or cared for by God (grumbling or complaining in self-pity)? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and change how you see Him.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His amazing work in granting us access to the Father and shepherding us against all threats! Thank Him for willingly laying down His life *(harassed and helpless on the Cross)* so that we could live.
4. Who do you know that is harassed and helpless, like a sheep without a shepherd? Pray for them, asking Jesus to help them see His care for them, and that He would use you to help that happen.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear His fruit of joy in you. Pray that He would help you be hopeful in the face of real threats (because of Jesus' power and Presence with you) and loving *(because Jesus gave everything to care for you)*.

Upcoming *events*



Night of Worship & Prayer

October 4, 5pm

Contact the Church Office for details.



Young Adult Guys' Monday Night Football

October 12, 7:45pm

Contact Jacob McLaughlin for details.

Scan the code to register.



Grace & Grit: Men's Prayer Gathering

October 17, 7:30am

Contact Tony or Craig for details.

tony@trinitylakeland.org

craig.nagle@campusoutreach.org



Renew Polk Worship Service

October 25 | 5:30pm

at The King's Church

(1736 New Jersey Rd)

Contact the Church Office for details.



Retirees Prayer Luncheon

November 5, 12pm

Contact John Tucker at

jtuckerdc@gmail.com for details.

Upcoming *events*



Middle & High School Girls' Bedazzle Night
November 7, 6:30pm
Contact Taylor Hart for details.
Scan the code to register.



Churchwide Fall Festival
November 8, 3:30pm
Contact Callie Sandman for details.
Scan the code to register.



Women's Minsitry
Celebrating the Season
SAVE THE DATE!
November 13, 6pm
Contact Melissa Wagoner for details.



Middle School Boys' Father & Son Paintball
November 14, 9am
Contact Rally Fox for details.
Scan the code to register.



Young Adult Friendsgiving
November 15, 6pm
Contact Brown Peterson for details.
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Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

October 5 - 10, 2026

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

Monday	Mark 9 Job 23	Joshua 11 Hosea 7
Tuesday	Mark 10 Job 24	Joshua 12 Hosea 8
Wednesday	Mark 11 Job 25	Joshua 13 Hosea 9
Thursday	Mark 12 Job 26	Joshua 14 Hosea 10
Friday	Mark 13 Job 27	Joshua 15 Hosea 11
Saturday	 Psalm 93	Psalm 41 Psalm 135

Scripture Memory for the Week:

John 10:7 (ESV)

7 So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep."

Office Hours:

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

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

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