

The **Lord** will Fulfill **HIS** Promise

2 PETER 3:1-13



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | November 16, 2025

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.

Shelter

CALL TO WORSHIP | Joel 2:1-3, 10-14, 30-32a (ESV)

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

Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming; it is near, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness there is spread upon the mountains a great and powerful people; their like has never been before, nor will be again after them through the years of all generations. Fire devours before them, and behind them a flame burns. The land is like the garden of Eden before them, but behind them a desolate wilderness, and nothing escapes them. ... The earth quakes before them; the heavens tremble. The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining. The Lord utters his voice before his army, for his camp is exceedingly great; he who executes his word is powerful. For the day of the Lord is great and very awesome; who can endure it? "Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God? ... "And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

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 John 3:2-3 (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.

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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 Great Thou Art

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.

Only A Holy God | 10:30a Service

The Lion And The Lamb

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 Heidelberg Catechism:

- Q. 88. What is involved in genuine repentance or conversion?
A. Two things: the dying-away of the old self, and the rising-to-life of the new.
- Q. 89. What is the dying-away of the old self?
A. To be genuinely sorry for sin and more and more to hate and run away from it.
- Q. 90. What is the rising-to-life of the new self?
A. Wholehearted joy in God through Christ¹ and a love and delight to live according to the will of God by doing every kind of good work.

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.

Jordan & Kate Green
Amelia & Marcie Green (*non-communing*)

Gavin Riccobono
Parker Wilson

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).

Alétheia Sofia Blanco

Amelia Mae Green

Marcie Kate Green

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 | David Springer, *Director of Campus Outreach*

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.

You’ve Already Won

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 Peter 3:1-13 (ESV)

Title: The Lord will Fulfill His Promise

Teacher: David Springer

1 This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, 2 that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, 3 knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. 4 They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." 5 For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, 6 and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. 7 But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. 8 But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. 11 Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, 12 waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! 13 But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

GOD'S PLANS AND PROMISES

IGNORING AND IMPATIENTLY WAITING

HASTENING HIS RETURN

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Praise the Lord for His sovereign plans and His faithfulness to fulfill His promises. Praise Him for the power of His Word!
2. Consider the ways in which we ignore the Word of God and set our minds on earthly things. Confess and repent of your impatience with His ways and His timing.
3. Give thanks to God for His patience toward us. Thank Jesus for His words to us and His work for us. Thank the Spirit for His commitment to our holiness.
4. Who do you know who is struggling with God's timing? And who do you know that needs to know of God's kindness? How can you move toward them with compassion and hope? Pray for them, asking that God's kindness would lead them to repentance.
5. Ask the Spirit to help us live with eternity in mind. Pray for His help to wait patiently and live faithfully until Christ returns.

Upcoming *events*



Ministry Communities Meeting (MCM)

November 16, 4p

Contact the Church Office for details.

Scan the code to register.



Student Ministry New Members Class

November 21, 4:30p

Contact Bud Daniel for details.

Scan the code to register.



Young Adult Friendsgiving

November 23, 6p

Contact Brown Peterson for details.

Scan the code to register.



Thanksgiving Service

November 27, 10a

Contact the Church Office for details.



Young Adult Guys' Golf

November 30, 1:30p

Contact Brown Peterson for details.

Scan the code to register.



Upcoming *events*



Retirees Prayer Luncheon

December 4, 12p

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



Congregational Budget Q&A

December 7, 12p

in the Sanctuary

Contact the church office for details.



High School Christmas Movie Night on the Lawn

December 12, 6:30p

Contact Bud Daniel for details.

Scan the code to register.



Women's Ministry Annual Gathering Celebrating the Season

December 13, 10a

Contact Laura McCaulley for details.

Scan the code to register.



Campus Outreach National Conference Scholarship/Work Opportunity

Scan the code to register by 11.16.25.

Contact Victoria Hattabaugh for details.
Victoria.Hattabaugh@campusoutreach.org



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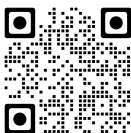


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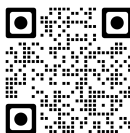


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Community Bible Reading

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November 17-22, 2025

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

Monday	James 2 Proverbs 11	Judges 18 Micah 7
Tuesday	James 3 Proverbs 12	Judges 19 Nahum 1
Wednesday	James 4 Proverbs 13	Judges 20 Nahum 2
Thursday	James 5 Proverbs 14	Judges 21 Nahum 3
Friday	Matthew 1 Proverbs 15	Ruth 1 Habakkuk 1
Saturday	Psalm 99	Psalm 47 Psalm 141

Scripture Memory for the Week:

2 Peter 3:9 (ESV)

9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

Office Hours:

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

Sunday Worship | 9:00a & 10:30a

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