

# LIGHT in the Darkness

2 PETER 1:12-21



TRINITY  
Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | November 2, 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.

God With Us

### CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 15:1-4 (ESV)

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

O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill? He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart; who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend; who honors those who fear the LORD; who swears to his own hurt and does not change

### 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 | Luke 24:25-27, 44-47a (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.

And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ... Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations.

### 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.

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

### 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.

My All In Thee | 10:30a Service

We Will Dwell

## KIDS' WORSHIP & 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.

Living Hope

### 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 1:12-21 (ESV)

**Title:** Light In The Darkness

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

12 Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. 13 I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, 14 since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. 15 And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. 16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," 18 we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. 19 And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, 20 knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. 21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

**INTRO:** When has someone broken a long silence and you were glad?

### WHOSE VOICE IS LOUDEST?

Why do we need God's revelation?

## THE VOICE OF GOD

Why can we be “established in the truth?”

## LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

How does this capture our attention and clarify our focus?

## YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD who has revealed Himself and His Covenant of grace to save sinners like us! Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that He has given us His Word in revelations, commands and saving promises.
2. How have you lived more shaped by your own speculations or imagination than by God’s Word? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and to secure you that He is trustworthy in every regard.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His work to save us, both keeping the Father’s commands and being punished for our disobedience to them. Thank Him that His promises to save are true, and that He kept His word to His own hurt.
4. Who do you know that lives in darkness? Pray for them, asking the Lord to give light to them even as He has to you, and that He would use you in their life as He used other believers in your life.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love, patience and faithfulness. Read the Assurance of Pardon again, and pray for insight into Scripture as He is its Author, and Jesus is its Subject.

# Upcoming *events*



## Retirees Prayer Luncheon

**November 6, 12p**

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



## Young Adult Ladies' Brunch & Mugs

**November 8, 10a**

Contact Taylor Hart for details.



## 2nd Sunday Women's Prayer Gathering

**November 9, 10a**

Contact Laura McCaulley for details.



## Churchwide Fall Party

**November 9, 4p**

Contact the Church Office for details.

***Scan the code to register.***



## Middle School Boys & Dads Paintball

**November 15, 9a**

Contact the Tucker O'Brien for details.

***Scan the code to register.***



# 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 the 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.***



## Young Adult Guys' Golf

**November 30, 1:30p**

Contact Brown Peterson for details.

***Scan the code to register.***



## Middle School Girls' Spa Night

**December 19, 6:30p**

Contact the Emma Riggs for details.

***Scan the code to register.***



## Interested in Serving?

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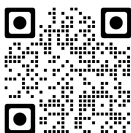


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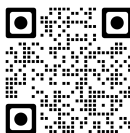


## The Compass And Map Podcast

Now streaming on *Apple Podcasts* and *Spotify*.



Apple



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## Community Bible Reading

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

**November 3 - 8, 2025**

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

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|-----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Monday    | Hebrews 5<br>Proverbs 1 | Judges 8<br>Jonah 1   |
| Tuesday   | Hebrews 6<br>Proverbs 2 | Judges 9<br>Jonah 2   |
| Wednesday | Hebrews 7<br>Proverbs 3 | Judges 10<br>Jonah 3  |
| Thursday  | Hebrews 8<br>Proverbs 4 | Judges 11<br>Jonah 4  |
| Friday    | Hebrews 9<br>Proverbs 5 | Judges 12<br>Micah 1  |
| Saturday  | Psalm 97                | Psalm 45<br>Psalm 139 |

## Scripture Memory for the Week:

**2 Peter 1:16 (ESV)**

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

## Office Hours:

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

**Sunday Worship** | 9:00a & 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.