

YEARNING in the Now & Not Yet

2 PETER 3:14–18



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | November 23, 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.

In Christ Alone

CALL TO WORSHIP | 2 Corinthians 5:1-7 (ESV)

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

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.

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 | Isaiah 54:4-8 (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.

"Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more. For your Maker is your husband, the Lord of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called. For the Lord has called you like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit, like a wife of youth when she is cast off, says your God. For a brief moment I deserted you, but with great compassion I will gather you. In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you," says the Lord, your Redeemer.

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.

Holy Holy Holy

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.

Beautiful | 10:30a Service

Do It Again

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. 116. Why do Christians need to pray?

A. Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us.¹ And also because God gives his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking God for them.

Q. 117. What is the kind of prayer that pleases God and that he listens to?

A. First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God, revealed to us in his Word, asking for everything God has commanded us to ask for. Second, we must fully recognize our need and misery, so that we humble ourselves in God's majestic presence. Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation: even though we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord. That is what God promised us in his Word.

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: 2 Peter 3:14-18 (ESV)

Title: Yearning In The Now & The Not Yet

Teacher: Tim Rice

14 Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. 15 And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, 16 as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. 17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. 18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

INTRO: *How do you busy yourself while waiting?*

SINCE YOU ARE WAITING

What is it like to live in an enduring tension?

DON'T BE CARRIED AWAY

What is it like when we refuse to live by faith?

THE MOST CAPTIVATING MOTIVE

How can Jesus stabilize us and motivate us while we wait?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD, the God of all time and eternity. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that He is both patient and constantly present, able to work over time and guarantee our redemption eternally.
2. How have you lived in a way that elevates your opinions and our responses above what Jesus has called us to believe and do? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and transform your heart to love Him.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His commitment to you as our Covenant Bridegroom. Thank Him for being faithful in His love for us even when we were faithless, and for pursuing us through death and hell to win our hearts.
4. Who do you know that desires to live by sight vs. by faith, more committed to what is here and now vs. to Him and eternity? Pray for them, asking the Lord to make known to them both their peril and His saving love.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love, patience, and faithfulness. Pray for His transforming work to wean you more and more off the things of this world and win you to love Him and His grace instead.

Upcoming *events*



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.



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.



Upcoming *events*



Women's Ministry Annual Gathering Celebrating the Season

December 13, 10a

Contact Laura McCaulley for details.

Scan the code to register.



Congregational Budget Vote

December 14, 12p

in the Sanctuary

Contact the church office for details.



Middle School Girls' Spa Night

December 19, 6:30p

Contact Emma Riggs for details.

Scan the code to register.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

December 24, 4:00p & 5:30p

Livestream at 5:30p

Contact the church office for details.



The Weekender

February 6 & 7

Contact Ashley Coleman for details.

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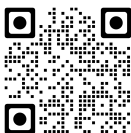


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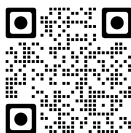


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Community Bible Reading

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November 24-29, 2025

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

Monday	Matthew 2 Proverbs 16	Ruth 2 Habakkuk 2
Tuesday	Matthew 3 Proverbs 17	Ruth 3 Habakkuk 3
Wednesday	Matthew 4 Proverbs 18	Ruth 4 Zephaniah 1
Thursday	Matthew 5 Proverbs 19	1 Samuel 1 Zephaniah 2
Friday	Matthew 6 Proverbs 20	1 Samuel 2 Zephaniah 3
Saturday	Psalms 100	Psalms 48 Psalms 142

Scripture Memory for the Week:

2 Peter 3:18 (ESV)

18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Office Hours:

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

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

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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.