

SERIES ON GALATIANS

there is
No other
Freedom

GALATIANS 5:1-15



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | November 3, 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.

My All In Thee

CALL TO WORSHIP | John 6:63, 65-69 (ESV)

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

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ... And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of 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 | John 8:31-36 (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.

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

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.

Bless God

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

Death Was Arrested

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.

Abide

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 5:1-15 (ESV)

Title: There Is No Other Freedom

Teacher: Tim Rice

1 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

2 Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. 3 I testify again

to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. 4 You are severed from

Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. 5 For through the Spirit, by

faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor

uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love. 7 You were running well. Who

hindered you from obeying the truth? 8 This persuasion is not from him who calls you. 9 A little leaven

leavens the whole lump. 10 I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is

troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. 11 But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still

being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. 12 I wish those who unsettle you

would emasculate themselves! 13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as

an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word:

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 15 But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are

not consumed by one another.

INTRO: Biologically DNA is the key to life; *spiritually, it's God's holiness.*

"THERE IS NO OTHER STREAM"

Why do we believe there is no rival for Jesus and His work for us?

FRUITLESS ALTERNATIVES

How does turning away from Jesus offer no freedom or advantage?

THE POWER TO BE TRULY FREE

What does God's Word mean by the promise of freedom?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for revealing Himself and the goodness of His design of us in His Word (both in His Law and Promises). Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that He is good in all that He does and says.
2. How have you lived in a lawless or willful way? Confess your rebellion to Jesus and that you have disdained the sound of His voice, asking Him for mercy and a changed heart to truly love Him and His will.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His power to set us free and restore us to wholeness in His Father's design. Thank Him for trusting His Father's love in His life, death, and resurrection to free us from slavery to sin and death.
4. Who do you know that is biblically illiterate, so they have no way of living out God's design because they don't know what it is? Pray for them, asking the Lord to empower you to share His Word with them.
5. Pray for the Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love. Ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to live out God's good design in His commands to love generously and patiently as you discover that you're not very good at it yet.

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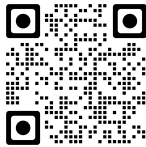


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Spotify

Communication

Visit trinitylakeland.org/events to register.



Retirees Prayer Luncheon

November 7, 12p

Contact [John Tucker](#) for details.



High School Boys - Chicken Wing Night

November 9, 5:30p

Contact the [Bud Daniel](#) for details.



Women's Ministry - Celebrating the Season

December 7, 10a

Contact [JoAnn Johnson](#) for details.

Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

November 4-9, 2024

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

Monday	Hebrews 7 Proverbs 3	Judges 10 Jonah 3
Tuesday	Hebrews 8 Proverbs 4	Judges 11 Jonah 4
Wednesday	Hebrews 9 Proverbs 5	Judges 12 Micah 1
Thursday	Hebrews 10 Proverbs 6	Judges 13 Micah 2
Friday	Hebrews 11 Proverbs 7	Judges 14 Micah 3
Saturday	Psalms 97	Psalms 45 Psalms 139

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Galatians 5:13-14 (ESV)

13 For you were called to freedom, brothers.

Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

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.