

A Scathing CRITIQUE, A Serious WARNING

2 PETER 2:1-22



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | November 9, 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.

Rescue

CALL TO WORSHIP | John 14:6, 16:13-14 (ESV)

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

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ... When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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 | Titus 2:11-14 (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.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

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.

Grace

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.

The Way | 10:30a Service

Your Glory

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. 86. Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?
- A. Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.
- Q. 87. Can those be saved who do not turn to God from their ungrateful and unrepentant ways?
- A. By no means. Scripture tells us that no unchaste person, no idolater, adulterer, thief, no covetous person, no drunkard, slanderer, robber, or the like will inherit the kingdom of God.

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.

Death Was Arrested

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 2:1-22 (ESV)

Title: A Scathing Critique, A Serious Warning

Teacher: Tim Rice

1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. 3 And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep. 4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment; 5 if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; 6 if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; 7 and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked 8 (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard); 9 then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment, 10 and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority. Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones, 11 whereas angels, though greater in might and power, do not pronounce a blasphemous judgment against them before the Lord. 12 But these, like irrational animals, creatures of instinct, born to be caught and destroyed, blaspheming about matters of which they are ignorant, will also be destroyed in their destruction, 13 suffering wrong as the wage for their wrongdoing. They count it pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, while they feast with you. 14 They have eyes full of adultery, insatiable for sin. They entice unsteady souls. They have hearts trained in greed. Accursed children! 15 Forsaking the right way, they have gone astray. They have followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved gain from wrongdoing, 16 but was rebuked for his own transgression; a speechless donkey spoke with human voice and restrained the prophet's madness. 17 These are waterless springs and mists driven by a storm. For them the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved. 18 For, speaking loud boasts of folly, they entice by sensual passions of the flesh those who are barely escaping from those who live in error. 19 They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved. 20 For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. 21 For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them. 22 What the true proverb says has happened to them: "The dog returns to its own vomit, and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire."

INTRO: When have you ever thought, “*That* person is in trouble?”

MARKS OF TRUE VS. FALSE TEACHING

What are some essential contrasts between true and false teaching?

THE TRAGEDY OF FALSE TEACHERS

What if all I pursue perishes?

THE ALTERNATIVE TO FALSE TEACHING

Why does it matter that the LORD disadvantaged Himself to advantage us?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD, the Only True God, and Guarantor of every promise and Covenant. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that He is trustworthy in all He has said, and that every lie He will expose and defeat.
2. How have you bought into lies and propagated them by how you’ve sought to live? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and restore you to the truth and to being truthful.
3. Give thanks to Jesus that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Thank Him for His work to atone for all of your lies and false hopes, and His gift of true righteousness and goodness by the Gospel.
4. Who do you know that has been wrecked because of lies — either lies they’ve told or lies they’ve believed? Pray for them, asking the Lord to work for their redemption, especially by the work of the Spirit and the Truth of God’s Word.
5. Read John 16:13-14 and ask the Spirit for His work of leading you into all truth, especially as He glorifies Jesus in your heart and thinking. Pray for His help to know Jesus so well that you won’t be fooled by any counterfeit promises or teaching.

Upcoming *events*



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

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Ministry Communities Meeting (MCM)

November 16, 4p

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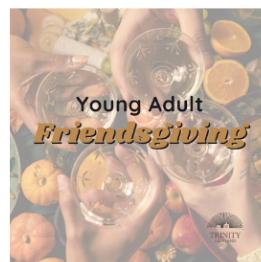


Student Ministry New Members Class

November 21, 4:30p

Contact Bud Daniel for details.

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Young Adult Friendsgiving

November 23, 6p

Contact Brown Peterson for details.

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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.

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Retirees Prayer Luncheon

December 4, 12p

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



High School Christmas Movie Night on the Lawn

December 12, 6:30p

Contact Bud Daniel for details.

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Women's Ministry Annual Gathering Celebrating the Season

December 13, 10a

Contact Laura McCaulley for details.

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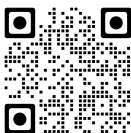


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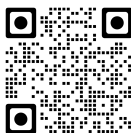


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Community Bible Reading

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November 10 - 15, 2025

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

Monday	Hebrews 10 Proverbs 6	Judges 13 Micah 2
Tuesday	Hebrews 11 Proverbs 7	Judges 14 Micah 3
Wednesday	Hebrews 12 Proverbs 8	Judges 15 Micah 4
Thursday	Hebrews 13 Proverbs 9	Judges 16 Micah 5
Friday	James 1 Proverbs 10	Judges 17 Micah 6
Saturday	Psalm 98	Psalm 46 Psalm 140

Scripture Memory for the Week:

2 Peter 2:19 (ESV)

19 They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption.
For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved.

Office Hours:

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

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

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empowered by His Spirit, called by God to reach our city with His love.