

Nicodemus
& Jesus

John 3:1-15



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | February 15, 2026

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.

The Goodness Of Jesus

CALL TO WORSHIP | Numbers 21:5-9 (ESV)

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

And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

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 | Ezekiel 36:25-28 (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.

"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules... and you shall be my people, and I will be your God."

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.

Rock Of Ages

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

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.7. What does the law of God require?

A. Personal, perfect, and perpetual obedience; that we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbor as ourselves. What God forbids should never be done and what God commands should always be done.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS | 10:45a 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.

Ellie Cox

Caleb & Brenna Watson

Calvin Dunbar

Conway Watson (*non-communing*)

Madison Ewers

Marlee Weidner

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.

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: John 3:1-15 (ESV)

Title: Nicodemus & Jesus

Teacher: Tim Rice

1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." 3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." 9 Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" 10 Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? 11 Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

INTRO: How do you typically behave when you need to rethink something?

THE HEAVEN-EARTH INTERSECTION

What if there is an intersection between heaven and earth? What should we expect there?

OUR NATURAL LIMITS

Why can we not enter God's Kingdom as we are, on our own?

THE WIND & THE SERPENT

Along with our need, what if there is a gracious provision?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD, God our Savior, for His mercy and life-giving grace. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that with the same power He worked at creation, He has worked to give us new birth, right in our hearts!
2. How have you lived like Nicodemus, thinking that the problem of sin is in other people, but not you? Confess your arrogance and folly to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and change your heart by His indwelling Spirit.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for how He is gracious even as He is directly honest. Thank Him for so great a love that He would reveal everything wrong about us *to cleanse us from it*, and then give us His Spirit to make us new.
4. Who do you know that is religious but blind to their own guilt, sin, and helplessness? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them to see their need for His grace, just as He did for Nicodemus.
5. Ask the Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and joy. Pray for insight into what it means that Jesus came to take us off of death row and reconcile us to the Father, and commission us as conveyors of that hope.

Upcoming *events*



Men's Ministry One Anothering Training

February 15, 12pm

Contact Brown Peterson for details.

Scan the code to register.



Guatemala Mission Trip Interest Meeting

February 15, 12:15pm

Contact Frank McCaulley for details.



High School Winter Retreat February 20-22

Contact Bud Daniel for details.

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Grace & Grit Men's Prayer Gathering

February 21, 7:30am

Contact Tony Myers for details.



Middle School Boys & Dads Paintball

February 28, 9am

Contact Tucker O'Brien for details.

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Retirees Prayer Luncheon

March 5, 12pm

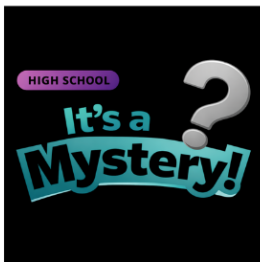
Contact John Tucker at
jtuckerdc@gmail.com for details.



High School Girls' Rom-Com Bingo

March 7, 7pm

Contact Taylor Hart for details.
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High School Mystery Event

March 8, 5:45pm

Contact Taylor Hart for details.
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2026 Men's Florida Retreat

April 16-18

Contact Brown Peterson for details.
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Middle School Girls' Dos de Mayo

May 2, 6pm

Contact Emma Riggs for details.
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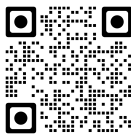


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Community Bible Reading

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February 16-21, 2026

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

Monday	Acts 9 1 Kings 3	Genesis 33 Isaiah 25
Tuesday	Acts 10 1 Kings 4	Genesis 34 Isaiah 26
Wednesday	Acts 11 1 Kings 5	Genesis 35 Isaiah 27
Thursday	Acts 12 1 Kings 6	Genesis 36 Isaiah 28
Friday	Acts 13 1 Kings 7	Genesis 37 Isaiah 29
Saturday	Psalm 60	Psalm 8 Psalm 112

Scripture Memory for the Week:

John 3:3 (ESV)

3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Office Hours:

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

Sunday Worship | 9:00a & 10:45a

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