

THE MINOR PROPHETS

Jonah:

The Enlightening Prophet

Jonah 3:10-4:11



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | February 16, 2025

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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.

Almighty God

CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 51:8-13 (ESV)

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

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return 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 | Luke 7:44-50 (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.

Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

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.

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

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

When My Heart Is Torn Asunder

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. 9. But doesn't God do us an injustice by requiring in his law what we are unable to do?

A. No, God created human beings with the ability to keep the law. They, however, provoked by the devil, in willful disobedience, robbed themselves and all their descendants of these gifts.

Q. 10. Does God permit such disobedience and rebellion to go unpunished?

A. Certainly not. God is terribly angry with the sin we are born with as well as the sins we personally commit. As a just judge, God will punish them both now and in eternity,¹ having declared: "Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the things written in the book of the law."

Q. 11. But isn't God also merciful?

A. God is certainly merciful, but also just. God's justice demands that sin, committed against his supreme majesty, be punished with the supreme penalty— eternal punishment of body and soul.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | 10:30a Service

The ritual of baptism is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. It symbolizes the cleansing all people need before they are acceptable to God (sign), and it makes how real God's promise is for who will trust in Him (seal).

Roman Emmanuel Craane

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 | Bud Daniel, Male Discipleship Coordinator

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.

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: Jonah 3:10-4:11 (ESV)

Title: Jonah: The Enlightening Prophet

Teacher: Bud Daniel

3:10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it. 4:1 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. 2 And he prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. 3 Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." 4 And the Lord said, "Do you do well to be angry?" 5 Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. 6 Now the Lord God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. 7 But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. 8 When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." 9 But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die." 10 And the Lord said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. 11 And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

JONAH'S STORMY HEART

GOD'S SEVERE MERCY

THE PECULIAR CLIFFHANGER

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His compassion toward His enemies—of whom we are the foremost! Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that by His severe mercy, we are rescued from judgement.
2. How have you lived as though your righteousness exceeds that of your neighbors? Confess your pride and arrogance, asking the Spirit to let mercy flow through you toward others.
3. Give thanks to Jesus that he did do well to be angry, not stewing or wallowing, but an anger that only produced good. An anger that led to the cross where he eviscerated our enemies once and for all.
4. Who do you know that is living licentiously and cruelly like the Ninevites? Pray for them, asking the Lord to shower them with His grace. Ask also that you'd be a friend who wouldn't judge them for their way of living but would love them and pray for them in the midst—hoping for renewal.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to work into you a posture of contentment that the Lord is sovereign, and you are not, and that is a really good thing. *Pray for humility – at your own forgiveness in Christ – that you can weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice.*

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you may have.



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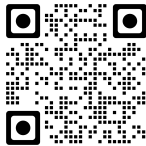


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Communication

Visit trinitylakeland.org/events to register.



ED Hour

February 9 - March 16, 9:15a
Contact [Brown Peterson](#) for details.



Churchwide Easter Picnic

April 6, 12p at Fletcher Park
Contact the Church Office for details.



SAVE THE DATES! VBS - True North

June 16-20
Contact the [Callie Sandman](#) for details.

Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

February 17-22, 2025

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

Monday	Acts 10 1 Kings 3	Genesis 34 Isaiah 26
Tuesday	Acts 11 1 Kings 4	Genesis 35 Isaiah 27
Wednesday	Acts 12 1 Kings 5	Genesis 36 Isaiah 28
Thursday	Acts 13 1 Kings 6	Genesis 37 Isaiah 29
Friday	Acts 14 1 Kings 7	Genesis 38 Isaiah 30
Saturday	Psalms 60	Psalms 8 Psalms 112

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Jonah 3:10 (ESV)

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Office Hours:

Mon - Thur | 8:30a - 5:00p

Fri | 8:30a-12:00p

Sunday Worship | 8:45a & 10:30a
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Mission

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