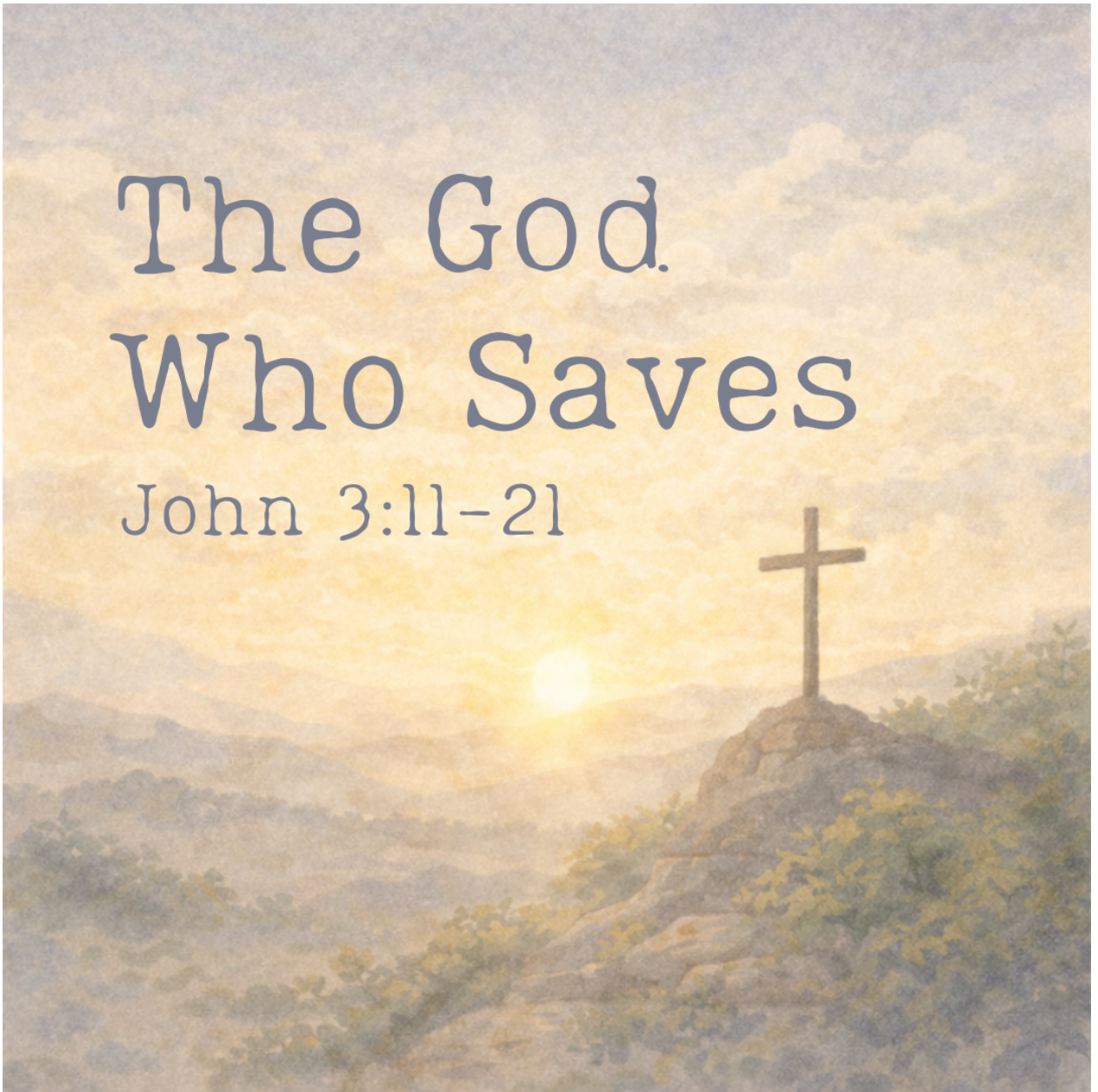


# The God Who Saves

John 3:11-21



TRINITY  
Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | February 22, 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.

No Longer Slaves

### CALL TO WORSHIP | Ephesians 5:6, 8-11, 14-16 (ESV)

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

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ... for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ... for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

### 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 | Romans 8:1-4, 31-32, 37-39 (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.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ... What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### 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.

All Glory Be To Christ

### 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.

Upon A Life

Only A Holy God

## 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 New City Catechism:

**Q. 8. What is the law of God stated in the Ten Commandments?**

A. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below—you shall not bow down to them or worship them. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not covet.

## 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..

### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING | Mercy Fund Offering

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.

### SONG OF RESPONSE

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

Lean On Good Shepherd

### 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 3:11-21 (ESV)

**Title:** The God Who Saves

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

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. 16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. 20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. 21 But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

**INTRO:** What is the closest you've been to needing life-saving efforts?

### SIN & CONDEMNATION

What is the problem Jesus identifies in us?

## THE GOD WHO SAVES

What has the LORD done in Jesus that you and I cannot do?

## BELIEVING JESUS

So if we see that we need to be saved, how is that possible?

## YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD, for His mercy and love. Praise and adore Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that He has so loved us, even in our guilt and ruin, that He has given in an unimaginable way so that we could be saved!
2. How have you lived ignorant of God's will and resentful of being crossed in your own will? Confess your arrogance and foolishness to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you, and soften your heart to yield to Him in His goodness.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His immeasurably generous love. Thank Him for bearing costs we can't even count (by His death), and for giving us freely blessings that we can't value (by His resurrection and His indwelling Spirit).
4. Who do you know who lives as if they are in darkness? Ask the Lord to show Himself to them and flood their heart with the light of His love and forgiveness.
5. Ask the Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and peace. Pray that He would help you to understand and apply His Word, especially His promise that if you trust Jesus, you will not perish, but have (*right now*) eternal life.

# Upcoming *events*



## Middle School Boys & Dads Paintball

February 28, 9am

Contact Tucker O'Brien for details.

***Scan the code to register.***



## Night of Worship & Prayer

March 1, 5pm

Contact the Church Office for details.

***Scan the code to register  
for childcare.***



## Retirees Prayer Luncheon

March 5, 12pm

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

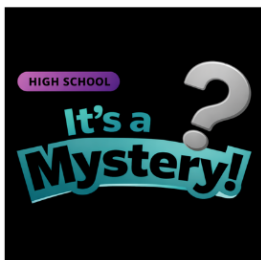


## High School Girls' Rom-Com Bingo

March 7, 7pm

Contact Taylor Hart for details.

***Scan the code to register.***



## High School Mystery Event

March 8, 5:45pm

Contact Taylor Hart for details.

***Scan the code to register.***



# Upcoming *events*



**Grace & Grit**  
**Men's Prayer Gathering**  
**March 21, 7:30am**  
Contact Tony Myers for details.



**Churchwide Easter Picnic**  
**March 29, 12:15pm**  
Contact the Church Office for details.



**2026 Men's Florida Retreat**  
**April 16-18**  
Contact Brown Peterson for details.  
***Scan the code to register.***



**Middle School Girls'**  
**Dos de Mayo**  
**May 2, 6pm**  
Contact Emma Riggs for details.  
***Scan the code to register.***



**Person of Jesus (POJ) Study**  
**Wednesdays, 12pm**  
Contact the church office for details.  
***Scan the code to join our email list!***



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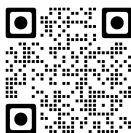


## The Compass And Map Podcast

Now streaming on *Apple Podcasts* and *Spotify*.



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## Community Bible Reading

[communitybiblereading.org](http://communitybiblereading.org)

### February 23-28, 2026

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

Monday	Acts 14 1 Kings 8	Genesis 38 Isaiah 30
Tuesday	Acts 15 1 Kings 9	Genesis 39 Isaiah 31
Wednesday	Acts 16 1 Kings 10	Genesis 40 Isaiah 32
Thursday	Acts 17 1 Kings 11	Genesis 41 Isaiah 33
Friday	Acts 18 1 Kings 12	Genesis 42 Isaiah 34
Saturday	Psalm 61	Psalm 9 Psalm 113

### Scripture Memory for the Week:

**John 3:17 (ESV)**

17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

### Office Hours:

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

**Sunday Worship** | 9:00am & 10:45am

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### Vision

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.