

THE MINOR PROPHETS

Micah:

Who is Like the Lord

Micah 5:1-5a, 10-11; 6:8; 7:18-20



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | February 23, 2025

Listening devices are available for the hearing impaired.

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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.

Come As You Are

CALL TO WORSHIP | Isaiah 55:6-9 (ESV)

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

"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

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 | Psalm 103:10-12 (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.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

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.

Gratitude

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.

Great Are You Lord

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 Heidelberg Catechism:

- Q. 12. According to God's righteous judgment we deserve punishment both now and in eternity: how then can we escape this punishment and return to God's favor?
- A. God requires that his justice be satisfied. Therefore the claims of this justice must be paid in full, either by ourselves or by another.
- Q. 13. Can we make this payment ourselves?
- A. Certainly not. Actually, we increase our debt every day.

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.

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.

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: Micah 5:1-5a, 10-11; 6:8; 7:18-20 (ESV)

Title: Micah: Who Is Like The LORD?

Teacher: Tim Rice

5:1 Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops; siege is laid against us; with a rod they strike the judge of Israel on the cheek. 2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. 3 Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. 4 And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. 5 And he shall be their peace. ... 10 And in that day, declares the Lord, I will cut off your horses from among you and will destroy your chariots; 11 and I will cut off the cities of your land and throw down all your strongholds; ... 6:8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? ... 7:18 Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. 19 He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. 20 You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

INTRO: When have you seen the powerful threaten the weak?

HIS WAYS, NOT OUR WAYS

In what ways does the LORD work differently than we do?

THE ENDANGERED HERO

How does Jesus do what we were made for but have never been able to do?

THE CALL TO LOVE & HUMILITY

How has the LORD called us to Himself *and to His ways*?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His compassion and grace to sinners like us. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that He is not like us, that His thoughts are not like our thoughts, and that His ways are not like our ways.
2. How have you lived as if you deserve the highest place, refusing to live humbly? Confess your pride as a true effort to replace Jesus as God. Ask Him to forgive you and change your heart to bow before Him *truly*.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for the beauty of what Jesus did to go into peril to rescue us from sin, death and hell. Thank Him for moving down so radically to do what we could never do – *atone for our sins and secure us in love*.
4. Who do you know that tends quickly toward pride or superiority? Pray for them, asking the Lord to open their eyes to God's love of humility and His design so that we can walk humbly with Him.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you grow in compassion for the weak and those who offer you no advantage. Pray for His work to so secure you in His resurrection power that you're unafraid to live humbly and in true love for others.

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We would love to connect with you.
Please scan on the QR code to get connected
and let us know of any prayer requests
you may have.

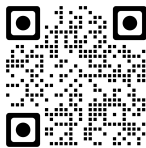


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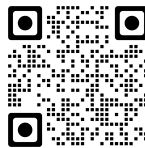


The Compass And Map

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Apple



Spotify

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.



VBS - True North

June 16-20 - **Registration opens April 6!**
Contact the [Callie Sandman](#) for details.

Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

February 24-28, 2025

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

Monday	Acts 15 1 Kings 8	Genesis 39 Isaiah 31
Tuesday	Acts 16 1 Kings 9	Genesis 40 Isaiah 32
Wednesday	Acts 17 1 Kings 10	Genesis 41 Isaiah 33
Thursday	Acts 18 1 Kings 11	Genesis 42 Isaiah 34
Friday	Acts 19 1 Kings 12	Genesis 43 Isaiah 35
Saturday	Psalms 61	Psalms 9 Psalms 113

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Micah 7:18 (ESV)

18 Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression for the
remnant of his inheritance? He does not
retain his anger forever, because he delights
in steadfast love.

Office Hours:

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

Fri | 8:30a-12:00p

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.