

# Asking Vs. Demanding

John 4:46-54



TRINITY  
Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | March 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.

Ancient Gates

### CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 103:1-5 (ESV)

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

### 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 103:8-14 (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.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. 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. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. 14 For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

### 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.

Jesus Is

### 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.

Abide With Me

Great Are You Lord

## 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. 11.** What does God require in the sixth, seventh, and eighth commandments?

**A.** Sixth, that we do not hurt, or hate, or be hostile to our neighbor, but be patient and peaceful, pursuing even our enemies with love. Seventh, that we abstain from sexual immorality and live purely and faithfully, whether in marriage or in single life, avoiding all impure actions, looks, words, thoughts, or desires, and whatever might lead to them. Eighth, that we do not take without permission that which belongs to someone else, nor withhold any good from someone we might benefit.

## 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.

Only A Holy God

### 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 4:43-54 (ESV)

**Title:** Asking Vs. Demanding

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

43 After the two days he departed for Galilee. 44 (For Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in his own hometown.) 45 So when he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, having seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the feast. For they too had gone to the feast. 46 So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. 47 When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. 48 So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." 49 The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." 50 Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. 51 As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. 52 So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." 53 The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household. 54 This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

**INTRO:** When were you last undeniably weak?

### INSIDE OUT, UPSIDE DOWN

How can we get faith all wrong?

## SOVEREIGN MERCY

How does Jesus show saving grace?

## THE HUMBLE BELIEVE

How does God use our experiences of need?

## YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His wisdom, power and love to heal our deepest heart sickness, from death and the curse of sin. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that He is holy as the LORD our Healer.
2. How have you lived in unbelief, resisting the exposure of your vulnerability, or resenting God for your sufferings? Confess your pride to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you, and to secure you in His Grace instead.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for both His ability and His will to save sinners like us! Thank Him that vs. cruelty or the power-brokering of men (modernism or post-modernism), that Jesus' work to heal reveals the nature of His rule.
4. Who do you know who is sick, or cares for someone they love who is? Pray for them, asking the Lord to work for their healing, *but especially to fill their sufferings with His saving Grace* — and to give you compassion for them in their hardship.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to work in you insight into how the LORD graciously works through suffering, and even death. Pray for insight into the Gospel as He is merciful, and yet does *not* work immediately to heal everyone from every ill.

# Upcoming *events*



## Churchwide Easter Picnic

March 29, 12:15pm

Contact the Church Office for details.



## Retirees Prayer Luncheon

April 2, 12pm

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



## Churchwide Serve Day

Apr 4, 8am

Contact the Church Office for details.

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



## Young Adult Guys' Masters Watch Party

April 12, 3pm

Contact Brown Peterson for details.

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



## 2026 Men's Florida Retreat

April 16-18

Contact Brown Peterson for details.

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



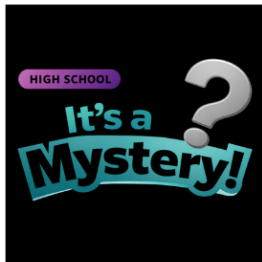
# Upcoming *events*



**Women's Ministry: Table Talks  
Watercolor Night**  
April 23, 6:30pm

Contact Laura McCaulley for details.

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



**High School Mystery Event**  
April 24, 5:45pm

Contact Taylor Hart for details.

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



**Night of Worship & Prayer**  
April 26, 5pm

Contact the Church Office for details.

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



**Middle School Girls'  
Dos de Mayo**  
May 2, 6pm

Contact Emma Riggs for details.

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



**VBS Save the Date**  
July 13–17

**Registration opens on April 12.**

If you're interested in volunteering,  
please contact Callie Sandman.

## Interested in Getting Connected?

Scan the code below to be added to our database, weekly announcement emails and for information on areas where you can serve at Trinity.



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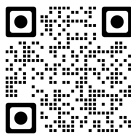


## The Compass And Map Podcast

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## Community Bible Reading

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

**March 23-28, 2026**

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

Monday	Romans 6 2 Kings 6	Exodus 8 Isaiah 50
Tuesday	Romans 7 2 Kings 7	Exodus 9 Isaiah 51
Wednesday	Romans 8 2 Kings 8	Exodus 10 Isaiah 52
Thursday	Romans 9 2 Kings 9	Exodus 11 Isaiah 53
Friday	Romans 10 2 Kings 10	Exodus 12 Isaiah 54
Saturday	Psalm 65	Psalm 13 Psalm 117

## Scripture Memory for the Week:

**John 4:50 (ESV)**

50 Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way.

## 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.