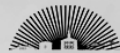


THE MINOR PROPHETS

Haggai:

Seek First His Kingdom

Haggai 1:1-12, 2:2-5



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | March 23, 2025

Listening devices are available for the hearing impaired.

Please speak with a greeter or visit the sound booth upstairs for a listening device.

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.

Build My Life

CALL TO WORSHIP | 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (ESV)

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

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

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 | 2 Corinthians 8:9, 9:11, 15 (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.

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. ... You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ... Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

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.

Bless God

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.

Holy Holy Holy

Your Glory

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. 18. But who is that Mediator who at the same time is true God and a true righteous man?

A. Our Lord Jesus Christ, who has become for us wisdom from God - that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption (1 Cor 1:30).

Q. 19. From where do you know this?

A. From the holy gospel which God himself first revealed in Paradise. Later, he had it proclaimed by the patriarchs and prophets, and foreshadowed by the sacrifices and other ceremonies of the law. Finally, he had it fulfilled through his only Son.

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.

Made For More

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: Haggai 1:1-12; 2:2-5 (ESV)

Title: Haggai: Seek First His Kingdom

Teacher: Tim Rice

1:1 In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the hand of Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest: 2 “Thus says the Lord of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the Lord.” 3 Then the word of the Lord came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, 4 “Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? 5 Now, therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways. 6 You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes. 7 Thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways. 8 Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the Lord. 9 You looked for much, and behold, it came to little. And when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? declares the Lord of hosts. Because of my house that lies in ruins, while each of you busies himself with his own house. 10 Therefore the heavens above you have withheld the dew, and the earth has withheld its produce. 11 And I have called for a drought on the land and the hills, on the grain, the new wine, the oil, on what the ground brings forth, on man and beast, and on all their labors.” 12 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the Lord their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the Lord their God had sent him. And the people feared the Lord. ... 2:2 “Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to all the remnant of the people, and say, 3 ‘Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How do you see it now? Is it not as nothing in your eyes? 4 Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, declares the Lord. Be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land, declares the Lord. Work, for I am with you, declares the Lord of hosts, 5 according to the covenant that I made with you when you came out of Egypt. My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not.’”

INTRO: After a storm, how do you choose what to repair first?

WHAT WAS WRONG?

How had God's people gotten off track?

WHY DOES THE TEMPLE MATTER SO MUCH?

In an intrinsically secular culture, how can we grasp why the Temple was so important?

THEREFORE, THIS BEFORE THAT

Therefore, how does God's worth and His work define our priorities?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD, the Holy One, hallow His Name! Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that He is above, ahead, and superior to anything and everything else.
2. How have you lived in self-interest, giving more focus and passion to your own interests than you give to your Maker, His people and His mission? Confess your selfishness to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and change you.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for the miracle of His love, making more of us than He made of His own comforts or rights. Thank Him for being willing to be punished for our selfishness and sharing with us His generous heart.
4. Who do you know who excels in generosity and building up other believers? Pray for them, asking the Lord to fuel, guide and protect them in their good work of loving God and His people.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and goodness. Pray for His transforming work in your own heart to help you see how deeply the Lord has valued you and to move you to value other believers just as well.

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Scan the code to be added to our database, weekly announcement emails and for information on areas where you can serve at Trinity. Contact **Theresa Riggs** at theresa@trinitylakeland.org for other ways to get connected.



Night of Worship & Prayer

March 23, 5p

Contact the Church Office for details.



Churchwide Serve Day

March 29, 8a

Contact the Church Office for details.

Scan the code to register.



Retirees Prayer Luncheon

April 3, 12p

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



Churchwide Easter Picnic

April 6, 12p at Fletcher Park

Don't forget your basket for the Easter egg hunt! **Please bring your own lunch, chairs, and blankets.**



Phil Keaggy Live Concert

April 11, 7p

Contact the Church Office for details.

***Scan the code to purchase
your ticket!***



Town Hall Meeting

April 13, 9:15 & 11a

in the Fellowship Hall

Contact the Church Office for details.



Women's Retreat 2025

April 25-27

Contact Laura McCaulley for details.

Scan the code to register.



Middle School Boys

Super Smash Bros Tournament

May 2, 6p

Contact Tucker O'Brien for details.

Scan the code to register.



VBS - True North

June 16-20

Registration opens on March 30!

Contact Callie Sandman for details.

Welcome to Trinity!

We would love to connect with you.
Please scan on the QR code to get connected
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you may have.



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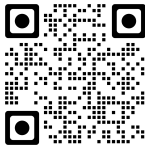


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Community Bible Reading communitybiblereading.org

March 24-29, 2025

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

Monday	Romans 7 2 Kings 6	Exodus 9 Isaiah 51
Tuesday	Romans 8 2 Kings 7	Exodus 10 Isaiah 52
Wednesday	Romans 9 2 Kings 8	Exodus 11 Isaiah 53
Thursday	Romans 10 2 Kings 9	Exodus 12 Isaiah 54
Friday	Romans 11 2 Kings 10	Exodus 13 Isaiah 55
Saturday	Psalm 65	Psalm 13 Psalm 117

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Haggai 2:4b-5 (ESV)

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Office Hours:

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

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

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