A painting of a stone archway leading to a pool of water, with two large jars on the left. The scene is set in a lush, green environment with trees and a distant city visible through the arches. The text is centered over the image.

Jesus, Lord of the Sabbath

John 5:1-18



TRINITY

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | March 29, 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.

My All In Thee

CALL TO WORSHIP | 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 (ESV)

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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

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 1:8-10, 20-22 (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 we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. ... For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

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.

Rest

Just As Good

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. 12. What does God require in the ninth and tenth commandments?

A. Ninth, that we do not lie or deceive, but speak the truth in love. Tenth, that we are content, not envying anyone or resenting what God has given them or us

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.

How Great Is Your Love

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 5:1-18 (ESV)

Title: Jesus, Lord of the Sabbath

Teacher: Tim Rice

1 After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. 3 In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. 5 One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” 7 The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” 8 Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” 9 And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. 10 So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed.” 11 But he answered them, “The man who healed me, that man said to me, ‘Take up your bed, and walk.’” 12 They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk’?” 13 Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. 14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.” 15 The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. 16 And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. 17 But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.” Jesus Is Equal with God 18 This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

INTRO: How much does context affect a message?

OUR MERCIFUL GOD

What is significant about Jesus asking the man about what he wanted?

SOMETHING BETTER, SOMETHING WORSE

How was Jesus' work to heal this man also a direct challenge?

THE SABBATH & ITS LORD

What exactly was Jesus claiming, and why does it matter?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His kindness to comfort us in our sufferings, especially to erase our deepest emptiness and fill us with His Grace. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that He is the LORD who heals.
2. How have you lived in self-pity and envy? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to cleanse you and fill you with His Holy Spirit to love others and rejoice with those around you who are blessed.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for the mystery of His sufferings to save our lives! Thank Him that, possessing both maximum goodness and ultimate power, He lost both willingly in order to atone for us and conquer death on our behalf.
4. Who do you know that is sick, broken, or weak (and not necessarily physically)? Pray for them, asking the Father to give them relief and wholeness in Christ, and that He would work for their healing.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to work true humility into your heart. Pray that He would help you rethink and grow beyond your non-biblical assumptions about evil, suffering, or ultimate goodness, and to trust Jesus instead.

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.



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.



Women's Ministry Summer Series Humility: The Joy of Self-Forgetfulness

June 10, 24 & July 8, 22, 6:15pm
Contact Laura McCaulley 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.

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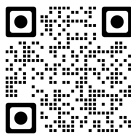


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Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

March 30- April 4, 2026

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

Monday	Romans 11 2 Kings 11	Exodus 13 Isaiah 55
Tuesday	Romans 12 2 Kings 12	Exodus 14 Isaiah 56
Wednesday	Romans 13 2 Kings 13	Exodus 15 Isaiah 57
Thursday	Romans 14 2 Kings 14	Exodus 16 Isaiah 58
Friday	Romans 15 2 Kings 15	Exodus 17 Isaiah 59
Saturday	Psalm 66	Psalm 14 Psalm 118

Scripture Memory for the Week:

John 5:6 (ESV)

6 When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?"

Office Hours:

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

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

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