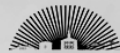


THE MINOR PROPHETS

# Zechariah:

*Accused,  
Redeemed  
Ambassadors*

Zechariah 3:1-9



TRINITY  
Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | March 30, 2025

### 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.

Man Of Sorrows

### CALL TO WORSHIP | 1 Peter 2:9-10 (ESV)

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

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

### 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 | Isaiah 53:4-6 (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.

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

### 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.

Be Thou My Vision

### 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.

Gratitude

You've Already Won

**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. 20.

Are all men, then, saved by Christ just as they perished through Adam?
- A.

No. Only those are saved who by a true faith are grafted into Christ and accept all his benefits.
- Q. 21.

What is true faith?
- A.

True faith is a sure knowledge whereby I accept as true all that God has revealed to us in his Word. At the same time it is a firm confidence that not only to others, but also to me, God has granted forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness, and salvation, out of mere grace, only for the sake of Christ’s merits. This faith the Holy Spirit works in my heart by the gospel.

**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.

Graves Into Gardens

**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:** Zechariah 3:1-9 (ESV)

**Title:** Zechariah: Accused, Redeemed Ambassadors

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

1 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. 2 And the Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, O Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?" 3 Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments. 4 And the angel said to those who were standing before him, "Remove the filthy garments from him." And to him he said, "Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments." 5 And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord was standing by. 6 And the angel of the Lord solemnly assured Joshua, 7 "Thus says the Lord of hosts: If you will walk in my ways and keep my charge, then you shall rule my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you the right of access among those who are standing here. 8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who sit before you, for they are men who are a sign: behold, I will bring my servant the Branch. 9 For behold, on the stone that I have set before Joshua, on a single stone with seven eyes, I will engrave its inscription, declares the Lord of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of this land in a single day.

**INTRO:** What does the name Zechariah mean? *"YHWH has remembered"*

## ACCUSED BEFORE GOD

What is it like to be accused? (And what do you do when your conscience agrees with your accusers?)

## ATONEMENT: DEFENDED & CLEANSED

What would it mean to be defended by the LORD?

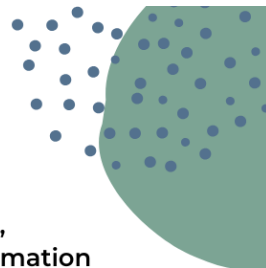
## A SIGN OF HIS GRACE

How does a sign always point beyond itself to something else?

## YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD our Redeemer and Defender. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that He rebukes Satan as he accuses those who truly belong to Christ.
2. How have you been convinced of your guilt before God but you've doubted Jesus' ability to cleanse you? Confess your unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and to assure you by helping your unbelief.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for being stripped in our place on the Cross so that we could be clothed. Thank Him for bearing the accusations we deserve so that we could have His place of acceptance with the Father!
4. Who do you know that represents Jesus well? Pray for them, asking the Lord 1) to help them to remain faithful (and actually grow in faithfulness) and 2) to help you learn from them.
5. Read again 1 Peter 2:9. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you "proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." Pray for words with people who don't know Jesus, and especially a gracious attitude toward them.

# get connected



## Interested in serving?

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](mailto:theresa@trinitylakeland.org) for other ways to get connected.



## Retirees Prayer Luncheon

**April 3, 12p**

Contact John Tucker at  
[jtuckerdc@gmail.com](mailto: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 Keagy 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.



## 2nd Sunday Women's Prayer Gathering

**April 13, 10:15a**

Contact Laura McCaulley for details.



## Middle School Boys Super Smash Bros Tournament

**May 2, 6p**

Contact Tucker O'Brien for details.

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



## Middle School Girls - Spa Night

**May 9, 6p**

Contact Taylor Hart for details.

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



## VBS - True North

**June 16-20**

Contact Callie Sandman for details.

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



## FRAT Bootcamp (Rising 6th Graders)

**June 16-20**

Contact Brown Peterson for details.

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



## Welcome to Trinity!

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.

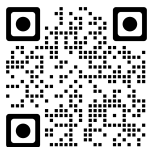


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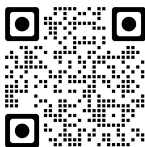


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Spotify

## Community Bible Reading

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

**March 31 - April 5, 2025**

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

Monday	Romans 12 2 Kings 11	Exodus 14 Isaiah 56
Tuesday	Romans 13 2 Kings 12	Exodus 15 Isaiah 57
Wednesday	Romans 14 2 Kings 13	Exodus 16 Isaiah 58
Thursday	Romans 15 2 Kings 14	Exodus 17 Isaiah 59
Friday	Romans 16 2 Kings 15	Exodus 18 Isaiah 60
Saturday	Psalm 66	Psalm 14 Psalm 118

### Scripture Memory for the Week:

**Zechariah 3:7 (ESV)**

7 “Thus says the Lord of hosts: If you will walk in my ways and keep my charge, then you shall rule my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you the right of access among those who are standing here.”

### Office Hours:

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