THE MINOR PROPHETS

Malachi: *The LORD Acts*

Malachi 3:16-4:6





ORDER OF WORSHIP | April 6, 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.

Almighty God

CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 108:1-4 (ESV)

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

My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make melody with all my being! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

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 | Romans 15:1-7 (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.

We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

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.

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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

Lead On Good Shepherd

KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS' DISMISSAL (Infants - Kindergarten)

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 | Brown Peterson, Pastor of Students & Young Adults

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our lives and circumstances.

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.

The Apostles' Creed: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The ritual meal of Communion is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the work Christ did for our salvation (sign) and communicates the grace and mercy we have been given (seal) as a result of His death and resurrection.

SONG OF RESPONSE

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

The Lion And The Lamb

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: Malachi 3:16-4:6 (ESV) Title: Malachi: The LORD Acts

Teacher: Brown Peterson

3:16 Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name. 17 "They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. 18 Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him. 4:1 For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. 2 But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. 3 And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts. 4 Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. 5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. 6 And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

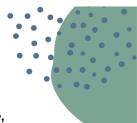
THE DISPUTES

AWAITING THAT GREAT DAY

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

- 1. Worship the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for His immense kindness and mercy that He has made a people to be his treasured possession. Sit in the wonder of how He has made you His forever.
- 2. Worship the LORD and confess your sins in the many ways you are discontent, lack gratitude, and do not trust in the LORD's love and ways in your life.
- 3. Give thanks to Jesus, the promised King, who entered into history to gather, redeem, and secure your salvation. Praise Him for His work to conquer sin, death, and the devil.
- 4. Who in your life is worshipping joyfully the created rather than the Creator? Pray that they would look up and behold the LORD and give Him all of their heart, soul, mind, and strength.
- 5. Where are you actively bored with the LORD and consumed with yourself and the things of this world? Beg for the Holy Spirit's help to remind you of His global work and mission to have all of the world rejoicing in Him and how he invites you to play a part in that.

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* for other ways to get connected.







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.



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.





Night of Worship & Prayer

May 4, 5p Contact the Church Office for details. Scan the code to register for childcare.





Middle School Girls - Spa Night May 9, 6p Contact Taylor Hart for details. Scan the code to register.





High School Summer Camp June 9-14 Contact Brown Peterson 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.



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Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

April 7-12, 2025

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

Monday	1 Corinthians 1 2 Kings 16	Exodus 19 Isaiah 61
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 2 2 Kings 17	Exodus 20 Isaiah 62
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 3 2 Kings 18	Exodus 21 Isaiah 63
Thursday	1 Corinthians 4 2 Kings 19	Exodus 22 Isaiah 64
Friday	1 Corinthians 5 2 Kings 20	Exodus 23 Isaiah 6
Saturday	Psalm 67	Psalm 15 Psalm 119:1-16

Scripture Memory for the Week: Malachi 3:17-18 (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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