

THE HALLEL PSALMS

God's Glory vs. Idols



PSALM 115



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | May 11, 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.

Ancient Of Days

CALL TO WORSHIP | Luke 23:39-43 (ESV)

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

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him [Jesus], saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

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 | Hebrews 8:10, 12 (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 this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ... For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more."

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.

Rest

Only A Holy God

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. 29. Why is the Son of God called “Jesus,” meaning “savior”?

A. Because he saves us from our sins, and because salvation should not be sought and cannot be found in anyone else.

Q. 30. Do those who look for their salvation in saints, in themselves, or elsewhere really believe in the only savior Jesus?

A. No. Although they boast of being his, by their actions they deny the only savior, Jesus. Either Jesus is not a perfect savior, or those who in true faith accept this savior have in him all they need for their salvation.

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.

You’ve Already Won

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: Psalm 115 (ESV)

Title: God's Glory vs. Idols

Teacher: Tim Rice

1 Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness! 2 Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" 3 Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases. 4 Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. 5 They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see. 6 They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell. 7 They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat. 8 Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them. 9 O Israel, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield. 10 O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield. 11 You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield. 12 The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron; 13 he will bless those who fear the Lord, both the small and the great. 14 May the Lord give you increase, you and your children! 15 May you be blessed by the Lord, who made heaven and earth! 16 The heavens are the Lord's heavens, but the earth he has given to the children of man. 17 The dead do not praise the Lord, nor do any who go down into silence. 18 But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

INTRO: How impressive is your resumé?

ULTIMATE POWER, WORTH, BEAUTY

What is the LORD able to do?

COUNTERFEITS & IMPOSTERS

By contrast, what are idols incapable of doing? And what does it do to our own hearts when we turn from the LORD to them?

CLAIMED, DEFENDED & BLESSED

As our Maker *and Redeemer*, why do trust and praise rightly belong only to the LORD?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD, the Sovereign King, as God Most High. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that He is above all creation, all people, all things and all possibilities.
2. How have you ascribed glory to others, or sought it for yourself, but not your Maker? Confess your guilt to Jesus as a glory thief, asking Him to forgive you and fill your heart with His glory so that you thirst no more.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His Covenant love, owning us when everyone else would discard us as unworthy. *Thank Him for bearing our markings as traitors, shielding us from wrath so that we could be eternally blessed instead.*
4. Who do you know that has put their hope into created things (or people or experiences) that cannot save, and never last? Pray for them, asking the Lord to open their eyes to His saving love and worth.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love, joy and goodness. Pray that the Spirit would help you trust Jesus' love and faithfulness, shielding and blessing you, that you're filled with an enduring heart of praise.

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.



2nd Sunday Women's Prayer Gathering

May 11, 10:15a

Contact Laura McCaulley for details.



High School Beach Day

May 17, 8a

Contact Brown Peterson for details.

Scan the code to register.



Student Ministry Luncheon

May 18, 12p

Contact Brown Peterson for details.

Scan the code to register.



Retirees Prayer Luncheon

June 5, 12p

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

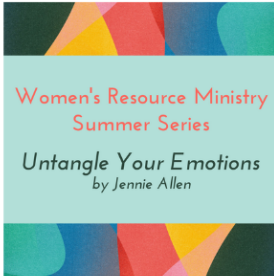


High School Summer Camp

June 9-14

Contact Brown Peterson for details.

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Women's Ministry Summer Series

June 11, 25 & July 9, 23

Contact Laura McCaulley for details.

Scan the code to register.



VBS - True North

June 16-20

Contact Callie Sandman for details.

Scan the code to volunteer.



FRAT Bootcamp (Rising 6th Graders)

June 16-20

Contact Brown Peterson for details.

Scan the code to register.



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Service Times



Starting May 25
1 SERVICE at 10:00a

Resume **2 SERVICES**
August 10
at 9a & 10:30a

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We would love to connect with you.
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and let us know of any prayer requests
you may have.

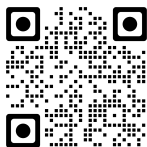


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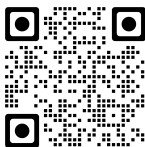


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Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

May 12-17, 2025

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

Monday	2 Corinthians 10 1 Chronicles 16	Leviticus 4 Jeremiah 20
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 11 1 Chronicles 17	Leviticus 5 Jeremiah 21
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 12 1 Chronicles 18	Leviticus 6 Jeremiah 22
Thursday	2 Corinthians 13 1 Chronicles 19	Leviticus 7 Jeremiah 23
Friday	Galatians 1 1 Chronicles 20	Leviticus 8 Jeremiah 24
Saturday	Psalm 72	Psalm 20 Psalm 119:81-96

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Psalm 115:1-3 (ESV)

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and your faithfulness! 2 Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"
3 Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.

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.