

Why Be A Church-Planting Church?

# Strategically Engage Our City



Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7



TRINITY  
Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | June 15, 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.

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

### CALL TO WORSHIP | Acts 18:9-10 (ESV)

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

And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, "Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people."

### 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 5:5, 9:8, 11 (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.

He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. ... 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. ... You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to 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.

How Great Thou Art

### 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.

The Goodness Of Jesus

All The Poor And Powerless

## 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. 40. Why did Christ have to suffer death?

A. Because God's justice and truth require it: nothing else could pay for our sins except the death of the Son of God.

Q. 42. Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?

A. Our death does not pay the debt of our sins. Rather, it puts an end to our sinning and is our entrance into eternal life.

## RECEIVING NEW MEMBER

We are called to publicly confess our faith in the grace of God, to participate in the rituals of entrance into the people of God and to acknowledge our membership with His people.

Lee & Beth Patteson

Amelia Pearce

Lillian Spence

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The ritual of baptism is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. It symbolizes the cleansing all people need before they are acceptable to God (sign), and it makes how real God's promise is for who will trust in Him (seal).

Brooks Bauer Fagan

Davie Ruah Goodrum

## 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 | 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.

We Will Dwell

## 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:** Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 (ESV)

**Title:** Strategically Engage Our City

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

1 These are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders of the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ... 4 "Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: 5 Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. 6 Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. 7 But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare."

**INTRO:** What is better than passion or activism?

## OBSTACLES TO GOOD CITY LIFE

What is it like to want desperately to *not* live where you are?

## AN OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST

Who is responsible for the Israelites being exiled in Babylon?

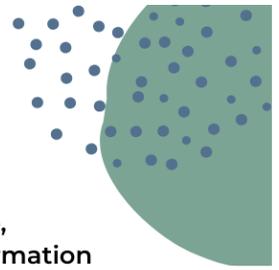
## JESUS' INVESTMENT IN US

What could possibly motivate us to think and live this way?

## YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

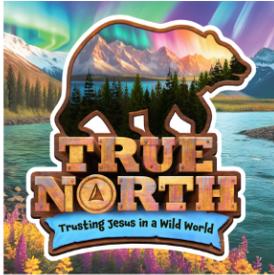
1. Worship the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for His mercy to sinners. Praise God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for His compassion for the lost and His kindness to send His ambassadors into a needy world.
2. How are you resentful or fearful of people who also call our city home? Confess your lack of love for your neighbors or your unbelief in the Lord's purposes, asking Jesus to forgive you and transform your heart.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for the wonder of His commitment to take on a human nature *forever*, in order to save us! Thank Him for committing to you so deeply, and for investing so profoundly.
4. Who do you know through work or in your neighborhood who does not know Christ? Ask the Spirit to help them in their heart to both see their need for redemption and to trust Christ to be their God and Savior.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love, goodness and faithfulness. Pray that He would give you insight into what it means to increase, to seek our city's peace, and to pray for your neighbors' well-being.

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



## VBS - True North

June 16-20

Contact Callie Sandman for details.



## FRAT Bootcamp (Rising 6th Graders)

June 16-20

Contact Brown Peterson for details.

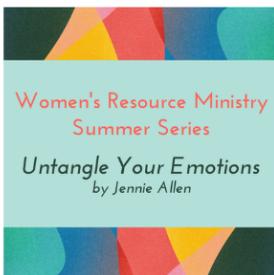


## Middle School Movie Outing

June 18, 2:15p

Contact Taylor Hart for details.

**Scan the code to register.**



## Women's Ministry Summer Series

June 25 & July 9, 23

Contact Laura McCaulley for details.

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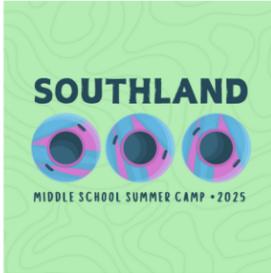




## Retirees Prayer Luncheon

July 3, 12p

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



## Middle School Summer Camp

July 7-11

Contact Brown Peterson for details.

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## 2nd Sunday Women's Prayer Gathering

July 13, 9:15a

Contact Laura McCaulley for details.



## The Weekender

August 22 & 23

Contact Ashley Coleman for details.

*Scan the code to register.*



## Town Hall Meeting

August 24, 9:00 & 10:30a

in the Fellowship Hall

Contact the Church Office for details.

## 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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### The Compass And Map

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## Community Bible Reading

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

June 9-14, 2025

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

Monday	1 Thessalonians 2	Numbers 2
	2 Chronicles 12	Jeremiah 45
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 3	Numbers 3
	2 Chronicles 13	Jeremiah 46
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 4	Numbers 4
	2 Chronicles 14	Jeremiah 47
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 5	Numbers 5
	2 Chronicles 15	Jeremiah 48
Friday	2 Thessalonians 1	Numbers 6
	2 Chronicles 16	Jeremiah 49
Saturday	Psalm 77	Psalm 25
		Psalm 119:161-176

### Scripture Memory for the Week:

#### Jeremiah 29:7 (ESV)

7 “But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile,  
and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.”

### Office Hours:

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

Sunday Worship | 10:00a

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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.