

JUSTICE & MERCY AT JERICHO

JOSHUA 5:13-15, 6:1-5, 15-21



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | July 12, 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.

Power To Redeem

CALL TO WORSHIP | Revelation 19:11-16, 19-21 (ESV)

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

Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. ... And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

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 5:17-21 (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.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness 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.

All Glory Be To Christ

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.

A Thousand Hallelujahs
God Is Love

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.

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.

King Of Kings

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: Joshua 5:13-15, 6:1-5, 15-21 (ESV)

Title: Justice & Mercy at Jericho

Teacher: Tim Rice

5:13 When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us, or for our adversaries?" 14 And he said, "No; but I am the commander of the army of the Lord. Now I have come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, "What does my lord say to his servant?" 15 And the commander of the Lord's army said to Joshua, "Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so. ... 6:1 Now Jericho was shut up inside and outside because of the people of Israel. None went out, and none came in. 2 And the Lord said to Joshua, "See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor. 3 You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days. 4 Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. 5 And when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, when you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up, everyone straight before him." ... 15 On the seventh day they rose early, at the dawn of day, and marched around the city in the same manner seven times. It was only on that day that they marched around the city seven times. 16 And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout, for the Lord has given you the city. 17 And the city and all that is within it shall be devoted to the Lord for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall live, because she hid the messengers whom we sent. 18 But you, keep yourselves from the things devoted to destruction, lest when you have devoted them you take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel a thing for destruction and bring trouble upon it. 19 But all silver and gold, and every vessel of bronze and iron, are holy to the Lord; they shall go into the treasury of the Lord." 20 So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they captured the city. 21 Then they devoted all in the city to destruction, both men and women, young and old, oxen, sheep, and donkeys, with the edge of the sword.

INTRO: How comfortable are you with justice?

THE HOLY COMMANDER

Why does it matter that the LORD is not under anyone's command?

JUST JUDGMENT

How can we struggle with judgment?

TRUST MERCY, ANTICIPATE JUSTICE

How has God revealed both judgment and mercy in Jesus' Cross?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD, the Sovereign King of all reality. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that He is not allied with any man; rather He is holy, worthy, and calls for all men everywhere to rally to Him.
2. How have you lived more shaped in your beliefs by self-centeredness and myths than by truth and God's authority? Confess your pride and autonomy to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and to reconcile you to His heart.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His loving kindness, even as He possesses all authority to exercise perfect and final judgment. Thank Him for bearing our guilt on the Cross while guaranteeing victory over evil by His resurrection.
4. Who do you know that is threatened by God's judgment? Pray for them, asking the Lord to make known to them His love and grace, and that they would turn from their pride to rally to Jesus.
5. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. Ask the Holy Spirit to grow within you a sense of God's love and courage to be a faithful ambassador for Jesus. Pray for grace to represent His mercy well while you wait for His just judgment.

Upcoming *events*



VBS Rainforest Falls

July 13–17

Registration is currently full.



FRAT Boot Camp

(Rising 6th Graders)

July 13–17

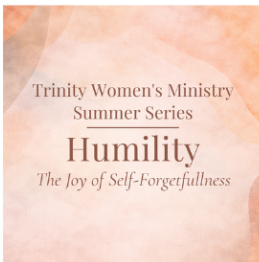


Grace & Grit

Men's Prayer Gathering

July 18, 7:30am

Contact Tony Myers for details.



Women's Ministry Summer Series

Humility: The Joy of Self-Forgetfulness

July 22, 6:15pm

Contact Laura McCaulley for details.

Scan the code to register.



Middle School Girls'

Ice Cream & Game Night

July 24, 6:30p

Contact Emma Riggs for details.

Scan the code to register.



Upcoming *events*



Retirees Prayer Luncheon

August 6, 12pm

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



Caring Like Christ - A Fall Discussion Series Save the Dates

August 16, September 20 & November 15

Contact Tony Myers for details.



The Weekender (New Members' Class)

August 28 & 29

Contact Ashley Coleman for details.

Scan the code to register.



Weekend to Remember October 2-4 or October 16-18

Contact the Tony Myers for details.

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Night of Worship & Prayer

October 4, 5pm

Contact the Church Office for details.

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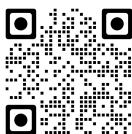


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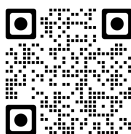


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Community Bible Reading

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July 13-18, 2026

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Monday	Titus 3 2 Chronicles 32	Numbers 21 Ezekiel 7
Tuesday	Philemon 2 Chronicles 33	Numbers 22 Ezekiel 8
Wednesday	John 1 2 Chronicles 34	Numbers 23 Ezekiel 9
Thursday	John 2 2 Chronicles 35	Numbers 24 Ezekiel 10
Friday	John 3 2 Chronicles 36	Numbers 25 Ezekiel 11
Saturday	Psalm 81	Psalm 29 Psalm 123

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Joshua 6:20–21 (ESV)

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Office Hours:

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

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

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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.