

THE SIN OF ACHAN

JOSHUA 7:1-15, 18-26



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | July 19, 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.

God Is - VBS Kids

Ancient Gates

CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 143:5-8 (ESV)

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

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands. I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. Answer me quickly, O Lord! My spirit fails! Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit. Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

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 | Psalm 51:7-12 (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.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

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 Hail The Power Of Jesus Name

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.

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

When My Heart Is Torn Asunder

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 New City Catechism:

Q. 30. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

A. Faith in Jesus Christ is acknowledging the truth of everything that God has revealed in his Word, trusting in him, and also receiving and resting on him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in 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 | Brown Peterson, *Discipleship 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.

Living Hope

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 7:1-15, 18-26 (ESV)

Title: The Sin of Achan

Teacher: Brown Peterson

1 But the people of Israel broke faith in regard to the devoted things, for Achan the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of the devoted things. And the anger of the Lord burned against the people of Israel. 2 Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near Beth-aven, east of Bethel, and said to them, "Go up and spy out the land." And the men went up and spied out Ai. 3 And they returned to Joshua and said to him, "Do not have all the people go up, but let about two or three thousand men go up and attack Ai. Do not make the whole people toil up there, for they are few." 4 So about three thousand men went up there from the people. And they fled before the men of Ai, 5 and the men of Ai killed about thirty-six of their men and chased them before the gate as far as Shebarim and struck them at the descent. And the hearts of the people melted and became as water. 6 Then Joshua tore his clothes and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the Lord until the evening, he and the elders of Israel. And they put dust on their heads. 7 And Joshua said, "Alas, O Lord God, why have you brought this people over the Jordan at all, to give us into the hands of the Amorites, to destroy us? Would that we had been content to dwell beyond the Jordan! 8 O Lord, what can I say, when Israel has turned their backs before their enemies! 9 For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it and will surround us and cut off our name from the earth. And what will you do for your great name?" 10 The Lord said to Joshua, "Get up! Why have you fallen on your face? 11 Israel has sinned; they have transgressed my covenant that I commanded them; they have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen and lied and put them among their own belongings. 12 Therefore the people of Israel cannot stand before their enemies. They turn their backs before their enemies, because they have become devoted for destruction. I will be with you no more, unless you destroy the devoted things from among you. 13 Get up! Consecrate the people and say, 'Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow; for thus says the Lord, God of Israel, "There are devoted things in your midst, O Israel. You cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the devoted things from among you." 14 In the morning therefore you shall be brought near by your tribes. And the tribe that the Lord takes by lot shall come near by clans. And the clan that the Lord takes shall come near by households. And the household that the Lord takes shall come near man by man. 15 And he who is taken with the devoted things shall be burned with fire, he and all that he has, because he has transgressed the covenant of the Lord, and because he has done an outrageous thing in Israel.'" ... 18 And he brought near his household man by man, and Achan the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken. 19 Then Joshua said to Achan, "My son, give glory to the Lord God of Israel and give praise to him. And tell me now what you have done; do not hide it from me." 20 And Achan answered Joshua, "Truly I have sinned against the Lord God of Israel, and this is what I did: 21 when I saw among the spoil a beautiful cloak from Shinar, and 200 shekels of silver, and a bar of gold weighing 50 shekels, then I coveted them and took them. And see, they are hidden in the earth inside my tent, with the silver underneath." 22 So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent; and behold, it was hidden in his tent with the silver underneath. 23 And they took them out of the tent and brought them to Joshua and to all the people of Israel. And they laid them down before the Lord. 24 And Joshua and all Israel with him took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver and the cloak and the bar of gold,

and his sons and daughters and his oxen and donkeys and sheep and his tent and all that he had. And they brought them up to the Valley of Achor. 25 And Joshua said, “Why did you bring trouble on us? The Lord brings trouble on you today.” And all Israel stoned him with stones. They burned them with fire and stoned them with stones. 26 And they raised over him a great heap of stones that remains to this day. Then the Lord turned from his burning anger. Therefore, to this day the name of that place is called the Valley of Achor.

THE DESTRUCTION OF SIN

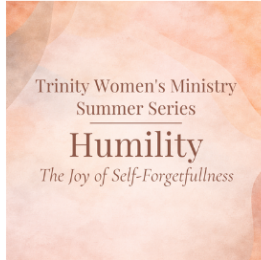
THE SOUND OF REPENTANCE

ATONEMENT & HOPE

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Praise and worship the LORD as the one true Holy God! Reflect upon the countless ways that he is righteous, perfect, merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
2. Worship the LORD and confess your sins to him. Bring to light the sins that have made their home in the darkness. Glorify the LORD by repenting to Him.
3. Give thanks to Jesus, the one who atoned for your sin. The one who decided to take your punishment upon himself. Praise Him as your great Lamb who bore the anger of the Father.
4. Intercede on behalf of family members and friends who are currently hiding their destructive sins from others? Pray that the Spirit would move upon them to repent and believe.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit for help to grow in the skill of repentance. Where do you need the Holy Spirit to mature you and grow you when it comes to this spiritual practice?

Upcoming *events*



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.



Retirees Prayer Luncheon

August 6, 12pm

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



Grace & Grit Men's Prayer Gathering

August 15, 7:30am

Contact Tony Myers for details.



Caring Like Christ - A Fall Discussion Series Save the Dates

August 16, September 20 & November 15

Contact Tony Myers for details.

Upcoming *events*



The Weekender (New Members' Class)

August 28 & 29

Contact Ashley Coleman for details.

Scan the code to register.



Preparing for Membership Informational Lunch

August 30, 12pm

For families of

5th-7th grade students.

Contact Brown Peterson for details.



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

Contact the Tony Myers for details.

Scan the code to register.



Night of Worship & Prayer

October 4, 5pm

Contact the Church Office for details.

***Scan the code to register
for childcare.***



Women's Retreat 2027 SAVE THE DATE!

April 9-11, 2027

Contact Laura McCaulley for details.

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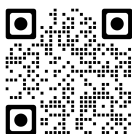


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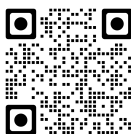


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Community Bible Reading

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July 20-25, 2026

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

Monday	John 4 Ezra 1	Numbers 26 Ezekiel 12
Tuesday	John 5 Ezra 2	Numbers 27 Ezekiel 13
Wednesday	John 6 Ezra 3	Numbers 28 Ezekiel 14
Thursday	John 7 Ezra 4	Numbers 29 Ezekiel 15
Friday	John 8 Ezra 5	Numbers 30 Ezekiel 16
Saturday	Psalm 82	Psalm 30 Psalm 124

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Joshua 7:13 (ESV)

13 Get up! Consecrate the people and say, 'Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow; for thus says the Lord, God of Israel, "There are devoted things in your midst, O Israel. You cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the devoted things from among you."

Office Hours:

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

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

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