

DECEPTION & DELIVERANCE

JOSHUA 9:1-16, 22-27



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | July 26, 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.

Shelter

CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12 (ESV)

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

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

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 | Ephesians 2:11-13, 19-22 (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 remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ... So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the 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.

Jesus Paid It All

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.

Ancient Of Days

In Christ Alone

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. 31. What do we believe by true faith?

A. Everything taught to us in the gospel. The Apostles' Creed expresses what we believe in these words: We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was 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. We 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.

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 | David Springer, *Director of Campus Outreach*

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING | Mercy Fund Offering

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.

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: Joshua 9:1-16, 22-27 (ESV)

Title: Deception & Deliverance

Teacher: David Springer

1 As soon as all the kings who were beyond the Jordan in the hill country and in the lowland all along the coast of the Great Sea toward Lebanon, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, heard of this, 2 they gathered together as one to fight against Joshua and Israel. 3 But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai, 4 they on their part acted with cunning and went and made ready provisions and took worn-out sacks for their donkeys, and wineskins, worn-out and torn and mended, 5 with worn-out, patched sandals on their feet, and worn-out clothes. And all their provisions were dry and crumbly. 6 And they went to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal and said to him and to the men of Israel, "We have come from a distant country, so now make a covenant with us." 7 But the men of Israel said to the Hivites, "Perhaps you live among us; then how can we make a covenant with you?" 8 They said to Joshua, "We are your servants." And Joshua said to them, "Who are you? And where do you come from?" 9 They said to him, "From a very distant country your servants have come, because of the name of the Lord your God. For we have heard a report of him, and all that he did in Egypt, 10 and all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon the king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth. 11 So our elders and all the inhabitants of our country said to us, 'Take provisions in your hand for the journey and go to meet them and say to them, "We are your servants. Come now, make a covenant with us."' 12 Here is our bread. It was still warm when we took it from our houses as our food for the journey on the day we set out to come to you, but now, behold, it is dry and crumbly. 13 These wineskins were new when we filled them, and behold, they have burst. And these garments and sandals of ours are worn out from the very long journey." 14 So the men took some of their provisions, but did not ask counsel from the Lord. 15 And Joshua made peace with them and made a covenant with them, to let them live, and the leaders of the congregation swore to them. 16 At the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, they heard that they were their neighbors and that they lived among them. ... 22 Joshua summoned them, and he said to them, "Why did you deceive us, saying, 'We are very far from you,' when you dwell among us? 23 Now therefore you are cursed, and some of you shall never be anything but servants, cutters of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God." 24 They answered Joshua, "Because it was told to your servants for a certainty that the Lord your God had commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you—so we feared greatly for our lives because of you and did this thing. 25 And now, behold, we are in your hand. Whatever seems good and right in your sight to do to us, do it." 26 So he did this to them and delivered them out of the hand of the people of Israel, and they did not kill them. 27 But Joshua made them that day cutters of wood and drawers of water for the congregation and for the altar of the Lord, to this day, in the place that he should choose.

THE GIBEONITE DECEPTION

A GAP IN DISCERNMENT

A GRACIOUS DELIVERANCE

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the Father for His sovereign plan of redemption. Praise the Son for His power to save. And rejoice in the Spirit's ability to help us discern the truth.
2. Where have you been deceived by others? Where are you deceiving yourself? Confess your independence from Him and the places where you have not sought His counsel.
3. Thank Jesus for being the greater Joshua, who offers us life when we are deserving of judgment. Celebrate God's generous plan for the Gospel to be for all nations!
4. Who do you know who is being deceived by the lies of the enemy? Pray for them and ask that God would reveal His truth and provide wisdom and discernment.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you discern the truth. Consider what decisions you can bring to Him in prayer.

Upcoming *events*



Retirees Prayer Luncheon

August 6, 12pm

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



Children's Ministry Move Up Sunday

August 9

Contact Callie Sandman 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.



The Weekender (New Members' Class)

August 28 & 29

Contact Ashley Coleman for details.

Scan the code to register.



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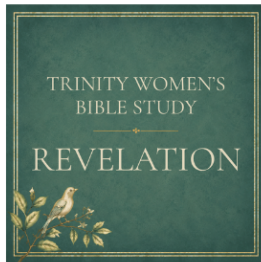
Preparing for Membership Informational Lunch

August 30, 12pm

For families of

5th-7th grade students.

Contact Brown Peterson for details.



Women's Bible Study

Starting September 15

Contact Laura McCaulley for details.

Registration opens on August 1.



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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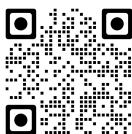


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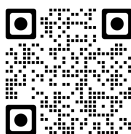


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Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

July 27- August 1, 2026

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

Monday	John 9 Ezra 6	Numbers 31 Ezekiel 17
Tuesday	John 10 Ezra 7	Numbers 32 Ezekiel 18
Wednesday	John 11 Ezra 8	Numbers 33 Ezekiel 19
Thursday	John 12 Ezra 9	Numbers 34 Ezekiel 20
Friday	John 13 Ezra 10	Numbers 35 Ezekiel 21
Saturday	Psalm 83	Psalm 31 Psalm 125

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Joshua 9:25 (ESV)

25 “And now, behold, we are in your hand. Whatever seems good and right in your sight to do to us, do it.”

Office Hours:

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

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

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Vision

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.