

HOPE

in the midst of
HARDSHIP

1 PETER 1:1-9



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | August 10, 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.

Goodness Of God

CALL TO WORSHIP | Hebrews 12:1-3 (ESV)

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

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

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 | Romans 8:28, 31-35, 37-39 (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.

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ... What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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.

Power To Redeem | 10:30a Service

My All In Thee

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. 55. What do you understand by “the communion of saints”?

A. First, that believers one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts. Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.

Q. 56. What do you believe concerning “the forgiveness of sins”?

A. I believe that God, because of Christ’s satisfaction, will no longer remember any of my sins or my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather, by grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.

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.

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: 1 Peter 1:1-9 (ESV)

Title: Hope in the Midst of Hardship

Teacher: Tim Rice

1 To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you. 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, 9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

INTRO: What does it mean to live in exile?

THE HARDSHIP OF SUFFERING & LOSS

How is suffering often a double experience, not only in daunting circumstances or trials, but also the experience of separation and fear?

THE REACH OF GRACE

How do insiders typically interact with outsiders?

THE HOPE & JOY OF FAITH

How does trusting Jesus bring what He did in space and time into our own hearts in the present tense?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD in His holiness and love. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that He is so willing to reach out to us in our guilt and brokenness in a way that no one else could do, or would do.
2. How have you lived resentfully or bitterly because of suffering? Confess your fears and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you for blaming or doubting Him, when He is merciful to save us when we have rejected Him.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His unrivaled ability to work through suffering and loss to guarantee that we gain nothing short of His glory. Thank Him for being the Ultimate Insider who sacrificed immeasurably to reach us as guilty outsiders.
4. Who do you know who is currently navigating suffering or pain? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them see His love and grace in the midst of their hardships.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and joy. Pray for His fullness (vs. any fear of loss by suffering) so that as you trust Jesus' work behind you and His guarantees ahead of you, you can live joyfully and with hope.

Upcoming *events*



Children's Ministry

Move Up Sunday

August 10

Contact Callie Sandman for details.



2nd Sunday Women's Prayer Gathering

August 10, 10:00a

Contact Laura McCaulley for details.



FRAT jr Interest Luncheon

August 10, 12p

Contact the Callie Sandman for details.

Scan the code to register for childcare.



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.

Upcoming *events*



Student Ministry Parent Meeting

August 24, 12p

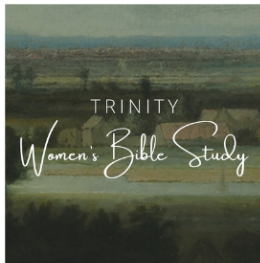
Contact Bud Daniel for details.



Retirees Prayer Luncheon

September 4, 12p

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



Women's Bible Study

Starting September 9 & 10

Contact Laura McCaulley for details.

Scan the code to register.



2025 Men's Retreat

September 18-21

Contact Frank McCaulley for details.

Scan the code to register.



Women's Ministry: Table Talks LIFE HACKS & FUN SKILLS NIGHT

September 23, 6:30p

Registration open now!

Contact Laura McCaulley for details.



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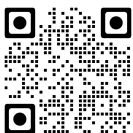


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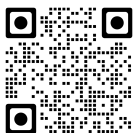


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Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

August 11 - 16, 2025

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

Monday	John 20 Nehemiah 6	Deuteronomy 6 Ezekiel 28
Tuesday	John 21 Nehemiah 7	Deuteronomy 7 Ezekiel 29
Wednesday	1 John 1 Nehemiah 8	Deuteronomy 8 Ezekiel 30
Thursday	1 John 2 Nehemiah 9	Deuteronomy 9 Ezekiel 31
Friday	1 John 3 Nehemiah 10	Deuteronomy 10 Ezekiel 32
Saturday	Psalm 85	Psalm 33 Psalm 127

Scripture Memory for the Week:

1 Peter 1:8-9 (ESV)

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Office Hours:

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

Sunday Worship | 9:00a & 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.