

THE  
GOSPEL  
OF  
JOHN

John 7:25-52

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The  
Life-Giving  
Spirit



TRINITY  
Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | August 16, 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.

Build My Life

### CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 111:1-5, 9 (ESV)

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

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. ... He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

### 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 | Exodus 17:4-6 (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.

So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." And the Lord said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

### 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.

This Is A Fountain

### 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.

Great Are You Lord

Revelation Song

**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. 33.** Should those who have faith in Christ seek their salvation through their own works, or anywhere else?

**A.** No, they should not, as everything necessary to salvation is found in Christ. To seek salvation through good works is a denial that Christ is the only Redeemer and Savior

**RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS**

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.

Ryan ColemanSK Riggs

Ben DowJoshua Rogers

Benjamin & Judith Pace

**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).

Truett Robert Carrillo

**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.

Abide

**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:** John 7:25-52 (ESV)

**Title:** The Life-Giving Spirit

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

25 Some of the people of Jerusalem therefore said, "Is not this the man whom they seek to kill? 26 And here he is, speaking openly, and they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ? 27 But we know where this man comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from." 28 So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple, "You know me, and you know where I come from. But I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true, and him you do not know. 29 I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me." 30 So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come. 31 Yet many of the people believed in him. They said, "When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?" 32 The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest him. 33 Jesus then said, "I will be with you a little longer, and then I am going to him who sent me. 34 You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come." 35 The Jews said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? 36 What does he mean by saying, 'You will seek me and you will not find me,' and, 'Where I am you cannot come'?" 37 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" 39 Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. 40 When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This really is the Prophet." 41 Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? 42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" 43 So there was a division among the people over him. 44 Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. 45 The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" 46 The officers answered, "No one ever spoke like this man!" 47 The Pharisees answered them, "Have you also been deceived? 48 Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him? 49 But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed." 50 Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, 51 "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" 52 They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and see that no prophet arises from Galilee."

**INTRO:** We now live in an age of crisis over authority or credibility ...

## IRRATIONAL, WILLFUL OPPOSITION

What makes it hard to believe that Jesus is the Savior?

## JESUS, THE GIVER OF LIFE

How did Jesus couple the imagery of the feast with His mission?

## “COME TO ME”

What does it mean to “come to Jesus?”

## YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD, for His graciousness and generosity. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that He knows all things, including your needs, the full scope of your guilt, and what it takes to save you.
2. How have you given more weight to your experiences and opinions of men than you do to what God has revealed in His Word? Confess your pride to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and open your heart to trust Him instead.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for how He was willing to bear your guilt by His death – just as Moses struck the rock in the wilderness. Thank Him that as a result, He is willing and able to pour His Spirit into your heart to give you life.
4. Who do you know that is skeptical and spiritually dry? Pray for them, asking the Lord to pour out His Spirit upon them to revive them and give them new life in His grace.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in His fruit of love and faithfulness and grow you in your reliance on His grace. Pray for insight into how He seals you in His love, and how He is doggedly conforming you to Jesus’ likeness.

# Upcoming *events*



## Caring Like Christ: A Fall Discussion Series

**August 16** | *Anxiety & Depression*

**September 20** | *Anger & Avoidance*

**November 15** | *Addictions: Idols of the Heart*

Contact Tony Myers for details.



## Student Ministry Pool Party

**August 21, 4:30pm**

Contact Taylor Hart for details.

***Scan the code to register.***



## Trinity Community Partners Day

**August 23, 8:45am - 1:00pm**

Contact the Church Office for details.



## The Weekender (New Members' Class)

**August 28 & 29**

Contact Ashley Coleman for details.

***Scan the code to register.***



## Churchwide Serve Day at VISTE

**August 29, 8am**

Contact the deacons at

[deacons@trinitylakeland.org](mailto:deacons@trinitylakeland.org)

for details.

# Upcoming *events*



## **Preparing for Membership Informational Lunch**

**August 30, 12pm**

**For families of**

**5th-7th grade students.**

Contact Bud Daniel for details.



## **Retirees Prayer Luncheon**

**September 3, 12pm**

Contact John Tucker at

[jtuckerdc@gmail.com](mailto:jtuckerdc@gmail.com) for details.



## **Women's Bible Study**

**Starting September 15 & 16**

Contact Laura McCaulley for details.

***Scan the code to register.***



## **Young Adult Guys' - Golf Scramble**

**September 25, 3pm**

Contact Jacob McLaughlin for details.

***Scan the code to register.***



## **Weekend to Remember**

**October 2-4 or October 16-18**

Contact the Tony Myers for details.

***Scan the code to register.***



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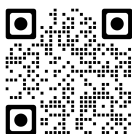


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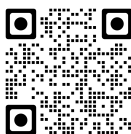


## The Compass And Map Podcast

Now streaming on *Apple Podcasts* and *Spotify*.



Apple



Spotify

## Community Bible Reading

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

**August 17-22, 2026**

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

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| Monday    | 1 John 3<br>Nehemiah 11 | Deuteronomy 10<br>Ezekiel 32 |
| Tuesday   | 1 John 4<br>Nehemiah 12 | Deuteronomy 11<br>Ezekiel 33 |
| Wednesday | 1 John 5<br>Nehemiah 13 | Deuteronomy 12<br>Ezekiel 34 |
| Thursday  | 2 John<br>Esther 1      | Deuteronomy 13<br>Ezekiel 35 |
| Friday    | 3 John<br>Esther 2      | Deuteronomy 14<br>Ezekiel 36 |
| Saturday  | Psalm 86                | Psalm 34<br>Psalm 128        |

## Scripture Memory for the Week:

**John 7:37-38 (ESV)**

37 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

## 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.