

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

John 8:12-20

Jesus,
Light
of the
World



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | August 23, 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.

My Lighthouse

CALL TO WORSHIP | Isaiah 9:2, 4-7 (ESV)

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

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ... For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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 | 1 John 5:9-12 (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.

If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

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.

Abide With Me

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.

In Christ Alone

Lead On Good Shepherd

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. 34. Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through Christ alone, must we still do good works and obey God's Word?

A. Yes, because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, also renews us by his Spirit; so that our lives may show love and gratitude to God; so that we may be assured of our faith by the fruits; and so that by our godly behavior others may be won to Christ.

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.

Revelation Song

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 8:12-20 (ESV)

Title: Jesus, Light of the World

Teacher: Tim Rice

12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." 13 So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true." 14 Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. 15 You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. 16 Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. 17 In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. 18 I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me." 19 They said to him therefore, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." 20 These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

INTRO: What do you think of when you hear the term "light?"

BEDROCK TRUTH & REALITY

What does it mean that Jesus is the Light of the world?

ALL THAT DARKNESS IMPLIES

What does it mean for us to walk in darkness?

IF YOU KNOW ME, YOU KNOW HIM

Why does it matter that Jesus is the perfect representative?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD (YHWH, the Great I AM), who is the Author and Creator of all life, and yet who came in Christ to die. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for His amazing grace!
2. How have you lived independently, aimless and in darkness? Confess your blindness to Jesus (He “is not of this world”), asking Him to cleanse you completely of your guilt and enlighten you truly to His love and grace.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His work as our Mediator (1 Timothy 2:5-6). Thank Him for how He perfectly represents the Father to us and perfectly represents us before the Father to save our lives.
4. Who do you know that lives in darkness, or is spiritually lost? Pray for them, asking the Lord to make Himself known to them and create faith in them that they would not die in their sin.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and goodness. Pray for His work as the Giver of Light and Life, especially to help you to live more and more in keeping with His Word and Truth.

Upcoming *events*



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
for details.



Preparing for Membership Informational Lunch

August 30, 12pm

For families of

5th-7th grade students.

Contact Bud Daniel for details.

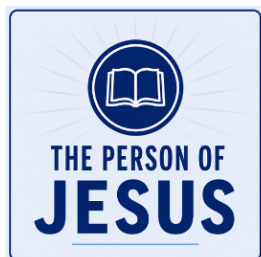


Retirees Prayer Luncheon

September 3, 12pm

Contact John Tucker at

jtuckerdc@gmail.com for details.



The Person of Jesus Study (POJ)

Sundays, 9:30am

Starting September 13

Contact Jacob McLaughlin for details.

Childcare provided.

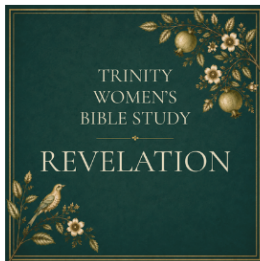
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God's One Story
An Introduction to Covenant Theology
Sundays, 10:45am
September 13 - November 1
Contact the Church Office for details.



Young Adult Cookout
September 13, 4:30pm
Contact Jacob McLaughlin for details.
Scan the code to register.



Women's Bible Study
Starting September 15 & 16
Contact Laura McCaulley for details.
Scan the code to register.



FRAT jr
September 16 - November 18, 6pm
Contact Callie Sandman for details.
Scan the code to register.



Caring Like Christ: A Fall Discussion Series
September 20 | Anger & Avoidance
November 15 | Addictions: Idols of the Heart
Contact Tony Myers for details.

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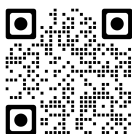


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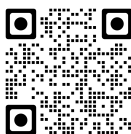


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Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

August 17-22, 2026

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

Monday	Revelation 1 Esther 3	Deuteronomy 15 Ezekiel 37
Tuesday	Revelation 2 Esther 4	Deuteronomy 16 Ezekiel 38
Wednesday	Revelation 3 Esther 5	Deuteronomy 17 Ezekiel 39
Thursday	Revelation 4 Esther 6	Deuteronomy 18 Ezekiel 40
Friday	Revelation 5 Esther 7	Deuteronomy 19 Ezekiel 41
Saturday	Psalm 87	Psalm 35 Psalm 129

Scripture Memory for the Week:

John 8:12 (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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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.