

Earnest **LOVE** From A Pure **HEART**

1 PETER 1:22–2:8



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | August 24, 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.

Shelter

CALL TO WORSHIP | John 15:4-5 (ESV)

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

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

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 2:12-14a, 17-21 (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.

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. For he himself is our peace ... And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. 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.

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.

Your Glory | 10:30a Service

Overcome

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. 59. What good does it do you, however, to believe all this?

A. In Christ I am righteous before God and heir to life everlasting.

Q. 60. How are you righteous before God?

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is accept this gift with a believing heart.

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.

King Of Kings

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 1:22-2:8 (ESV)

Title: Earnest Love From A Pure Heart

Teacher: Tim Rice

1:22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, 23 since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; 24 for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, 25 but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you. ... 2:1 So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. 2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. 4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” 7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” 8 and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

INTRO: When have contrasts helped you to make a wise choice?

A CRITICAL CONDITION

What are the markers of unbelief?

THERE IS A REDEEMER

What if God, in His goodness and grace, chose you even when you had rejected Him?

AND A NEW LIFE

What does belief look like, and what is its outcome?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His graciousness as our Redeemer. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that He can take what is broken or hopeless and bring it back into life and blessedness.
2. How have you lived as if *you* were the most important reference point for the building campaign of your life? Confess your prideful self-interest to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and restore you back into His good design.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His saving work, especially His willingness to be rejected so that we could be redeemed. Versus idols and created things, thank Him for His ability to take what is wrecked and shameful and bring it back to blessedness.
4. Who do you know who is spiritually dried up, lifeless, and falling away to dust? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them to see their need for Jesus and His gracious ability to bring what back to life and joy.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love, joy and goodness. Pray that He would so solidify your trust in Jesus that, sourced by His saving work, you could move confidently out toward others with His love.

Upcoming *events*



Student Ministry Parent Meeting

August 24, 12p

Contact Bud Daniel for details.



Campus Outreach College Lunch

August 31, following the 2nd Service

in the Fellowship Hall

Contact the Craig Nagle for details.



Retirees Prayer Luncheon

September 4, 12p

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

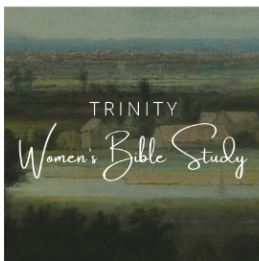


Young Adult Hang Out

September 5, 6p

Contact Brown Peterson for details.

Scan the code to register.



Women's Bible Study

Starting September 9 & 10

Contact Laura McCaulley for details.

Scan the code to register.



Upcoming *events*



FRAT jr

September 10, 6p

Contact Callie Sandman for details.

Scan the code to register.



2nd Sunday Women's Prayer Gathering

September 14, 10a

Contact Laura McCaulley for details.



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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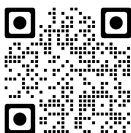


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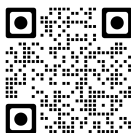


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Community Bible Reading

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August 25 - 30, 2025

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

Monday	Revelation 2 Esther 3	Deuteronomy 16 Ezekiel 38
Tuesday	Revelation 3 Esther 4	Deuteronomy 17 Ezekiel 39
Wednesday	Revelation 4 Esther 5	Deuteronomy 18 Ezekiel 40
Thursday	Revelation 5 Esther 6	Deuteronomy 19 Ezekiel 41
Friday	Revelation 6 Esther 7	Deuteronomy 20 Ezekiel 42
Saturday	Psalm 87	Psalm 35 Psalm 129

Scripture Memory for the Week:

1 Peter 1:24-25 (ESV)

24 for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, 25 but the word of the Lord remains forever."
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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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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.