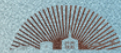


SERIES ON GALATIANS

Approval, Purpose & Calling

GALATIANS 1:10-24



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | August 25, 2024

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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.

We Will Dwell

CALL TO WORSHIP | Acts 9:1-6, 10-15 (ESV)

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

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ... Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel."

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 | Ezekiel 36:25-28 (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.

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

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.

Grace

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.

Living Hope

Only A Holy God

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 Westminster Shorter Catechism:

Q. 59. Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly sabbath?

A. From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian sabbath.

Q. 62. What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment?

A. The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment are, God's allowing us six days of the week for our own employments, his challenging a special propriety in the seventh, his own example, and his blessing the sabbath day.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS | 10:30a Service

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.

Jeremy & Londann Andrews

Caris & Canon Andrews (*non-communing*)

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.

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.

Creed

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: Galatians 1:10-24 (ESV)

Title: Approval, Purpose & Calling

Teacher: Tim Rice

10 For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ. 11 For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. 12 For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. 13 For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. 14 And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. 15 But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, 16 was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; 17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. 18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. 19 But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. 20 (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) 21 Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. 22 And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. 23 They only were hearing it said, "He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." 24 And they glorified God because of me.

INTRO: How would you rate your own personal sense of purpose or calling?

RESOURCED AND PURPOSEFUL

How has the LORD designed us to be sourced?

DRIVEN OR ASHAMED

What happens when we base our justification upon our sanctification?

A MIRACULOUS PILGRIM

What is powerful enough to re-order your identity, relationships, and work?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for how He does only what is in our best interest as God, most-wise. Praise Him that He is holy, and He is wholly good and understands our needs from His infinite and eternal perspective.
2. While God built us to be infinitely resourced from Him and to have a clear purpose to love others, how have you lived as if God deprives you and His commands are a burden? Confess your pride to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and change your heart.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for bearing the cost of our sinfulness and for giving us His Spirit within us to produce real conversion. Thank Him for His work to not only remove our guilt but also to give us new hearts.
4. Who do you know that needs to experience renewal in their heart? Pray for them, asking the Lord to break through the hardness of their heart to help them see the insufficiency of human efforts to change their nature.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to transform your desires and actions. Pray for Him “to work in you both to will and to do His good pleasure” (Philippians 2:13) especially as you pursue Him in His Word, in prayer, and with His people.

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We would love to connect with you. Please scan on the QR code to get connected and let us know of any prayer requests you may have.



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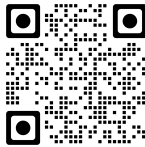


The Compass And Map

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Spotify

Communication

Visit trinitylakeland.org/events to register.



Person of Jesus (POJ) Lunch Study

Starting September 4, 12p
Contact the church office for details.



Retirees Prayer Luncheon

September 5, 12p
Contact [John Tucker](#) for details.



Women's Bible Study - Fall 2024

Starting September 10 & 11
Contact [JoAnn Johnson](#) for details.

Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

August 26-31, 2024

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

Monday	Revelation 4 Esther 5	Deuteronomy 18 Ezekiel 40
Tuesday	Revelation 5 Esther 6	Deuteronomy 19 Ezekiel 41
Wednesday	Revelation 6 Esther 7	Deuteronomy 20 Ezekiel 42
Thursday	Revelation 7 Esther 8	Deuteronomy 21 Ezekiel 43
Friday	Revelation 8 Esther 9	Deuteronomy 22 Ezekiel 44
Saturday	Psalms 87	Psalms 35 Psalms 129

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Galatians 1:10-12 (ESV)

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Office Hours:

Mon - Fri | 8:30a - 5:00p

Sunday Worship | 8:45a & 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.