

Why Be A Church-Planting Church?

The Church With the **OPEN** Hand



Acts 13:1-5, 14:21-27



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | August 3, 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.

Almighty God

CALL TO WORSHIP | Ephesians 4:1-6 (ESV)

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

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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 | John 3:14-17 (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 as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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.

Yet Not I But Through Christ In 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.

Great Are You Lord

The Way

KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS' DISMISSAL (Infants - Kindergarten)

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.

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.

The Apostles' Creed: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The ritual meal of Communion is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the work Christ did for our salvation (sign) and communicates the grace and mercy we have been given (seal) as a result of His death and resurrection.

SONG OF RESPONSE

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

Made For More

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: Acts 13:1-5, 14:21-27 (ESV)

Title: The Church With the Open Hand

Teacher: Tim Rice

13:1 Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. 2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. 4 So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. 5 When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them. ... 14:21 When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, 22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. 23 And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed. 24 Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. 25 And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, 26 and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. 27 And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

INTRO: *How can the church at Antioch help us think well about church planting?*

FUTURE GRACE

Before anything actually happens, what is God doing?

TRANSLATION PLEASE

What do we do when the familiar meets the unfamiliar?

THE IMPACT OF GENEROSITY

What do you do when the Person messing with your comfort isn't Satan, but Jesus?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD that as the Owner of all things, especially His Church, that He is *generous*. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that He is the Lord and Giver of Life.
2. How have you lived risk-averse and cautious in the face of God's call to give and love others, especially the lost? Confess your selfish fear to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and secure you in your heart.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His stunning generosity to love and act to save us in the Gospel. Thank Him for giving Himself *for* us, in our place, by His life and death, and for giving His Spirit *to* us, to live in our hearts.
4. Who do you know that struggles with fear or selfishness? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them to see His incomparable generosity to them (what do they have that He didn't give to them?) even in their selfishness.
5. Ask the Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and generosity. Pray for the Spirit's work to so secure you in Jesus' generous work for you that He would free you from fear and self-concern.

Upcoming *events*



Retirees Prayer Luncheon

August 7, 12p

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



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.

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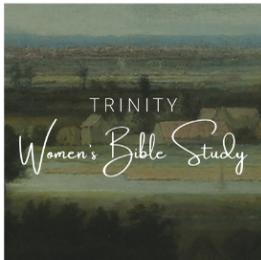
Upcoming *events*



Town Hall Meeting
August 24, 9:00 & 10:30a
in the Fellowship Hall
Contact the Church Office for details.



Student Ministry Parent Meeting
August 24, 12p
Contact Bud Daniel 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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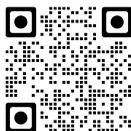


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Community Bible Reading

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August 4 - 9, 2025

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

Monday	John 15 Nehemiah 1	Deuteronomy 1 Ezekiel 23
Tuesday	John 16 Nehemiah 2	Deuteronomy 2 Ezekiel 24
Wednesday	John 17 Nehemiah 3	Deuteronomy 3 Ezekiel 25
Thursday	John 18 Nehemiah 4	Deuteronomy 4 Ezekiel 26
Friday	John 19 Nehemiah 5	Deuteronomy 5 Ezekiel 27
Saturday	Psalm 84	Psalm 32 Psalm 126

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Acts 14:23 (ESV)

23 And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Office Hours:

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

Sunday Worship | 10:00a

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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.