

The Hope That Is In YOU

1 PETER 3:8-17



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | September 21, 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.

Worthy Of Your Name

CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 34:8-10, 19-22 (ESV)

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

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. ... Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

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 | Corinthians 1:18-19, 22-24, 27-31 (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.

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ... For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ... But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast 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.

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

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.

Gratitude

It Is Done | 10:30a Service

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. 65. It is through faith alone that we share in Christ and all his benefits: where then does that faith come from?

A. The Holy Spirit produces it in our hearts by the preaching of the holy gospel, and confirms it by the use of the holy sacraments.

Q. 66. What are sacraments?

A. Sacraments are visible, holy signs and seals. They were instituted by God so that by our use of them he might make us understand more clearly the promise of the gospel, and seal that promise. And this is God's gospel promise: to grant us forgiveness of sins and eternal life by grace because of Christ's one sacrifice accomplished on the cross.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBER | 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.

Jordan King

John & Allison McKee

Lucas Patterson

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.

Only A Holy God

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 3:8-17 (ESV)

Title: The Hope That Is In You

Teacher: Tim Rice

8 Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. 9 Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. 10 For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; 11 let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. 12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." 13 Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? 14 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, 15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, 16 having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. 17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

INTRO: What typically happens to your joy when your circumstances turn?

FEAR WITHIN, FIGHTING WITHOUT

Because of unbelief in a fallen world, how is ridicule inevitable?

CHRIST THE LORD IS HOLY

What can secure us or motivate us to live this way?

THE PROVERBIAL TUBE OF TOOTHPASTE

When squeezed, what is inside comes out ...

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD that He is the Source of all goodness and blessing. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that He is gracious to work for our benefit when He could justly condemn us.
2. How have you lived with earthly and time-bound definitions of blessing, vs. trusting Jesus' Word and His work to turn evil to good? *Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and change your perspective.*
3. Give thanks to Jesus for how He is incomparable and that His work to save us is sufficient. Thank Him for His work to secure us eternally, and His ability to turn even our trials and hardships to "an eternal weight of glory."
4. Who do you know that is shaken by earthly trials and fearful of ridicule for their faith? Pray for them, asking the Lord to secure them within and sustain them for whatever hardships they now have to face.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love, joy, and patience. Pray that the Spirit would work into you Jesus' character, so that whenever you are squeezed, as it were, that His graciousness would come out of you.

Upcoming *events*



Women's Ministry: Table Talks **LIFE HACKS & FUN SKILLS NIGHT**

September 23, 6:30p

Contact Laura McCaulley for details.

Scan the code to register.



Retirees Prayer Luncheon

October 2, 12p

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



Middle School Boys' Field Day

October 10, 5p

Contact Tucker O'Brien for details.



Young Adult Ladies' Board Night

October 10, 6:30p

Contact Taylor Hart for details.



2nd Sunday Women's Prayer Gathering

October 12, 10a

Contact Laura McCaulley for details.

Upcoming *events*



Middle School Girls' Movie & S'mores

October 17, 6:30p

Contact Emma Riggs for details.



High School Guys' Golf Tournament Scramble

October 19, 12:30p

Contact Bud Daniel for details.



Renew Polk Worship Service

October 26, 5:30p

Contact the church office for details.



Men's Prayer Gathering Starting September 20!

Every 3rd Sunday, 7:30a

Contact Craig Nagle for details.

Craig.nagle@campusoutreach.org



Person of Jesus (POJ) Study

Wednesdays, 12p

Contact the church office for details.

Scan the code to join our email list!



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Scan the code below to be added to our database, weekly announcement emails and for information on areas where you can serve at Trinity.

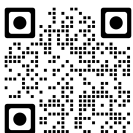


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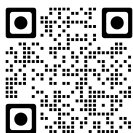


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Community Bible Reading

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September 22 - 27, 2025

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

Monday	Revelation 22 Job 13	Joshua 2 Daniel 10
Tuesday	Mark 1 Job 14	Joshua 3 Daniel 11
Wednesday	Mark 2 Job 15	Joshua 4 Daniel 12
Thursday	Mark 3 Job 16	Joshua 5 Hosea 1
Friday	Mark 4 Job 17	Joshua 6 Hosea 2
Saturday	Psalm 91	Psalm 39 Psalm 133

Scripture Memory for the Week:

1 Peter 3:10-11 (ESV)

10 For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; 11 let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it.”

Office Hours:

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

Sunday Worship | 9:00a & 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.