

TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | September 27, 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.

Ancient Of Days

CALL TO WORSHIP | Daniel 7:9-14 (ESV)

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

"As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. "I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

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 3:13-18 (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.

No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 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. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of 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.

Amazing 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.

All Hail King Jesus

Just As Good

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. 40. What should we pray?

A. The whole Word of God directs and inspires us in what we should pray, including the prayer Jesus himself taught us.

Q. 41. What is the Lord's Prayer?

A. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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.

God With Us

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 9:24-41 (ESV)
Title: Open Eyes & Closed Hearts
Teacher: Tim Rice

24 So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." 25 He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." 26 They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" 27 He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" 28 And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. 29 We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." 30 The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. 31 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. 32 Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." 34 They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. 35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36 He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" 37 Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." 38 He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." 40 Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" 41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

INTRO: Why isn't everyone happy that a blind man was healed?

FOOLISH PRIDE
How were the Pharisees blind in their pride and hatred?

THE SON OF MAN, REVEALED

Who is Jesus and why does Jesus say that He came?

LIFE WITH NEW EYES

What was significant about the changes in the man who had been blind?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US …

1. Worship the LORD, God Almighty, for His love of the humble and His opposition of the proud. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for being gracious and merciful.
2. How can you see the evidence of self-righteousness and pride in your own heart? Confess your love of control to Jesus as unbelief in His goodness and rule, and ask Him to forgive you and dress you in His righteousness.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His grace to the humble, especially His efforts to seek us out. Thank Him that we can be brought into His kingdom and family only because He was willing to be cast out in our place.
4. Who do you know that is an outsider, and who do you know that is smug? Pray for each of them, asking the Lord to welcome the outcast into His family and soften the heart of the proud.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you insight into Scripture, and to help you rethink how you view power in every form (i.e., status, sex, money, etc.). Pray that He would help you repent of pride and grow to love humility.

Upcoming *events*



Retirees Prayer Luncheon

October 1, 12pm

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



Weekend to Remember

October 2-4 or October 16-18

Contact the Tony Myers for details.

Scan the code to register.



High School Girls' Potato Party

October 2, 6pm

Contact the Taylor Hart for details.

Scan the code to register.



Young Adult Ladies' Saturday Swap

October 3, 9:30am

Contact the Taylor Hart for details.

Scan the code to register.



Night of Worship & Prayer

October 4, 5pm

Contact the Church Office for details.

Scan the code to register for childcare.

Upcoming *events*



Grace & Grit: Men's Prayer Gathering

October 17, 7:30am

Contact Tony or Craig for details.

tony@trinitylakeland.org

craig.nagle@campusoutreach.org



Renew Polk Worship Service

October 25 | 5:30pm

at The King's Church

(1736 New Jersey Rd)

Contact the Church Office for details.



Caring Like Christ: A Fall Discussion Series

Addictions: Idols of the Heart

November 15 | 9:30 & 10:45am

In the Studio Room (3rd Floor)

Contact Tony Myers for details.



God's One Story

An Introduction to Covenant Theology

Sundays, 10:45am

through November 1

No registration required.



The Person of Jesus Study (POJ)

Sundays, 9:30am

Wednesdays, 12:00pm

Contact the Church Office for details.

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Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

September 28 - October 3, 2026

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

Monday	Mark 4 Job 18	Joshua 6 Hosea 2
Tuesday	Mark 5 Job 19	Joshua 7 Hosea 3
Wednesday	Mark 6 Job 20	Joshua 8 Hosea 4
Thursday	Mark 7 Job 21	Joshua 9 Hosea 5
Friday	Mark 8 Job 22	Joshua 10 Hosea 6
Saturday	 Psalm 92	Psalm 40 Psalm 134

Scripture Memory for the Week:

John 9:41 (ESV)

41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt;
but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains."

Office Hours:

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

Sunday Worship | 9:00a & 10:45a

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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.