

An **EPIC** Journey To **RESCUE**

1 PETER 3:18–22



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | September 28, 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.

Rescue

CALL TO WORSHIP | Philippians 2:5-11 (ESV)

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

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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 1:18-22, 2:4-6 (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.

Having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church. ... But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

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.

Before The Throne Of God Above

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.

The Goodness Of Jesus | 10:30a Service

Great Are You Lord

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. 67. Are both the word and the sacraments then intended to focus our faith on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross as the only ground of our salvation?
- A. Yes! In the gospel the Holy Spirit teaches us and by the holy sacraments confirms that our entire salvation rests on Christ's one sacrifice for us on the cross.
- Q. 68. How many sacraments did Christ institute in the New Testament?
- A. Two: holy baptism and the holy supper.

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.

You've Already Won

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 3:18-22 (ESV)

Title: An Epic Journey To Rescue

Teacher: Tim Rice

18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, 20 because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. 21 Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

INTRO: Who do you know who has gone on an amazing trip?

CROSSING THE UNIVERSE

What is the significance of the trek that Jesus has made, from heaven to earth and back again?

DOWN TO THE FARTHEST REACHES

If we can marvel at a journey for its reason, when is a trip amazing just for its scope?

TO TAKE US SAFELY HOME

And where does this mission end, and with what results?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD, God Almighty, for His surpassing power and glory. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that He is infinitely higher and greater than anything in all creation and that He guarantees our salvation.
2. How have you lived in the grip of fear or discouragement because you have not trusted the Lord's promises of redemption? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, *asking Him to forgive you and secure you in His grace.*
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His work to conquer all threats against us, by His death and resurrection. Thank Him for His willingness to make the most amazing journey in order to save your life, and to take you with Him.
4. Who do you know who tends to doubt God's heart to save people like us? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them to see the truth of what He has revealed, both about us (needing to be saved) and Him (that He is merciful to save).
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love, joy and patience. Pray that He would so anchor you in the Gospel that you are more defined by His promises and work than you are by anything in else in all creation.

Upcoming *events*



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.



Middle School Girls' Movie & S'mores

October 17, 6:30p

Contact Emma Riggs for details.



Town Hall Meeting

October 19, 9:00 & 10:30a

in the Fellowship Hall

Contact the Church Office for details.

Upcoming *events*



**High School Guys'
Golf Tournament Scramble**
October 19, 12:30p



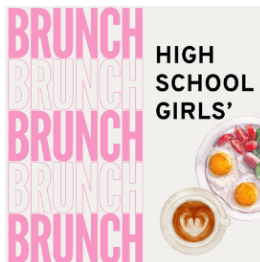
Contact Bud Daniel for details.



**Ministry Communities Meeting
(MCM)**
October 19, 4p
Contact the church office for details.
Scan the code to register.



**Young Adult Guys'
Monday Night Football**
October 20, 7p
Contact Brown Peterson for details.



**High School Girls'
Brunch**
October 25, 10a
Contact Taylor Hart for details.



Renew Polk Worship Service
October 26, 5:30p
Contact the church office for details.

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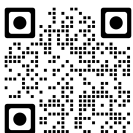


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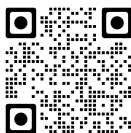


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Community Bible Reading

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September 29 - October 4, 2025

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

Monday	Mark 5 Job 18	Joshua 7 Hosea 3
Tuesday	Mark 6 Job 19	Joshua 8 Hosea 4
Wednesday	Mark 7 Job 20	Joshua 9 Hosea 5
Thursday	Mark 8 Job 21	Joshua 10 Hosea 6
Friday	Mark 9 Job 22	Joshua 11 Hosea 7
Saturday	Psalm 92	Psalm 40 Psalm 134

Scripture Memory for the Week:

1 Peter 3:18 (ESV)

18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

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.