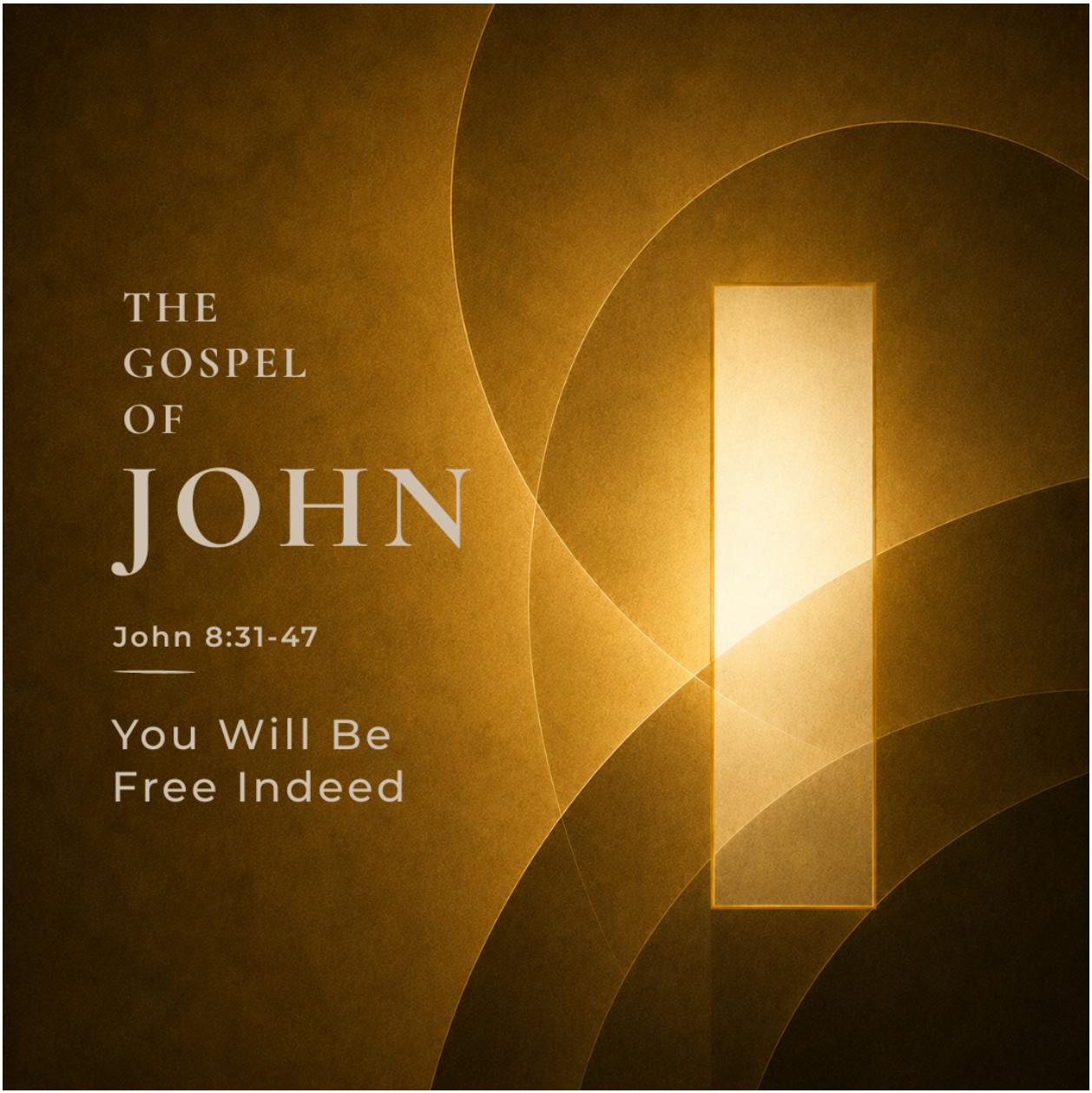

TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | September 6, 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.

No Longer Slaves

CALL TO WORSHIP | Romans 8:1-4 (ESV)

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

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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 | Colossians 1:13-14, 21-23 (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.

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. … And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel

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.

Come Thou Fount

Who You Say I Am

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. 36. What do we believe about the Holy Spirit?

A. That he is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son, and that God grants him irrevocably to all who believe.

Q. 37. How does the Holy Spirit help us?

A. The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, comforts us, guides us, gives us spiritual gifts and the desire to obey God; and he enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.

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.

SONG OF RESPONSE

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

Abide

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 8:31-47 (ESV)
Title: You Will Be Free Indeed
Teacher: Tim Rice

31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,
32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." 33 They answered him, "We are offspring
of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"
34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. 35 The
slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you
will be free indeed. 37 I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my
word finds no place in you. 38 I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have
heard from your father." 39 They answered him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were
Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, 40 but now you seek to kill me, a man
who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. 41 You are doing the
works your father did." They said to him, "We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—
even God." 42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and
I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. 43 Why do you not understand what I say? It is
because you cannot bear to hear my word. 44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your
father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is
no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.
45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. 46 Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell
the truth, why do you not believe me? 47 Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why
you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

INTRO: How would you define what it means to lie? Or to believe lies?

THE PROBLEM WITH LIES

From our capacity to tell and believe lies, what connections does Jesus make?

THE LORD OF TRUTH

Why does it matter that Jesus is the Lord of Truth?

HE DID NOT STOP AT CREATION

What is the impact of Jesus' work to free His people *indeed*?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US …

1. Worship the LORD that He is our Redeemer, the One who sets us free from bondage. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for His mercy to free us from all of our guilt and spiritual wreckage.
2. How have you lived in foolishness and pride, confident that you do not need any other opinion than your own? Confess your sin to Jesus, trusting Him to forgive you and redefine you by His Word and His Work.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for the amazing scope of the freedom He gives us. Thank Him that He came to utterly redeem us from sin, guilt, death, and hell, a redemption that is real, not false; total, not partial; and eternal vs. temporary.
4. Who do you know that is proud and spiritually deceived? Pray for them, asking the Lord to show them His mercy and truth even as He has revealed Himself to you and forgiven you.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit, the God of all Truth and power, to grow you in your experience of His word. Ask Him to bear His fruit in you, especially love, goodness, and faithfulness in your heart.

Upcoming *events*



The Person of Jesus Study (POJ)
Sundays, 9:30am
Starting September 13
Contact Jacob McLaughlin for details.
Childcare provided.



God's One Story
An Introduction to Covenant Theology
Sundays, 10:45am
September 13 - November 1
No registration required.



Young Adult Cookout
September 13, 4:30pm
Contact Jacob McLaughlin for details.
Scan the code to register.



Women's Bible Study
Starting September 15 & 16
Contact Laura McCaulley for details.
Scan the code to register.



FRAT jr
September 16 - November 18, 6pm
Contact Callie Sandman for details.
Scan the code to register.

Upcoming *events*



2026 Men's Retreat
September 17-20
Contact Jerri Gable at
jgable85@hotmail.com for details.
Scan the code to register.



Theology with Tim
Thursdays, 7:00am
September 17 - November 19
No registration required.



Grace & Grit
Men's Prayer Gathering
September 19, 7:30am
Contact Tony Myers
or Craig Nagle for details.



Middle School Boys'
Slip 'N Slide Kickball
September 19, 2pm
Contact Rally Fox 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.

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Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

September 7 - 12, 2026

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

Monday	Revelation 11 Job 3	Deuteronomy 25 Ezekiel 47
Tuesday	Revelation 12 Job 4	Deuteronomy 26 Ezekiel 48
Wednesday	Revelation 13 Job 5	Deuteronomy 27 Daniel 1
Thursday	Revelation 14 Job 6	Deuteronomy 28 Daniel 2
Friday	Revelation 15 Job 7	Deuteronomy 29 Daniel 3
Saturday	 Psalm 89	Psalm 37 Psalm 131

Scripture Memory for the Week:

John 8:36 (ESV)

36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Office Hours:

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

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

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