

# FREE PEOPLE, In Every Institution

1 PETER 2:13–25



TRINITY  
Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | September 7, 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.

In Christ Alone

### CALL TO WORSHIP | Romans 12:14-21 (ESV)

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

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink ... Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

### 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 | Romans 8:1-4 (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.

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.

### 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.

It Is Well

### 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.

When My Heart Is Torn Asunder | 10:30a Service

Made For More

## 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.

Death Was Arrested

### 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 2:13-25 (ESV)

**Title:** Free People, In Every Institution

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

13 Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, 14 or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. 15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. 16 Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. 17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. 18 Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. 19 For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. 20 For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. 21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. 22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. 23 When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. 24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. 25 For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**INTRO:** When has your experience of suffering kept you enslaved?

## A WORLDLY IMPULSE

What is our generation's dominant worldview, and what is its view of submission?

## JESUS' OTHERWORLDLY REPLY

How does Jesus work to redeem us, precisely through suffering?

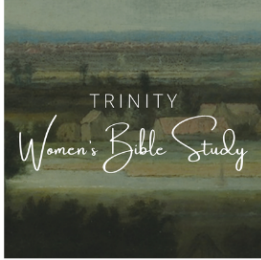
## WHAT FREE PEOPLE DO

How can Jesus set us free, even in the face of unjust treatment?

## YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD, as the only just Judge of all creatures and all their actions. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that by His saving work that evil will be stopped, and rebels can be redeemed.
2. How have you lived stubbornly resisting submitting to your Maker and good authorities that He has placed you under? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and soften your heart.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for humbling Himself willingly in order to save your life. Thank Him for submitting to the Father to die where we should die, and for fulfilling all obedience joyfully where we should've obeyed to break our bondage to sin.
4. Who do you know who resists being submissive to God's good design? Pray for them, asking the Lord to open their eyes to their pride, and that He would change their heart to trust Him instead of themselves.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and faithfulness. Pray for a soft heart vs. a hard heart, and ask the Spirit to empower you to live out of Jesus' trust in His Father, especially when your circumstances are humbling.

# Upcoming *events*



## Women's Bible Study

**Starting September 9 & 10**

Contact Laura McCaulley for details.

***Scan the code to register.***



## Person of Jesus (POJ) Study

**Starting September 10**

**Weekly on Wednesdays, 12p**

Contact the church office for details.

***Scan the code to join our email list!***



## FRAT Jr

**September 10, 6p**

Contact Callie Sandman for details.

***Scan the code to register.***



## 2nd Sunday Women's Prayer Gathering

**September 14, 10a**

Contact Laura McCaulley for details.



## Ministry Communities Meeting (MCM)

**September 14, 4p**

Contact the church office for details.

***Scan the code to register.***



# Upcoming *events*



## 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.



## Young Adult Ladies' Board Night

October 10, 6:30p

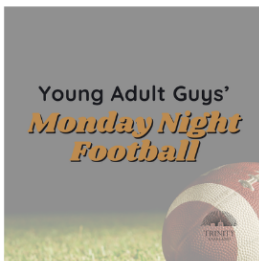
Contact Taylor Hart for details.



## Middle School Girls' Movie & S'mores

October 17, 6:30p

Contact Emma Riggs for details.



## Young Adult Guys' Monday Night Football

October 20, 7p

Contact Brown Petereson for details.



## Interested in Serving?

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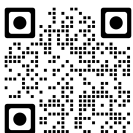


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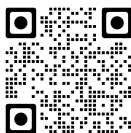


## The Compass And Map Podcast

Now streaming on *Apple Podcasts* and *Spotify*.



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## Community Bible Reading

[communitybiblereading.org](http://communitybiblereading.org)

**September 8 - 13, 2025**

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

Monday	Revelation 12 Job 3	Deuteronomy 26 Ezekiel 48
Tuesday	Revelation 13 Job 4	Deuteronomy 27 Daniel 1
Wednesday	Revelation 14 Job 5	Deuteronomy 28 Daniel 2
Thursday	Revelation 15 Job 6	Deuteronomy 29 Daniel 3
Friday	Revelation 16 Job 7	Deuteronomy 30 Daniel 4
Saturday	Psalm 89	Psalm 37 Psalm 131

## Scripture Memory for the Week:

**1 Peter 2:24 (ESV)**

24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

## 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.