

**THE ONLY
FREEDOM,
INDEED!**

JOHN 8:31-38



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, December 26, 2021

Listening devices are available for the hearing impaired.

Please speak with a greeter or visit the sound booth upstairs for a listening device.

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 | Exodus 3:7-12 (ESV)

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

Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

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 | Galatians 4:3-7 (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.

In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through 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.

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.

The Way

Abide

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. 52. What hope does everlasting life hold for us?

A. It reminds us that this present fallen world is not all there is; soon we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new city, in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin and will inhabit renewed, resurrection bodies in a renewed, restored creation.

KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS' DISMISSAL (Infants - 5th Grade)

Please see your child's check-in name tag for class assignment.

GREETING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION

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PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD | Bud Daniel, *Male Discipleship Coordinator*

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our lives and circumstances.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING | Mercy Fund Offering

SONG OF RESPONSE

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

Rescue

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 8:31-38 (ESV)

Title: The Only Freedom, Indeed!

Teacher: Bud Daniel

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."

Intro: What comes to your mind when you hear the word freedom?

LONGING FOR FREEDOM

What were we made for?

OUR DELUSION

What is our response to Jesus' gracious offer?

THE CERTAINTY OF OUR RESCUE

What has Jesus done with our enslavement?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His infinite mercy in liberating us out of bondage. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that we are no longer slaves, but heirs in His Kingdom.
2. Have you ever lived in arrogance towards God's invitation? Confess your pride to Jesus and admit that you are in dire need of help.
3. Give thanks to Jesus that He is our only rescue, and that His proclamation over us as "Free indeed" is complete.
4. Pray for someone that you know whose life seems to be so much intact, that they don't feel their desperate need for a Savior. Pray that Holy Spirit would convict their hearts of their evil, allowing them to run to the breaker of chains.
5. Ask the Spirit to bear in you His fruit of freedom and joy. Pray that His work to bring us out of captivity would be so prevalent in our being that we would live loving God and loving our neighbor.

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

We're so glad you are here.

Please place completed tear-off in offering box.

Name (Please Print) Gender Male Female

Spouse

Children (Include DOB for Children's Ministry)

Address

City/State Country/Zip

Phone

E-mail Address

- First-Time Visitor Regular Attendee
 Member College Student
 Update my contact information

I would like to receive:

- Worship Folder & Announcement Emails

I would like information about:

- Children's Ministry Student Ministry
 College Ministry Volunteering
 Community Group Women's Ministry
 Men's Ministry Worship
 New Member Class

Prayer

How can our staff pray for you?

Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

December 27, 2021 - January 1, 2022

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

Monday	Matthew 26 1 Samuel 21	Malachi 2 Ecclesiastes 8
Tuesday	Matthew 27 1 Samuel 22	Malachi 3 Ecclesiastes 9
Wednesday	Matthew 28 1 Samuel 23	Malachi 4 Ecclesiastes 10
Thursday	Jude 1 Samuel 24	Ecclesiastes 11-12
Friday		Psalms 150
Saturday	Psalms 1	Psalms 105 Psalms 53

Scripture Memory for the Week:

John 8:36 (ESV)

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

Communication

Visit trinitylakeland.org/events to register.



Campus Outreach College Lunch

January 16, Following Worship.

Contact [David Springer](mailto:David.Springer@trinitylakeland.org) for information.



Fourth Sunday Prayer Gathering

January 23, 4p

Contact the church office for information.



Person of Jesus (POJ) Lunch Study

Wednesdays, 12p - Starting back in January.

Contact [TimO Strawbridge](mailto:TimO.Strawbridge@trinitylakeland.org) for information.

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