

CHARACTER & INTEGRITY
IN THE PROVERBS

SEXUAL INTEGRITY



PROVERBS 5:15-23; 11:22; 30:18-20



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | July 23, 2023

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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.

Beautiful

CALL TO WORSHIP | Ephesians 5:29-32 (ESV)

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

For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

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 | Matthew 11:28-30 (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.

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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.

My All In Thee

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.

Rescue

How Great Is Your Love

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. 30. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

A. Faith in Jesus Christ is acknowledging the truth of everything that God has revealed in his Word, trusting in him, and also receiving and resting on him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in the gospel.

KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS' DISMISSAL (Infants - Rising 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, Lead Pastor and Director of Church Planting*

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.

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: Proverbs 5:15-23; 11:22; 30:18-20

Title: Sexual Integrity

Teacher: Tim Rice

5:15 Drink water from your own cistern, flowing water from your own well. 16 Should your springs be scattered abroad, streams of water in the streets? 17 Let them be for yourself alone, and not for strangers with you. 18 Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, 19 a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love. 20 Why should you be intoxicated, my son, with a forbidden woman and embrace the bosom of an adulteress? 21 For a man's ways are before the eyes of the LORD, and he ponders all his paths. 22 The iniquities of the wicked ensnare him, and he is held fast in the cords of his sin. 23 He dies for lack of discipline, and because of his great folly he is led astray. ... 11:22 Like a gold ring in a pig's snout is a beautiful woman without discretion. ... 30:18 Three things are too wonderful for me; four I do not understand: 19 the way of an eagle in the sky, the way of a serpent on a rock, the way of a ship on the high seas, and the way of a man with a virgin. 20 This is the way of an adulteress: she eats and wipes her mouth and says, "I have done no wrong."

INTRO: What are 3 basic questions to help us think well?

THE BEAUTY OF EXCLUSIVE DELIGHT

How is God's design of sexuality powerful and amazing?

THE TRAGEDY OF SEXUAL BROKENNESS

How has this power been profoundly affected by the Fall?

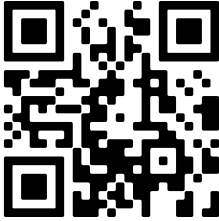
HOW DOES JESUS OFFER HOPE?

What does it mean for Jesus to redeem sexuality, *and at what cost?*

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His beauty and desire to rejoice in us as His own Bride. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for His character to be devoted to us as His own people and His graciousness to be close to us.
2. How have you violated God's design for sex and marriage? Confess your pride and sin to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and to free you from the brokenness of violating His good design.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His work to make us beautiful and cherish us as His own Bride. Thank Him for how He chose to come to save us even at the cost of giving up His beauty to be scarred by our guilt on the Cross.
4. Who do you know that has suffered because of sexual sin (theirs or someone else's)? Pray for them, asking the Lord to heal them and persuade them that He is able to make them whole by His grace.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of faithfulness to the LORD as your Husband. Pray for sexual obedience and a heart to honor God and honor people in light of how He made us to treat each other.

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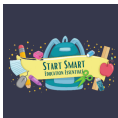
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Communication

Visit trinitylakeland.org/events to register.



Parker Street Start Smart Education Essentials

Supplies due by July 28.
Contact the church office for information.



All Volunteer Kickoff Breakfast

July 30 or August 6, 8:15a
Contact [Ashley Coleman](#) for information.



Children's Ministry Move-Up Sunday

August 13, for worship
Contact [Callie Sandman](#) for information.

Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

July 24-29, 2023

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

Monday	John 7 Ezra 3	Numbers 29 Ezekiel 14
Tuesday	John 8 Ezra 4	Numbers 30 Ezekiel 15
Wednesday	John 9 Ezra 5	Numbers 31 Ezekiel 16
Thursday	John 10 Ezra 6	Numbers 32 Ezekiel 17
Friday	John 11 Ezra 7	Numbers 33 Ezekiel 18
Saturday	Psalm 83	Psalm 31 Psalm 128

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Proverbs 5:21 (ESV)

21 For a man's ways are before the eyes
of the LORD, and he ponders all his paths.

Office Hours:

Mon - Fri | 8:30a - 5:00p
Sunday Worship | 10:00a
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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.