

2 SAMUEL

DAVID & ABSALOM

PART ONE

2 SAMUEL 14:14, 25,
28, 32-15:16, 25-26



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | February 11, 2024

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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.

Worthy Of Your Name

CALL TO WORSHIP | Philippians 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.

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

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 | 1 Peter 2:21-25, 3:18 (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.

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. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. 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. 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. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. ... 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,

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.

The Goodness Of Jesus

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.

Abide With Me

When My Heart Is Torn Asunder

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 Westminster Shorter Catechism:

Q. 9. What is the work of creation?

A. The work of creation is, God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.

Q. 10. How did God create man?

A. God created man male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

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, 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.

Who You Say I Am

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: 2 Samuel 14:14, 25, 28, 32-15:16, 25-26 (ESV)

Title: David & Absalom, Part 1

Teacher: Tim Rice

14:14 We must all die; we are like water spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again. But God will not take away life, and he devises means so that the banished one will not remain an outcast. ... 25 Now in all Israel there was no one so much to be praised for his handsome appearance as Absalom. From the sole of his foot to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him. ... 28 So Absalom lived two full years in Jerusalem, without coming into the king's presence. ... 32 Absalom answered Joab, "Behold, I sent word to you, 'Come here, that I may send you to the king, to ask, "Why have I come from Geshur? It would be better for me to be there still." Now therefore let me go into the presence of the king, and if there is guilt in me, let him put me to death.'" 33 Then Joab went to the king and told him, and he summoned Absalom. So he came to the king and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king, and the king kissed Absalom. 15:1 After this Absalom got himself a chariot and horses, and fifty men to run before him. 2 And Absalom used to rise early and stand beside the way of the gate. And when any man had a dispute to come before the king for judgment, Absalom would call to him and say, "From what city are you?" And when he said, "Your servant is of such and such a tribe in Israel," 3 Absalom would say to him, "See, your claims are good and right, but there is no man designated by the king to hear you." 4 Then Absalom would say, "Oh that I were judge in the land! Then every man with a dispute or cause might come to me, and I would give him justice." 5 And whenever a man came near to pay homage to him, he would put out his hand and take hold of him and kiss him. 6 Thus Absalom did to all of Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel. 7 And at the end of four years Absalom said to the king, "Please let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed to the LORD, in Hebron. 8 For your servant vowed a vow while I lived at Geshur in Aram, saying, 'If the LORD will indeed bring me back to Jerusalem, then I will offer worship to the LORD.'" 9 The king said to him, "Go in peace." So he arose and went to Hebron. 10 But Absalom sent secret messengers throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then say, 'Absalom is king at Hebron!'" 11 With Absalom went two hundred men from Jerusalem who were invited guests, and they went in their innocence and knew nothing. 12 And while Absalom was offering the sacrifices, he sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city Giloh. And the conspiracy grew strong, and the people with Absalom kept increasing. 13 And a messenger came to David, saying, "The hearts of the men of Israel have gone after Absalom." 14 Then David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, "Arise, and let us flee, or else there will be no escape for us from Absalom. Go quickly, lest he overtake us quickly and bring down ruin on us and strike the city with the edge of the sword." 15 And the king's servants said to the king, "Behold, your servants are ready to do whatever my lord the king decides." 16 So the king went out, and all his household after him. And the king left ten concubines to keep the house. ... 25 Then the king said to Zadok, "Carry the ark of God back into the city. If I find favor in the eyes of the LORD, he will bring me back and let me see both it and his dwelling place. 26 But if he says, 'I have no pleasure in you,' behold, here I am, let him do to me what seems good to him."

INTRO: What pressures or opposition have you experienced for your faith?

WHOSE JOY ARE YOU SEEKING?

What does it mean to have *heart loyalty* or faithfulness in Christ?

A WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING

How can we be seduced into the pursuit of image over substance or true character?

BEARING UP UNDER PERSECUTION

Why can Jesus motivate us to faithful allegiance even through persecution?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His holiness and perfect integrity. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that He perfectly embodies all that He commands, and utterly holds fast to all that He promises.
2. How have you lived more committed to a good appearance than to good character? Confess your selfish corruption to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and change your heart to be truly and joyfully loyal to Him.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His gracious love to save selfish, disloyal people like us! Thank Him for doing what no one else could do, and for being what no one else can be.
4. Who do you know that pursues an attractive image more than they pursue true character? Pray for them, asking the Lord to have mercy on them as He has on you, and that He would graciously transform their hearts.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love, goodness and faithfulness. Pray that He would work in your heart that you would gladly give up your pursuit of things that do not satisfy in order to pursue Jesus.

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Education Hour

January 21 - March 3

Contact [Brown Peterson](#) for information.



Fourth Sunday at Four Prayer Gathering

February 25, 4p

Contact the church office for information.



Churchwide Easter Picnic

March 24, 12p

Contact [Callie Sandman](#) for information.

Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

February 12-17, 2024

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

Monday	Acts 7 2 Samuel 24	Genesis 31 Isaiah 23
Tuesday	Acts 8 1 Kings 1	Genesis 32 Isaiah 24
Wednesday	Acts 9 1 Kings 2	Genesis 33 Isaiah 25
Thursday	Acts 10 1 Kings 3	Genesis 34 Isaiah 26
Friday	Acts 11 1 Kings 4	Genesis 35 Isaiah 27
Saturday	Psalm 59	Psalm 7 Psalm 111

Scripture Memory for the Week:

2 Samuel 14:14 (ESV)

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Office Hours:

Mon - Fri | 8:30a - 5:00p

Sunday Worship | 8:45a & 10:30a

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