

PARENTS &
CHILDREN
IN THE
LORD

EPHESIANS 6:1-4

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SERIES



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, May 15, 2022

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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.

Great Are You Lord

CALL TO WORSHIP | Colossians 1:27-29 (ESV)

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

To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

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 2:2-3, 6-7, 9-10 (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.

That their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ... Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ... For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

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.

At The Foot Of The Cross

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.

Only A Holy God

The Blessing

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. 20. Who is the Redeemer?

A. The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, in whom God became man and bore the penalty for sin himself.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

We are called to publicly confess our faith in the grace of God, to participate in the rituals of entrance into the people of God and to acknowledge our membership with His people.

Darren & Brittney Harrison

Audra Rice

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

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 & 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.

Christ Be Magnified

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: Ephesians 6:1-4 (ESV)

Title: Parents & Children In The Lord

Teacher: Tim Rice

¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³ “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” ⁴Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Intro: Who *doesn't* want their home life “*to go well with you*”?

GOSPEL WISDOM IN PARENTING

What is Gospel wisdom?

FOOLISH & SHORT-SIGHTED

What is the alternative if we don't acknowledge God's design or His grace?

TRAINING & DISCIPLINE IN GRACE

Why does it matter that all of this is seen and done *in the Lord*?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD, God Almighty, that He is loving and passionate and never forced in His care for us. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that He is faithful and gracious in His steadfast love.
2. How have you, as one *under* authority, lived as a rebellious child, and where have you, as one *in* authority been arrogant over those in your care? Ask Jesus to forgive you and work to fill you by His grace and care.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His grace to become fully human to identify with us in any role, whether as one under rules or as one leading others. Thank Him for His humility and that His rule is empty of any selfish regard or arrogance!
4. Pray for the parents and children in our church (and you can use the church directory from our website). Ask the Lord to lead them to Himself, and to change their hearts by His Spirit to be truly loving and obedient.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to grow you in your wisdom, giving you insight into your own heart and the hearts of children you care about (whether they are your children or family or friends). Pray for His grace in you, so that you can love them better.

