

SERMON ON THE MOUNT



BLESSED *are the* PERSECUTED

MATTHEW 5:10-12



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | April 28, 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.

Build My Life

CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 111:1-4, 9-10 (ESV)

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

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. ... He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

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 3:14-18 (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.

But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. 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.

Bless God

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.

We Will Dwell

Only A Holy God

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. 31. What is effectual calling?

A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

Q. 32. What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?

A. They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption, and sanctification, and the several benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from them.

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 | Brown Peterson, *Pastor of Students & Young Adults*

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING | Mercy Fund Offering

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.

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: Matthew 5:10-12 (ESV)

Title: Blessed are the Persecuted

Teacher: Brown Peterson

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

BLESSED ARE THE PERSECUTED

WOE TO YOU

REJOICE AND BE GLAD

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Praise and give thanks to the LORD that he reigns and rules. Be in awe of His Kingdom, that it is only going to keep increasing forever and ever.
2. Confess the ways you look like the world and love the world. Worship the LORD and confess your sin for not being in love with his design for hardship to follow obedience.
3. Thank Jesus that he loved righteousness with all of his heart, soul, mind, and strength and that it led him to the greatest persecution anyone has ever suffered, which accomplished the greatest good anyone has ever achieved.
4. Who in your life is being deceived by the false riches and blessings the world offers? Pray for their soul that the gospel would set them free and that they would run and cling to Jesus.
5. Where is the Spirit prompting you to make obedient decisions that may bring hardship to your life? Ask for courage in this act of obedience.

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you may have.



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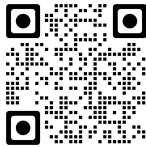


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Apple



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Communication

Visit trinitylakeland.org/events to register.



Raising Boys and Girls" Conference

May 3, 6:30p

Contact [Callie Sandman](#) for information.



Men's Softball League

May 20 - July 1

Contact the church office for details.



Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2024 - Scuba

June 17-21

Contact [Callie Sandman](#) for information.

Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

April 29 - May 4, 2024

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

Monday	2 Corinthians 2 1 Chronicles 8	Exodus 36 Jeremiah 12
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 3 1 Chronicles 9	Exodus 37 Jeremiah 13
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 4 1 Chronicles 10	Exodus 38 Jeremiah 14
Thursday	2 Corinthians 5 1 Chronicles 11	Exodus 39 Jeremiah 15
Friday	2 Corinthians 6 1 Chronicles 12	Exodus 40 Jeremiah 16
Saturday	Psalms 70	Psalms 18 Psalms 119:49-64

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Matthew 5:12 (ESV)

12 "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Office Hours:

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

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

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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.