

ETERNAL HOPE IN THE MIDST OF WAR

SIMEON'S SONG

LUKE 2:25-35



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, December 27, 2020

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.

Almighty God

EXPLANATION OF ADVENT THEME

CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 98:1-3 (ESV)

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

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

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 | Ephesians 2:4-9 (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 God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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.

Grace

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.

Come As You Are

Graves Into Gardens

KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS DISMISSAL (Infants - 5th Grade) | 9a Service

KIDS' WORSHIP DISMISSAL (Infants - 4 Years) | 10:45a Service

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

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 | Jeff Skipper, Associate Pastor of Redeemer City Church

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.

Power To Redeem

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: Luke 2:25-35 (ESV)

Title: Eternal Hope In The Midst of War: Simeon's Song

Teacher: Jeff Skipper

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹ "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." ³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

THE COMFORT OF CHRISTMAS

THE CONTRAST OF CHRISTMAS

THE CONFRONTATION OF CHRISTMAS

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His transcendence (greatness/sovereignty) and His immanence (nearness/intimacy). Praise Him for graciously moving towards us in the greatest way even when we rebelled against Him.
2. Where are you grabbing onto things other than Jesus and saying, “This is my salvation; now I can die in peace!”? Confess your idolatry and ask God to draw your heart back to Him.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His willingness to come all the way down to us, taking on human flesh, and even death, for us (Philippians 2:5-11).
4. Ask the Holy Spirit to produce a spirit of humility in you. Ask that you would be in the right posture, the low place of need, to receive His gifts with great joy.

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 28, 2020 - January 2, 2021

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

Monday Matthew 28 1 Samuel 23
Ecclesiastes 10

Tuesday Jude 1 Samuel 24
Ecclesiastes 11

Wednesday
Ecclesiastes 12

Thursday

Friday Luke 1 1 Samuel 25
Genesis 1

Saturday Psalm 53
Psalm 105

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Luke 2:29-32 (ESV)

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Communication

Register for events at trinitylakeland.org/events



New Member Class

January 24 & 31 following worship.

Contact [Ashley Moats](mailto:Ashley.Moats@trinitylakeland.org) for information.



Southland High School Retreat

January 29-31

Contact [Brown Peterson](mailto:Brown.Peterson@trinitylakeland.org) for information.



Southland Middle School Retreat

February 26-28

Contact [Brown Peterson](mailto:Brown.Peterson@trinitylakeland.org) for information.

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