

CHARACTER & INTEGRITY
IN THE PROVERBS

DILIGENCE

PROVERBS 8:12, 14-17; 10:4;
12:24, 27-28; 13:4



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | July 9, 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.

God With Us

CALL TO WORSHIP | Colossians 3:17; 23-24 (ESV)

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

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. ... Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

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 | Isaiah 55:1-3a (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, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live."

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.

Holy Holy Holy

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.

Build My Life

King Of Kings

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.

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.

The Apostles' Creed: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The ritual meal of Communion is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the work Christ did for our salvation (sign) and communicates the grace and mercy we have been given (seal) as a result of His death and resurrection.

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 8:12, 14-17; 10:4; 12:24, 27-28; 13:4

Title: Diligence

Teacher: Tim Rice

8:12 "I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion. ... 14 I have counsel and sound wisdom; I have insight; I have strength. 15 By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just; 16 by me princes rule, and nobles, all who govern justly. 17 I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me. ... 10:4 A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich. ... 12:24 The hand of the diligent will rule, while the slothful will be put to forced labor. ... 27 Whoever is slothful will not roast his game, but the diligent man will get precious wealth. 28 In the path of righteousness is life, and in its pathway there is no death. ... 13:4 The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied.

INTRO: If productivity is *what* we do, *diligence* is *why* we do it ...

PASSION & HEART

What is diligence? How do we see it in the LORD and how does He tie it to blessing?

WARPED PASSIONS OR EFFORT

What is its opposite? And what are typical obstacles to diligence?

A DILIGENT, LOVING SAVIOR

How has Jesus worked diligently for us? *And why does that matter?*

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD that He is the most passionate Person that is. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that He has worked, continues to work, and will work with the most love and effort to give us all we have.
2. How have you lived either indifferently (you don't care) or passionately, yet for your own selfish purposes? Confess your lack of diligence to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and change your heart by His life-giving power.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His love and work to rescue us from our own disastrous selfishness. Thank Him that as our elder brother He did what no one else would do, especially interested, with extra concern.
4. Who do you know that struggles with diligence? Pray for them, asking the Lord to open their eyes and inflame their heart to Him and His good design.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and joy. Pray for His work to animate your passions and your efforts in *whatever* you do, mindful that Jesus has labored joyfully first for you to transform all your labors.

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Women's Ministry Summer Series Book Study

July 12 & 26, 6:15p.

Contact [JoAnn Johnson](#) for information.



Parker Street Start Smart Education Essentials

Supplies due by July 28.

Contact the church office for information.



Trinity Men's Retreat

September 14-17

Contact [Frank McCaulley](#) for information.

Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

July 10-15, 2023

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

Monday	Titus 1 2 Chronicles 29	Numbers 19 Ezekiel 4
Tuesday	Titus 2 2 Chronicles 30	Numbers 20 Ezekiel 5
Wednesday	Titus 3 2 Chronicles 31	Numbers 21 Ezekiel 6
Thursday	Philemon 2 Chronicles 32	Numbers 22 Ezekiel 7
Friday	John 1 2 Chronicles 33	Numbers 23 Ezekiel 8
Saturday	Psalm 81	Psalm 29 Psalm 126

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Proverbs 13:4 (ESV)

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while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied.

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.