

BY FAITH

SARAH

HEBREWS 11:11-12; GENESIS 17:1, 4-5, 15-21



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, February 28, 2021

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.

Glorious And Mighty

CALL TO WORSHIP | Genesis 21:1-3, 5-7 (ESV)

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

The LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as he had promised. And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac. ... Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. 6 And Sarah said, "God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh over me." And she said, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

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 | Romans 4:17-21 (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.

... as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

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.

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

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.

At The Foot Of The Cross

Do It Again

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. 9. What does God require in the first, second, and third commandments?

A. First, that we know and trust God as the only true and living God. Second, that we avoid all idolatry and do not worship God improperly. Third, that we treat God's name with fear and reverence, honoring also his Word and works.

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 | 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.

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.

How Great Is Your Love

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: Hebrews 11:11-12; Genesis 17:1, 4-5, 15-21 (ESV)

Title: By Faith: Sarah

Teacher: Tim Rice

Hebrews 11:11 By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. ... ^{Genesis 17:1} When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ... ⁴ Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations." ... ¹⁵ And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." ¹⁷ Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" ¹⁸ And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!" ¹⁹ God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. ²⁰ As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation. ²¹ But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year."

Intro: When did you last laugh at someone's claims?

GOD'S ASTOUNDING PROMISES

How do we see God's holiness in His promises?

LAUGHING OUT LOUD

How have you laughed at God's words (and promises)?

GRACE VS. WORKS

How does God get in the last laugh?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD, God Almighty, for His all-surpassing power and goodness. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for how amazing He is to promise us such great things by His grace.
2. How have you lived cynically toward God and His promises or commands? Confess your pride and foolishness to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and to renew your mind to see how ultimately real He is.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His work and covenant to do the most amazing work ever – to cleanse our sin and to conquer death and hell to save us. *Thank Him for doing the impossible to save people who were wrong.*
4. Who do you know that is cynical? Pray for them, asking the Lord to open their eyes to see their need for God and His grace to save anyone who repents and trusts Jesus.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of patience and faithfulness. Pray for His work to help grow in you steadfastness while you wait for God's promises to be fulfilled in His timing and in His ways.

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

March 1 - 6, 2021

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

Monday	Acts 18 Genesis 42	Isaiah 33 1 Kings 11
Tuesday	Acts 19 Genesis 43	Isaiah 34 1 Kings 12
Wednesday	Acts 20 Genesis 44	Isaiah 35 1 Kings 13
Thursday	Acts 21 Genesis 45	Isaiah 36 1 Kings 14
Friday	Acts 22 Genesis 46	Isaiah 37 1 Kings 15
Saturday	Psalm 10	Psalm 114 Psalm 62

Scripture Memory for the Week: Hebrews 11:11-12 (ESV)

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Communication

Register for events at trinitylakeland.org/events



Drop-In Baby Shower for Laura Shannon

March 13, 10a-12p.

RSVP to Laura McCaulley.



Churchwide Easter Picnic

March 28, 12p at Lake Bonny Park.

Contact Callie Sandman for information.



New Member Class

January 24 & 31, following worship.

Contact Ashley Moats for information.

Office Hours:

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

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