

FAITHFUL CHARACTER IN CRISIS  
W I S D O M F R O M A B O V E  
JAMES 3:13-18



TRINITY  
Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, October 25, 2020

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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.

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

### CALL TO WORSHIP | Proverbs 3:13-18 (ESV)

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

Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called blessed.

### 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 Corinthians 1:26-31 (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.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

### 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.

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

### 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.

The Way

King of Kings

## 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. 44. What is baptism?

A. Baptism is the washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; it signifies and seals our adoption into Christ, our cleansing from sin, and our commitment to belong to the Lord and to his church.

Q. 45. Is baptism with water the washing away of sin itself?

A. No, only the blood of Christ and the renewal of the Holy Spirit can cleanse us from sin.

## KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS DISMISSAL | 9a Service Only

*Infants - Fifth Grade are dismissed. 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 | David Springer, Director of Campus Outreach

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.

Living Hope

## 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:** James 3:13-18 (ESV)

**Title:** Faithful Character In Crisis: Wisdom from Above

**Teacher:** David Springer

<sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup> This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup> And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

**Intro:** Searching for Wisdom

## THE SOURCES OF WISDOM

## THE SEEDS OF WISDOM

## THE SOLUTION WE ALL NEED

### YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the Lord for He is the source of all wisdom. In His generosity, He has sent wisdom to us in the form of His Son, Jesus Christ.
2. Consider the sources of wisdom. Where is your life marked with a spirit of jealousy and selfish ambition? Confess your envy and selfishness, asking Him to forgive you and to give you the mind of Christ (Philippians 2:1-11).
3. Give thanks to the Lord for the gift of wisdom. Thank Jesus for coming down from above and making peace for us by the blood of the cross!
4. Evaluate your heart, your home and your community. Where is there disorder and chaos? Ask the Holy Spirit to grant you wisdom that would enable you to love others and pursue peace.
5. Who do you know that has been deceived by the lies of earthly wisdom? Pray for them, asking the Lord to show mercy and kindness toward them. Where might you have an opportunity to gently point them toward the wisdom of Christ?

