

Reflection

The power of justifying, which faith possesses, does not lie in any worth of works. Our justification rests on God's mercy alone and Christ's merit, and faith, when it lays hold of justification, is said to justify.
(Calvin's *Institutes* 3:18:8)

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.*

Call to Worship

Psalm 150

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

People: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Leader: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

People: Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Leader: Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

People: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

All: Praise the Lord!

Psalm of Praise (Psalm 146)

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah #57

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise

From All That Dwell below the Skies #7

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Prayer of Confession

Words of Comfort and Promise

Isaiah 44:21-22

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel you will not be forgotten by me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Hymn of Response

Man of Sorrows! What a Name #246

RENEWING OUR FAITH

Confession of Faith

Q. 12-15,18 from the Heidelberg Catechism

Leader: According to God's righteous judgement we deserve punishment both in this world and forever after: how then can we escape this punishment and return to God's favor?

People: God requires that his justice be satisfied. Therefore the claims of his justice must be paid in full, either by ourselves or another.

Leader: Can we pay this debt ourselves?

People: Certainly not. Actually, we increase our guilt every day.

Leader: Can another creature- any at all – pay this debt for us?

People: No. To begin with, God will not punish another creature for what a human is guilty of. Besides, no mere creature can bear the weight of God's eternal anger against sin and release others from it.

Leader: What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for then?

People: One who is truly human and truly righteous, yet more powerful than all creatures, that is one who is also true to God.

Leader: And who is this mediator- true God and at the same time truly human and truly righteous?

People: Our Lord Jesus Christ, who was given us to set us completely free and to make us right with God.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 36:16-38

Trey Baldy, Deacon

(Pew Bible p. 724)

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Amen!

Hymn of Preparation

O Come, O Come Emmanuel #194

Children in K5 through 1st grade may be dismissed for Children's Worship at this time. This should be seen as optional, and children are welcome to remain with their parents during the sermon. The children will be hearing from the same text that the sermon is based upon so that you may discuss the message as a family after church, if you should choose to do so. Parents, please **pick up your children in the classroom downstairs promptly after the service.**

Proclamation of God's Word

Nick Cirino, Pastoral Intern

Romans 3:21-31 – Justified

(Pew Bible p. 941)

RESPONDING IN THANKS

Prayers of the People

Collection of Offering

Soong of Praise

In Christ Alone

(see insert)

Dismissal

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our Visitors! We are glad you are worshiping with us today.

Please help us greet you by filling out the Welcome Card that can be found in the pew pockets and placing it in the offering plate. Also, please join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service for coffee, juice and doughnuts.

No Evening classes tonight or next Sunday evening. We will resume our regular schedule on Sunday, Sept. 18th. The church office will be closed on Monday, September 5 for the Labor Day holiday.

Women's Fall Bible Study: Elder Don Bennett will lead us in an 11- week study, which he has written, entitled **"From Exile to Eternity: The Gospel According to Ezekiel."** Classes will be offered on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 at the church (childcare provided) and on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 at the Bennett's home (4623 W. Lowell Ave., Tampa 33629 - no childcare) **beginning on Sept. 13th. Registration will be held before and after church today.** You may also register by emailing Becky Wells (bhw@tampabay.rr.com) or by calling the church office. \$5 for materials.

Fall Kick off Lunch-NEXT Sunday, Sept. 11th in the Fellowship Hall. This lunch will include a short congregational meeting where we will have an opportunity to elect new elders.

Fall Sunday school classes- will begin NEXT Sunday, Sept. 11th. There will be two new classes for adults. Please check out the September eNews or the church website for class descriptions.

Next in our series of **Conversations that Matter- *Gender Identity and the Bible-*** Current hotly debated issues of sexuality are premised on a view that our core identity is self-determined, rather than something that is given from and defined by God. Join us **Friday, September 16 at 7 pm.** As we spend the evening with **Dr. David Powlison** considering how Scripture teaches us to think about and discuss these issues. There will be a Q & A time following the lecture.

Church Directory-we will be printing a new copy (updated 3-4 times per year) soon. If you would like to be included or need to update any of your contact information, please email the church office. (office@holyltrinitypca.org). We depend heavily on these paper directories, so if you are new to the church, want to meet folks and get involved, we encourage you to participate.

NURSERY CHANGES-Note the following changes to childcare options available during worship:
* **Infant Nursery:** for birth to strong walkers
* **One & Two year old nursery:** for strong walkers through age two
* **Three & Four year old nursery:** this class is combining the previous Preschool Praise and Worship class and the older toddler nursery. There will be songs, snack, and an age-appropriate lesson provided. This class is located in the large room at the end of the hall.



Romans 3:21-31 - Justified

As you read this passage, write down any words or phrases you don't know. See if you can figure out what each means while you listen to the sermon. During lunch, check with your parents to see if you understood them!

Here are some to watch out for:

- "Manifested"
- "The Law"
- "The Righteousness of God"
- "Forbearance"

1. Righteousness is _____

2. Righteousness is _____

3. Righteousness is _____

4. Application

WELCOME

HOLY TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), exists to proclaim the Gospel and make disciples to the glory of the triune God.

We are glad you are worshiping with us today. You are cordially invited to join us for coffee and juice in the courtyard, or in the fellowship hall, immediately following the morning worship service.

Let us know how we may pray for you. Fill out a prayer request card, found on the back of the pews, and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. The officers of the church and a small prayer group will confidentially pray for these requests.

- **Preschool Praise & Worship class** – for 4-year-olds and some 3's, meets during the entire worship service.*
- **Children's Worship** – Children K5 - first grade – dismissed prior to the sermon.*

*Please Note: We welcome the participation of children in our worship service. We believe that this is their time to hear from God's Word and to offer Him their praise. We hope that you will take this bulletin home and find it helpful for use during the week in your private/family worship.

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MEETING TIMES

Sundays: 9:15 a.m..... Sunday School classes for all ages
 10:30 a.m..... Morning Worship Service
 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer, Covenant Kids Class,
 High School & Middle School Bible Studies

Nursery childcare is provided for each of the above services.

Small Groups meet during the month for Prayer and Fellowship in members' homes. Please see our website for more detail.

Thursdays @ 5:30p: We prepare and serve a meal to those in need from our community. More details on our website.

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