

## Reflection

“More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee! Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee; this is my earnest plea, more love, O Christ to thee, more love to thee, more love to thee!” – *More Love to Thee, O Christ* #649

## Musical Reflection

*O Jesus, We Adore Thee* (sung by musicians)

O Jesus, we adore thee, upon the cross, our King! We bow our hearts before thee, thy gracious name we sing. That name hath brought salvation, that name in life our stay, our peace, our consolation, when life shall fade away.	O glorious King, we bless thee, no longer pass thee by; O Jesus, we confess thee, the Son enthroned on high. Lord, grant to us remission; life through thy death restore; yea, grant us the fruition of life forevermore.
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## 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

Amos 4:13

For behold, he who forms the mountains and creates the wind, and declares to man what is his thought, who makes the morning darkness, and treads on the heights of the earth—the Lord, the God of hosts, is his name!

### Invocation and Prayer of Adoration

### Hymn of Praise

*And Can It Be That I Should Gain* #455

### Responsive Reading

Psalms 37:23-29

Leader (v. 23): The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when he delights in his way;

**People (v. 24): though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the Lord upholds his hand.**

Leader (v. 25): I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread.

**People (v. 26): He is ever lending generously, and his children become a blessing.**

Leader (v. 27): Turn away from evil and do good; so shall you dwell forever.

**People (v. 28): For the Lord loves justice; he will not forsake his saints. They are preserved forever, but the children of the wicked shall be cut off.**

**All (v. 29): The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever.**

## CONFESSING OUR SIN

### Prayer of Confession and Pastoral Prayer

### Words of Comfort and Promise

Psalms 40:11

As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

### Hymn of Response

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* #708

## RENEWING OUR FAITH

### Confession of Faith

from Belgic Confession Article 29

**As for those who can belong to the church, we can recognize them by the distinguishing marks of Christians: namely by faith, and by their fleeing from sin and pursuing righteousness, once they have received the one and only Savior, Jesus Christ. They love the true God and their neighbors, without turning to the right or left, and they crucify the flesh and its works. Though great weakness remains in them, they fight against it by the Spirit all the days of their lives, appealing constantly to the blood, suffering, death, and obedience of the Lord Jesus, in whom they have forgiveness of their sins, through faith in him.**

### Scripture Reading

1 John 4:15-21

Reader: The Word of the Lord

(Pew Bible p.1023)

**People: Amen!**

### Hymn of Preparation

*Who Is This, So Weak and Helpless* #239

(*Alt. tune*)

*At this time, children in pre-K through Kindergarten may be dismissed to the nursery classroom on the first floor.*

### Proclamation of God’s Word

Rev. Steve Light, Associate Minister

Luke 7:36-50 — He Who Is Forgiveness Little Loves Little  
(Pew Bible p. 864)

## RESPONDING IN THANKS

### Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

We invite all baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, who are communicant members of a Bible-believing church, and who seek strength and grace to live more faithfully for Christ, to participate in the Lord’s Supper. According to 1 Corinthians 11, participating rightly in this meal requires us to understand what is happening, so we ask that children who have not yet been received into communicant membership not partake of the elements. If you think your child is ready to participate, please speak to one of the elders.

### Musical Reflection

*How Blest Is He Whose Trespass* (sung by musicians)

1. How blest is he whose trespass has freely been forgiv'n, whose sin is wholly covered before the sight of heav'n. Blest he to whom Jehovah will not impute his sin, who has a guileless spirit, whose heart is true within.	2. While I kept guilty silence my strength was spent with grief, thy hand was heavy on me, my soul found no relief; but when I owned my trespass, my sin hid not from thee, when I confessed transgression, then thou forgavest me.
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3 So let the godly seek thee  
in times when thou art near;  
no whelming floods shall reach them,  
nor cause their hearts to fear.  
In thee, O Lord, I hide me,  
thou savest me from ill,  
and songs of thy salvation  
my heart with rapture thrill.

### Collection of Offering and Closing Hymn

*My Jesus, I Love Thee* #648

### Benediction

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Updated COVID Seating Update** — Both the right side of the balcony (facing the pulpit), and the back half of the section of pews in line with the piano are designated for those who wish to wear masks and/or social distance. All other seating in the Sanctuary remains normal. Please continue to use wisdom as you interact and let us know if we can be helpful in any way.

**Fall Bible Studies** — We have resumed our men’s and women’s studies on the book of Hebrews! It is not too late to join us. The women meet on Tuesdays at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm (childcare available for both); the men meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm and Fridays at 7:00 am.

### NEXT Sunday, September 12th:

**New Sunday School Classes** — Our Fall classes will take place for all ages at 9:15 am. Both a New Members Class and Social Justice class will be offered for adults. See today’s bulletin insert for full class descriptions. It is also “move-up Sunday” for all of the children’s classes!

**Membership Introductions, Vow Renewal** — New members will be recognized during the worship service, and current members will renew our membership vows together, given our particular moment in the life of this church. In preparation for this important time together, please reflect prayerfully on the membership vows which can be found on cards located at each of the Sanctuary exits. Following the service, we will gather for a meal in the Fellowship Hall and hear testimonies of our new members.

**Churchwide Fellowship Lunch** — ALL are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for a meal and a time to hear testimonies from our newest members. Use today’s bulletin insert to RSVP, or do so on our website under the “Events” tab.

**Tuesday After School Arts Program and Family Chapel** — Beginning next **Tuesday, September 14th**, students K-6th Grade are invited to join us weekly from 3:30-5:30 pm as we gather for a brief chapel service and then our arts and music classes! We are excited to study the traditional art and music from countries around the world this semester! Contact Emma Beth Fisher to register. NOTE: We’ve expanded this to include sixth graders this year!

**Backpack Donation Drive** — Our Neighborhood Outreach Dinner ministry is collecting backpacks to distribute to the homeless men and women we serve; donation bins are located in the East entrance lobby!

**Church Work Day** — Save the date for **Saturday, September 25th** as we gather to complete various projects around our building and grounds. All ages are welcome and encouraged to join us for this time of hard work and fellowship as we steward the gift God has given us in this wonderful facility.

### Men’s Ministry Events:

**Shuffleboard Fellowship** — Men, we’ll meet the evening of **Thursday, September 16th** for shuffleboard and fellowship in downtown St. Petersburg. More details to come!

**Men’s Breakfast, *Leading Our Homes “In Sickness and in Health”*** — Men and boys of all ages, please plan to join us **Saturday, October 9th** at 8:30 am to hear from Dave Brittain on this topic that touches every one of us in this present age. Consider inviting a friend as well. Please RSVP to Steve Light.

**Fall Women’s Retreat** — Ladies, join us Friday-Saturday, **November 5th-6th** in Sarasota, FL for a time of fellowship around God’s Word. Our topic is *standing firm in the faith through the lens of Christian biographies and Hebrews 11*. Cost is \$90 per person; reserve your spot with a \$45 deposit (cash, check to HTPC, or online payment). If you would like to contribute toward others’ costs, you can add any amount to your payment. And please do let us know if cost is prohibitive for you to attend; we would love to help.

Stewarding Report— Operating Account as of Aug. 31, 2021

Budgeted Receipts	\$694,378
Actual Receipts	\$459,587 (66% of budget)
Shortfall	(\$234,791)

The amount needed to meet the annual budget of \$1,041,567 is \$581,980.

Please pray for the Lord to provide for our financial needs as a congregation; he has been so faithful to us across so many areas of our church's life.



**Luke 7:36-50 He Who Is Forgiveness Little Loves Little**

**Main Idea: Our love or lack of love for Jesus Christ is**

**inseparable from our sense of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**1. Simon appeared to have love for God, but he did not in**

**fact, as revealed by his responses to \_\_\_\_\_ and the**

\_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Love for Christ and God begins with \_\_\_\_\_ that**

**comprehends the greatness of sin and the mercy of God.**

**3. Love for God and Christ is fostered by contrition at the**

\_\_\_\_\_.

**4. His love will always be \_\_\_\_\_.**

**WELCOME**

**HOLY TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Our theological standards are the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, all of which are subordinate to our only ultimate rule of faith and practice, God's Word (the Old and New Testament Scriptures).

**We are glad you are worshiping with us today.** We invite you to join us for refreshments in the courtyard immediately following the morning worship service.

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

**We welcome the participation of children in our worship service.** This is their time to hear from God's Word and praise him. Childcare is also available downstairs:

- Age 0-3: childcare available during the entire service (bottom floor)
- Pre-K-K5 Grade: dismissed to the nursery before the sermon

**MEETING TIMES**

**Sundays:** 9:15 am.....Sunday School for all ages  
 10:30 am.....Morning Worship Service  
 6:00 pm .....Evening Worship and Prayer, Covenant  
 Kids class, High School & Middle School studies

Nursery and childcare are provide for all above Sunday activities

**Small Groups** meet at various times for prayer and fellowship in members' homes. See our website for details, htpctampa.org.

**Thursdays @ 5:30 pm.** Neighborhood Outreach Dinner. We prepare and serve a meal for those in need from the community. More details on website.

**MINISTERS**

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