

Reflection

“Just as old or bleary-eyed men and those with weak vision, if you thrust before them a most beautiful volume, even if they recognize it to be some sort of writing, yet can scarcely construe two words, but with the aid of spectacles will begin to read distinctly; so Scripture, gathering up the otherwise confused knowledge of God in our minds, having dispersed our dullness, clearly shows us the true God.” – John Calvin

Musical Reflection

Break Thou the Bread of Life (sung by musicians)

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
throughout the sacred page I seek thee, Lord,
my spirit pants for thee, O living Word.

O send thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me,
that he may touch mine eyes and make me see:
show me the truth concealed within thy Word,
and in thy Book revealed I see the Lord.

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

from Psalm 113:1-3

Minister (v. 1): Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

People (v. 2): Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!

All (v. 3): From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

Invocation and Prayer of Confession

Words of Comfort and Promise

1 Peter 1:18-19

knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

Hymns of Praise

The Heavens Declare Your Glory, Lord #138
Praise the Lord (Psalm 150)

*1. You made the starry hosts
You traced the mountain peaks
You paint the evening sky with wonders
The earth, it is Your throne
From desert to the sea
All nature testifies Your splendor.*

*Chorus:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Sing His greatness, all creation
Praise the Lord, raise your voice
You heights and all you depths
From furthest east to west
Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord*

*2. You reached into the dust
In love, Your Spirit breathed
You formed us in Your very likeness
To know Your wondrous works
To tell Your mighty deeds
To join the everlasting chorus.
Chorus*

*3. Let symphonies resound
Let drums and choirs ring out
All heaven hear the sound of worship
Let every nation bring
Its honors to the King
A roar of harmonies eternal.
Final Chorus*

*Final Chorus:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Sing His greatness, all creation
Praise the Lord, raise your voice
You heights and all you depths
From furthest east to west
You distant burning stars
All creatures near and far
From sky to sea to shore
Sing out forevermore
Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord*

Words and Music by Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

RENEWING OUR FAITH

Baptism of Covenant Children

Raphael Dominique René Reilly
Marie Christelle Elizabeth Reilly
Sophie Jane Louise Reilly
Children of Keegan & Kelly Reilly

Baptismal Vows

1. Do you acknowledge your childrens’ need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your children to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of these children?

Hymn of Response

Shine Thou Upon Us, Lord #411

Confession of Faith

Belgic Confession Article 2

Leader: By what means is God made known unto us?

All: We know Him by two means: first, by the creation, preservation, and government of the universe; which is before our eyes as a most elegant book, wherein all creatures, great and small, are as so many characters leading us to contemplate the invisible things of God, namely, His eternal power and divinity, as the apostle Paul saith. All which things are sufficient to convince men, and leave them without excuse.

Secondly, He makes Himself more clearly and fully known to us by His holy and divine Word; that is to say, as far as is necessary for us to know in this life, to His glory and our salvation.

Scripture Reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Amen!

Hymn of Preparation

2 Peter 1:16-21
(Pew Bible p.1018)

Speak O Lord

*1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in Your likeness;
That the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord and fulfill in us
all Your purposes for Your glory.*

*2. Teach us Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes;
in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow’r that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.*

*3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we’ll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we’ll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, ‘til Your church is built,
and the earth is filled with Your glory.*

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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

1 Samuel 3 — The Lord Revealed Himself by the Word of the Lord
(Pew Bible p. 227)

RESPONDING IN THANKS

Musical Reflection

O God of Light, Your Word (sung by musicians)

1. O God of light, your Word, a lamp unfailing,
shines through the darkness of our earthly way,
o’er fear and doubt, o’er black despair prevailing,
guiding our steps to your eternal day.
2. From days of old, through swiftly rolling ages,
you have revealed your will to mortal men,
speaking to saints, to prophets, kings, and sages,
who wrote the message with immortal pen.
3. Undimmed by time, the Word is still revealing
to sinful men your justice and your grace;
and questing hearts that long for peace and healing
see your compassion in the Savior’s face.
4. To all the world the message you are sending,
to every land, to every race and clan;
and myriad tongues, in one great anthem blending,
acclaim with joy your wondrous gift to man.

Collection of Offering

Closing Hymn

O Word of God Incarnate #140

Benediction

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Sunday School or Evening Worship — We will not have Sunday School or evening Worship on Sundays, December 26th (today) or January 2nd.

No Neighborhood Outreach Dinner — We will not serve a meal on Thursday, December 30th in light of the holiday weekend.

Communion Reminder — Please note that we will celebrate the Lord’s Supper on Sunday, January 9th.

2022 Church-Wide Bible Reading Plan — Located outside each of the Sanctuary doors today are Bible reading plans with instructions included. We will also distribute these next Sunday.

Stewardship Report— Operating Account as of **December 22, 2021**

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| Budgeted Receipts thru 12/31 | \$956,567 |
| Actual Receipts thru 12/22 | <u>\$855,378</u> |
| Shortfall | (\$101,189) |

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.



1 Samuel 3

The Lord Revealed Himself by the Word of the Lord

I. The lack of the word of God is a _____

A. It brings _____ and _____

B. It leads to the _____

II. Hope _____ because His word _____

III. The Knowledge of the _____ is given in the

_____ of the _____.

IV. Make _____ your aim in

receiving his word.

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 pmEvening 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.

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