

SUNDAY EVENING
Vespers

CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | AUGUST 9, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.

Lord's Day Vespers

EVENING VESPERS MEDITATION

Almighty God, we give You thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of vesper light; and we implore You in Your great mercy that, as You enfold us with the radiance of Your light, so You would shine into our hearts the brightness of Your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord dispel the darkness of our hearts, that by Your brightness we may know You to be the true God and Eternal Light, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen.



CALL TO PREPARATION

Rev. Kurt Cooper

PRELUDE

God, Be Merciful to Me

Richard Redhead

CALL TO WORSHIP (*congregation reads bold type*)

Psalm 118:28-29

You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;

you are my God; I will extol You.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

for His steadfast love endures forever!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Cooper

CONFESSION OF FAITH – Children’s Catechism

Q. 60. How long ago is it since Christ died?

A. More than nineteen hundred years.

Q. 61. How were pious persons saved before the coming of Christ?

A. By believing in a Savior to come.

Q. 62. How did they show their faith?

A. By offering sacrifices on God’s altar.

Q. 63. What did these sacrifices represent?

A. Christ, the Lamb of God, who was to die for sinners.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Psalm 1:1-2

pew Bible, page 568

EVENING PRAYER

† **HYMNS 408**
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God, Be Merciful to Me
Spirit of the Living God

REDHEAD 76
IVERSON

During “Spirit of the Living God,”
1st through 5th grade children are dismissed to attend their classes.
Middle Schoolers are dismissed to The Frith.

† **SCRIPTURE READING** – Matthew 5:1-3

pew Bible, page 1029

HOMILY

THE UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM
I. The Poor in Spirit

Rev. Michael Howell

† **HYMN 225**

The Power of the Cross

OH, TO SEE THE DAWN

† **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

The Power of the Cross

Stuart Townend

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Senior Minister* | Rev. Michael Howell, *Assistant Minister*
Aaron Perez, *piano*; Mary Clare Johnson, *violin*;
Cesia Pupo, *violin*; Robert McGowin, *bass*

THE UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM

I. The Poor in Spirit

Matthew 5:1-3

I. The Setting of the Sermon (vv. 1-2)

A. Jesus Ascends (v. 1a)

B. Disciples Follow (v. 1b)

C. Jesus Begins (v. 2)

II. Those Who Depend on God (v. 3)

A. The Blessing (v. 3a)

B. The Reason (v. 3b)

C. The Promise (v. 3c)

*The sanctuary flowers this Lord's day are given
to the glory of God and in loving memory of*

Patty Hamn Williams

by her family



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