



**TRINITY**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Trinity Presbyterian Church

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth.

## Words for Reflection

Worship is our acculturation into God's people; it's where we learn to speak the language of the coming kingdom.

-James K. A. Smith

Jesus did bring the kingdom of God. Through repentance and faith, we enter it now. His reigning power is among us now, healing people by putting them right with God and each other. And yet, this present world is not over. We still live in a world of decay, disease, and death. This is what is meant by the "overlap of the ages." The kingdom of God—God's power to renew the whole of creation—has broken into the old world through Christ's first coming, but it is not fully here. The old order is still here, though it is doomed and living on borrowed time.

-Timothy Keller

The distinguishing mark of this community (i.e the Church) will be hope.

-Lesslie Newbigin

# Order of Worship

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

— January 31, 2016 —

## The Call to Worship

*God invites and calls us into His presence to worship Him. He enters into our busy lives to speak to us.*

May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
that your way may be known on earth,  
your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

—Psalm 67:1-3 ESV

## Hymn of Praise | Holy, Holy, Holy

*We sing praises to God and proclaim through song the good news of what He has done in Jesus' death and resurrection. Some songs might be initially unfamiliar, but we believe the rich, true, beautiful words of these hymns will make their way into your heart.*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert and art and ever more shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Words: Reginald Heber

Music: John Dykes

## Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer

*We ask for God to be present among us and conclude with the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Doxology

*Doxology means "glory words." We lift our voices and our hands to give God glory for who He is and all that He has done.*

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.

## Confession of Sin

*We fight the temptation to hide our sin and instead acknowledge it openly to God, but we do so in light of the grace offered in Jesus.*

Gracious God and Loving Father,

You have promised that if we confess our sins, You are faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Yet we acknowledge that in our pride and hard-heartedness, we are slow to confess our need of your grace and forgiveness. Have mercy upon us according to your steadfast love, which is ours in Christ. Cleanse, heal, and renew us through Jesus. Amen.

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Forgiveness

*God reminds our forgetful hearts of the grace that is ours in Jesus.*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

—1 John 1:8-9 ESV

## Hymn of Response | How Deep the Father's Love For Us

*We respond in thanks and praise for God's redemptive work in Christ.*

How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss;  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life.  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Words & Music: Stuart Townend

# Confession of Faith | The Apostles' Creed

*We join the church in history by confessing this basic statement of what Christians believe.*

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.\*  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\*\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*\*While Jesus didn't literally descend to hell, he did endure the torment of hell on the cross and remained under the power of death until his resurrection.*

*\*\*universal*

# Baptism | John Asher Ellis Menendez

To the Parents (Joey & Julie Menendez):

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

To the Congregation:

Pastor: Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

People: **We do.**

"For you Jesus came into the world; for you he lived his life; for you he was crucified; for you he was raised from the dead; and for you he is coming again. You may not know this story now, but we, your church, promise to tell you this story until you make it your own."

*(based on French Reformed Baptismal Liturgy)*



## The Offering

*In gratitude, we offer our gifts to God.*

*Children are now dismissed for TrinityKids (4 years old -2nd Grade). After the sermon, their teachers will return them to worship where they may come directly to you, or you may meet them in the back of the sanctuary.*

## The Prayers of the People

*We lift up our requests to God knowing that He hears us when we pray.*

## The Reading of the Word

Luke 13:18-21

*God speaks to us through His Word.*

**18** He said therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? **19** It is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches." **20** And again he said, "To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? **21** It is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Brian Davis

*Stories of the King: The Parables of Luke*  
*"The Mustard Seed and the Leaven"*



## The Celebration of Holy Communion

*Communion (also called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist) is the family meal of baptized Christians. It's not a meal for good people. It's a meal for desperate people who trust in Jesus alone for salvation, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength and grace to live more faithfully with Jesus. You will be invited to come forward. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal today, we encourage you to use the prayers printed below and spend this time in reflection or prayer.*

*Children who have not received their first communion are welcome to come forward with their families. We invite children who are ready to make a public profession of faith in Christ to arrange a meeting with the elders, and thus become "communicants" at the Lord's Table.*

*\*Note about communion wine: The red inner cups in each tray contain non-alcoholic grape juice. The clear outer cups and the common cup contain wine.*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

**People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

## Prayers During Communion

### *A prayer for those searching for truth:*

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me the ability to follow you no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

### *A prayer of belief:*

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead and are now representing me at the Father's right hand in heaven, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

### *A prayer for those struggling against sin:*

Lord Jesus, give me the ability to see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and desires, and help me to turn from every false source of satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

### *A prayer for covenant children who have not yet made a profession of faith:*

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow you as one of your disciples. Amen.

# Hymns for Communion

## Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for the fight;  
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight;  
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tower:  
Raise Thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Words & Music: Traditional Irish Text & Folk Tune

## Jesus Whispers

Lamb of God, we fall before Thee,  
Humbly trusting in Thy cross;  
That alone be all our glory;  
All things else are vain and loss.

Thee we own a perfect Savior,  
Only source of all that's good:  
Every grace and every favor  
Comes to us through Jesus' blood.

*Jesus whispers this sweet sentence,  
"Son, thy sins are all forgiven."  
Faith He gives us to believe,  
Hearing ears and seeing eyes.*

When we live on Jesus' merit,  
Then we worship God aright,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Then we savingly unite.

Hear the whole conclusion of it;  
Great or good, whate'er we call,  
God, or King, or Priest, or Prophet,  
Jesus Christ is All in All.

Words: Joseph Hart  
Music: Clint Wells & Brian T. Murphy

## Departing Hymn | All Must Be Well

*We respond in faith and song.*

\*Children are invited to come to the front to lead & sing. Parents are also welcome.

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well;  
Free and changeless is His favor, all is well;  
Precious is the blood that healed us,  
Perfect is the grace that sealed us,  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us,  
All must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well;  
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well;  
Happy still in God confiding,  
Fruitful if in Christ abiding,  
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding,  
All must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow, all will be well;  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well;  
On our Father's love relying,  
Jesus every need supplying,  
Yes in living or in dying,  
All must be well.

Words: Mary Bowley Peters, Matthew S. Smith

Music: Matthew S. Smith

## The Benediction

*God sends us out with his blessing. A benediction is not a prayer. We don't bow our heads. We lift them up and even lift up our hands to receive his blessing as we are sent out as participants in His mission to Fort Worth.*

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

—Numbers 6:24-26 ESV

## The Sending

*The people of God are sent into the world to love God, love people, and love Fort Worth.*

Pastor: Let us go forth to serve Fort Worth and the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God!**



## Announcements

### Interested in joining a Community Group?

Our Community Groups are essential to our life at Trinity. Jesus never intended for the Christian life to be lived alone. We have multiple groups meeting throughout the city. It's not too late to join one! **Sign up online ([trinitypresfw.org](http://trinitypresfw.org))**. Contact Brian ([brian@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:brian@trinitypresfw.org)) for more information.

### Membership Form

If you've completed the Trinity Membership Seminar and would like to join, **please plan to complete the online form before February 7**. Contact Brian ([brian@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:brian@trinitypresfw.org)) for more information.

### Spiritual Formation Class

Join us for a six-week class on Spiritual Formation from 3pm - 3:45pm beginning Sunday, Feb. 14 in the Fellowship Hall. Nursery and a children's class will be provided.

### Women's Retreat Registration begins Feb. 7

Ladies, mark your calendar for our 2016 retreat coming up on April 8-10 at The Bluffs Camp, Pine Cove (just outside of Tyler). Registration will open online on Feb. 7. Cost is \$160 (online) or \$155 (by check). Scholarships are available. You may pay online at [fortworthpca.org](http://fortworthpca.org) or by check made payable to Fort Worth Presbyterian Church. Jessica Bingaman and Ruth Ann Francis will receive checks. Deadline to sign up is Mar. 18! Questions? Contact Jessica Bingaman (713-444-7569; [jessica.a.bingaman@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.a.bingaman@gmail.com)).

## Information

### To the Parents of Young Children

Welcome! We are so glad you are here. We believe the church is for all people, even children, and we want Trinity to be a church where children are both seen and heard. So don't worry if your children wiggle in the pews or make a little noise! We invite you to keep your children in our service and help them understand what is going on, sing the songs with you, and participate in worship. Children learn how to worship by imitating you. We say parts of our worship service every week in order to help our non-reading children to participate, and we have children's bulletins available in the back. There are also ages, stages, and times when it might not be best for your children to be in worship. We have a nursery program that is set up to handle children from birth to 4 years old, and a TrinityKids program during the sermon for children 4 years old through 2nd grade. All nursery volunteers have been through both background checks and Ministry Safe training.

### The Liturgy

Our order of worship may be new to you. Every worship service in every church has a structure. We want to be intentional about ours as it is a real back-and-forth conversation between us and God. He calls us to worship, and then we respond and move through the different elements of the service. We have both spontaneous, personal prayers as well as ancient, printed prayers. Please look over the service beforehand to see what we will hear and say along the way.

## 4pm

We plan on meeting at 4pm for the foreseeable future. We hope you will enjoy a Sunday morning to sleep in, spend time with your non-church going friends and neighbors or relax with your family and friends.

## Welcome Notepads

At some point during service, a welcome pad will be passed down your row. We would love for you to fill it out and pass it to the person on your right, so that we will have record of your visit. We promise we won't spam you.

## Youth Group @ FWPC

The youth group (grades 6-12) at our sending church meets on Sunday evenings at FWPC (6251 Oakmont Trail) at 530pm. If you're interested in joining the carpool of Trinity students attending, please contact Wade Jewett ([jewettwade@gmail.com](mailto:jewettwade@gmail.com)).

## Interested in Helping with Music?

We are always looking to add to our great team of musicians. If you're interested in learning more, please contact Wade Jewett ([jewettwade@gmail.com](mailto:jewettwade@gmail.com)).

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*Trinity exists to embrace, embody, and extend the redemptive message of Jesus to the people and places of Fort Worth and beyond.*

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