



**TRINITY**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Trinity Presbyterian Church

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth.

## Words for Reflection

Human history is the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy.

-C. S. Lewis

In gathered worship, as nowhere else, we experience the power of the risen Jesus freeing us from the idolatries that gnaw at us.

-Ray Ortlund

# Order of Worship

## The Second Sunday of Easter

— April 23, 2017 —

### 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.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

**sing the glory of his name;**

give to him glorious praise!

**All the earth worships you**

and sings praises to you;

**they sing praises to your name.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

—Psalm 66:1-2, 4 ESV

### Hymn of Praise | Almighty God

*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.*

Almighty God to You all hearts are open

Search and know our thoughts and anxious fears

Wash us in the fountain of Your mercy

Come with Your light, we cannot hide from You

Almighty God to You all hearts are open

With gratitude we raise our song to You

Come and fill the praises of your people

In grace and truth, you make us new again

*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah*

Almighty God to You all hearts are open  
We long for more than what this world provides  
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us  
Your river deep floods over everything

Words & Music: Sandra McCracken, Leslie Jordan, & David Leonard

## 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.*

Lord Jesus, you are the resurrection and the life. We come to you in sorrow for our sins and confess to you our weakness and unbelief. Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence. Like the disciples offended at your words, we are tempted to walk away. Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe. Have mercy on us and forgive us through the blood of your Cross. Amen.

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

—2 Corinthians 5:17-18 ESV

## Song of Response | How Deep

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

You were broken that I might be healed  
You were cast off that I might draw near  
You were thirsty that I might come drink  
Cried out in anguish that I might sing

*How deep is Your love  
How high and how wide is Your mercy  
How deep is Your grace  
Our hearts overflow with praise  
To You*

You knew darkness that I might know light  
Wept great tears that mine might be dried  
Stripped of glory that I might be clothed  
Crushed by Your Father to call me Your own

Words & Music: Stephen Altrogge

# 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.*

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# 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.*

*"Humble" - Audrey Assad*

*Humble and human, willing to bend  
You are Fashioned of flesh and the fire of life,  
You are Not too proud to wear our skin  
to know this weary world we're in  
Humble, humble Jesus*

*Humble in sorrow, You gladly carried Your cross  
Never refusing Your life to the weakest of us  
Not too proud to bear our sin  
to feel this brokenness we're in  
Humble, humble Jesus*

*We bow our knees  
We must decrease  
You must increase  
We lift You high*

*Humble in greatness, born in the likeness of man  
Name above all names, holding our world in Your hands  
Not too proud to dwell with us, to live in us, to die for us  
Humble, humble Jesus*

*We lift You high  
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# 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

John 6:60-71

*God speaks to us through His Word.*

**6:60** When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" **61** But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? **62** Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? **63** It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. **64** But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) **65** And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." **66** After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. **67** So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" **68** Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, **69** and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." **70** Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve? And yet one of you is a devil." **71** He spoke of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Brian Davis

*That You May Have Life: The Gospel According to John  
"By Giving Us the Words of Life"*



## 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 the faith:

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

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

**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

## In Feast or Fallow

When the fields are dry, and the winter is long  
Blessed are the meek, the hungry, the poor  
When my soul is downcast, and my voice has no song  
For mercy, for comfort, I wait on the Lord

*In the harvest feast or the fallow ground,  
My certain hope is in Jesus found  
My lot, my cup, my portion sure  
Whatever comes, we shall endure  
Whatever comes, we shall endure*

On a cross of wood, His blood was outpoured  
He rose from the ground, like a bird to the sky  
Bringing peace to our violence, and crushing death's door  
Our Maker incarnate, our God Who provides.

When the earth beneath me crumbles and quakes  
Not a sparrow falls, nor a hair from my head  
Without His hand to guide me, my shield and my strength  
In joy or in sorrow, in life or in death

Words & Music: Sandra McCracken

## We Are Not Overcome

Flesh will fail, bones will break  
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake  
Night will fall, the light will fade  
The Lord will give and take away.

*Because of His great love,  
We are not overcome  
Because of His great love,  
We are not overcome*

Put no trust in the earth  
In the sod you stand upon  
Flowers fade into dust,  
The Lord will make a place for us.

Have no fear for your life;  
Turn your cheek, turn your cheek  
Bear the yoke of love and death;  
The Lord will give life and breath.

Words & Music: Rober Heiskell & Isaac Wardell

# Departing Hymn | Thy Mercy My God

*We respond in faith and song.*

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

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,  
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,  
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;  
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

Words: John Stocker

Music: Sandra McCracken

## 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.*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

—Romans 15:13 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

## Officer Candidates

We will vote on the following candidates for their respective offices at a **congregational meeting** immediately following our worship service on **Sunday, Apr. 30**.

- **Senior Pastor:** Brian Davis
- **Elder:** Jerry Bolz, Mark Denton, Wade Jewett, David Westerfield
- **Deacon:** Mark Evans & Ryan Opgenorth

## Particularization Service & Celebration

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, May 21** for a special worship service where we'll ordain and install our officers. Celebration to follow at the home of Emily & Tim Bates (3817 Mockingbird).

## Men's Retreat

Guys, **SIGN UP** for our annual Men's Retreat on **Friday, May 12 - Saturday, May 13**. The cost is \$105, but scholarships are available. Register online at [www.fortworthpca.org](http://www.fortworthpca.org). Contact Wade Jewett with questions ([jewettwade@gmail.com](mailto:jewettwade@gmail.com)).

## Youth Summer RYM Conferences

Jr. High is **June 5-9** in Hawkins, TX and Sr. High is **July 10-15** in Panama City Beach, FL. **Scholarships are available**. Contact Phillip Maxwell with questions ([phillip@fortworthpca.org](mailto:phillip@fortworthpca.org)).

## New Drug Discussion - *Surfing for God*

Guys, continue reading *Surfing for God* and mark your calendars for **7pm on Wednesday, May 10** when we'll meet in the Connell Sanctuary for further discussion. Contact Steve ([steve@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:steve@trinitypresfw.org)) for more information.

## 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. All youth volunteers have been through both background checks and Ministry Safe training. 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)).

## Online Giving

If you'd prefer to give online as either a one-time gift or as a recurring gift, you may do so through our website: [www.trinitypresfw.org/give](http://www.trinitypresfw.org/give). Giving is seen only by the deacon & the team in charge of counting the offering for that particular day and by our Administrative Assistant.

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