



**TRINITY**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Trinity Presbyterian Church

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth.

## Words for Reflection

The webbing together of God, humans, and all creation in justice, fulfillment, and delight is what the Hebrew prophets call *shalom*. We call it peace, but it means far more than mere peace of mind or a cease-fire between enemies. In the Bible, *shalom* means *universal flourishing, wholeness, and delight*—a rich state of affairs in which natural needs are satisfied and natural gifts fruitfully employed, a state of affairs that inspires joyful wonder as its Creator and Savior opens doors and welcomes the creatures in whom he delights. *Shalom*, in other words, is the way things ought to be.

-Cornelius Plantinga

Lament serves as a tool to help believers live in the tension between the perfection to come and the sinfulness of the world right now.

-Jemar Tisby

He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."

-Matthew 13:31-33

# Order of Worship

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

— October 8, 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.*

The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,  
and his kingdom rules over all.

Bless the Lord, O you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his word,  
obeying the voice of his word!

Bless the Lord, all his hosts,  
his ministers, who do his will!

Bless the Lord, all his works,  
in all places of his dominion.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!  
—Psalm 103:19-22 ESV

## Hymn of Praise | Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

*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.*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
To His feet Thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who, like me, His praise should sing?  
Come and worship, come and worship  
Praise the Everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise Him, still the same for ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless;  
Come and worship, come and worship  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hands He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Come and worship, come and worship  
Widely as His mercy goes.

Angels, help us to adore Him:  
Ye behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,  
Dwellers all in time and space,  
Come and worship, come and worship  
Praise with us the God of grace.

Words: Henry Lyte, 1843, Based on Ps 103; Nathan Partain, 2000, alt.  
Music: Nathan Partain

## 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 & Lament

*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.*

Hear our cry, O Lord. Be merciful and forgive our many sins. Enter into the pain and sorrow of our broken world. Bring comfort to those who are grieving. Break our hearts for those whose lives have been shattered by senseless violence and death. Protect us from cold indifference, and cause the hope of the gospel to be seen and known in Your people until You make all things new. Amen.

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Forgiveness

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

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.  
—Psalm 34:18 & 1 Peter 2:24 ESV

## Hymn of Response | Heal Us, Emmanuel

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

*Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are  
We long to feel Thy touch  
Deep wounded souls to Thee we fly  
Oh Savior, hear our cry*

Our faith is feeble, we confess  
We faintly trust Thy word;  
But will You pity us the less?  
Be that far from You Lord!

Remember him who once applied  
With trembling for relief;  
"Lord, I believe," with tears he cried;  
"O help my unbelief!"

She, too, who touched You in the press  
And healing virtue stole,  
Was answered, "Daughter, go in peace;  
Thy faith has made thee whole."

Like her, with hopes and fears we come  
To touch You if we may;  
O send us not despairing home;  
Send none unhealed away.

Words: William Cowper

Music: Kevin Twit

# Confession of Faith | The Heidelberg Catechism #1

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

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

## 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

Daniel 2:24-59

*God speaks to us through His Word.*

**2:24** Therefore Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon. He went and said thus to him: "Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon; bring me in before the king, and I will show the king the interpretation." **25** Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste and said thus to him: "I have found among the

exiles from Judah a man who will make known to the king the interpretation.” **26** The king declared to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, “Are you able to make known to me the dream that I have seen and its interpretation?” **27** Daniel answered the king and said, “No wise men, enchanters, magicians, or astrologers can show to the king the mystery that the king has asked, **28** but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream and the visions of your head as you lay in bed are these: **29** To you, O king, as you lay in bed came thoughts of what would be after this, and he who reveals mysteries made known to you what is to be. **30** But as for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because of any wisdom that I have more than all the living, but in order that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your mind. **31** “You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening. **32** The head of this image was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of bronze, **33** its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. **34** As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. **35** Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. **36** “This was the dream. Now we will tell the king its interpretation. **37** You, O king, the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory, **38** and into whose hand he has given, wherever they dwell, the children of man, the beasts of the field, and the birds of the heavens, making you rule over them all—you are the head of gold. **39** Another kingdom inferior to you shall arise after you, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. **40** And there shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron, because iron breaks to pieces and

shatters all things. And like iron that crushes, it shall break and crush all these. **41** And as you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom, but some of the firmness of iron shall be in it, just as you saw iron mixed with the soft clay. **42** And as the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle. **43** As you saw the iron mixed with soft clay, so they will mix with one another in marriage, but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay. **44** And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever, **45** just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure." **46** Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face and paid homage to Daniel, and commanded that an offering and incense be offered up to him. **47** The king answered and said to Daniel, "Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery." **48** Then the king gave Daniel high honors and many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon. **49** Daniel made a request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego over the affairs of the province of Babylon. But Daniel remained at the king's court.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Brian Davis

*Living as Exiles: A Study of Daniel*  
"The Hope of a Lasting Kingdom"



# 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

### All I Have is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night  
Yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life  
Had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that You would own  
A rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me first  
I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race  
Indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state  
And led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love displayed  
You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me  
Now all I know is grace

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ  
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life*

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone  
And live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands  
Could never come from me  
Oh Father, use my ransomed life  
In any way You choose  
And let my song forever be  
My only boast is You  
Words & Music: Jordan Kauflin

## How Long?

How long? Will You turn Your face away?  
How long? Do You hear us when we pray?  
On and on, still we walk this pilgrim way - How long?

How long 'til Your children find their rest?  
How long 'til You draw them to Your breast?  
We go on holding to Your promises - How long?

*'Til You wipe away the tears from ev'ry eye  
'Til we see our home descending from the sky  
Do we wait in vain? Jesus, give us hope again!*

How long 'til Your word will still the storm?  
How long 'til You bare Your mighty arm?  
How we groan 'til You snatch us from the thorns - How long?

How long? Sweet the dawn that ends the race.  
How long? Weak our hearts but strong our legs.  
Looking on - great that cloud of witnesses! How long?

Words & Music: Isaac Wardell

## 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.*

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

—Acts 1:8 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

### Sign Up for a Community Group

Our Community Groups are essential to our life at Trinity. Groups have begun meeting! Contact Steve ([steve@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:steve@trinitypresfw.org)) for more information.

### Women's Fall Bible Studies Underway

Our women's Colossians study is underway with a **930am Friday morning group** meeting at Connell Baptist and a **7pm Wednesday evening home group**. If you would like more information and/or would like to join, please contact Kitty Wooten ([kawooten@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kawooten@sbcglobal.net)).

### Volunteering at Rivertree Academy

Interested in serving our community? Rivertree Academy has both weekly and occasional volunteer opportunities in or out of the classroom. To sign up or to learn more, please contact volunteer coordinator Raney Chambers ([raney@rivertreeacademy.org](mailto:raney@rivertreeacademy.org)).

### Men's Fall Bible Studies Underway

The **Wednesday Breakfast group** meets from 630-745am at La Madeleine (4626 SW Loop 820). The **Thursday Lunch group** meets from 1145am - 100pm at Titus Oil & Gas (100 Throckmorton, Ste. 1630). Contact Steve ([steve@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:steve@trinitypresfw.org)) for more information.

### Second Sundays!

Second Sundays happens TODAY immediately after worship with 30 minute Christian Ed classes for children through 5th grade. Nursery will be provided for children through 3yo. Adults can enjoy refreshments in the Fellowship Hall during the same time. Contact Jeanette Davis ([children@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:children@trinitypresfw.org)) to help.

# 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. Parents often check their children out of the nursery and/or TrinityKids prior to Communion so that they can help lead us in our departing hymn.

## 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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