



TRINITY
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Trinity Presbyterian Church

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth

Words for Reflection

Spiritual formation is the process through which those who love and trust Jesus Christ effectively take on his character. When this process is what it should be, they increasingly live their lives as he would if he were in their place.

– Dallas Willard

Union with Christ is the secret to communion with God. You are drawing near to the one who is already near, singing praises to him who is already singing over you (Zeph. 3:17). You are blowing on the embers of God's white-hot love for you so that the truth of it might catch fire that day. But most of all, you are consoled that even when you don't feel its warmth or see its light, the fire is still burning, inextinguishable (Luke 3:16; John 1:5). Union with Christ makes the art of abiding a duty of delight.

– Rankin Wilbourne

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

– Philippians 1:6

Order of Worship

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

— September 9, 2018 —

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.

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
 my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
 as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
 beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
 my lips will praise you.

—Psalm 63:1-3 ESV

Hymn of Praise | Praise to the Lord the Almighty

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 to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with health and with loving hand guided and stayed thee
How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief,
Spreading His wings to o'er shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly fore'er we adore Him.

Words: Joachim Neander
Music: Traditional German Melody

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.

Most Merciful God,

We thank You for the life and salvation that we have in Your Son who is the True Vine. Thank You that he has made us clean by the word he has spoken to us. Yet Lord, we confess our struggle to abide in him. We acknowledge how tempted we are to pursue life apart from him. We long to know him more, but we are so easily entangled and discouraged by our sin. We pray You would forgive us through his death and resurrection and that by Your Spirit, we would abide in his love. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

—John 15:9, 13 ESV

Hymn of Response | Hast Thou Heard Him Seen Him Known Him

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

Hast thou heard Him, seen Him, known Him?
Is not thine a captured heart?
Chief among ten thousand own Him,
Joyful choose the better part.

*Captivated by His beauty,
Worthy tribute haste to bring.
Let His peerless worth constrain thee,
Crown Him now unrivaled King.*

What can strip the seeming beauty,
From the idols of the earth?
Not a sense of right or duty,
But the sight of peerless worth. (*Chorus*)

'Tis that look that melted Peter,
'Tis that face that Stephen saw,
'Tis that heart that wept with Mary,
Can alone from idols draw. (*Chorus*)

Words: Ora Rowan

Music: Joel Littlepage

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.

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 15:1-5; Romans 13:14

God speaks to us through His Word.

John 15:1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. **2** Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. **3** Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. **4** Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. **5** I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Romans 13:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

We Abide, We Abide in You

We are the vineyard You have planted
Tend our leaves and wild branches:
we abide, we abide in You.
We abide, we abide in You.

Fruit growing from our strength and labor,
rain on us with grace and favor:
we abide, we abide in You.
We abide, we abide in You.

Where can my soul find living water?
Apart from You we bear no fruit!
O plant my feet down by the river:
we abide, we abide in You.

Words & Music: Sandra McCracken

Come Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted

Come ye souls by, sin afflicted,
Bowed with fruitless, sorrow down;
By the broken, law convicted,
Through the cross, behold the crown;
Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus;
Mercy flows through Him alone.

Take His easy, yoke and wear it;
Love will make your, obedience sweet;
Christ will give you, strength to bear it,
While His grace, shall guide your feet
Safe to glory, Safe to glory, Safe to glory,
Where His ransomed captives meet.

Blessed are the, eyes that see Him,
Blest the ears that, hear His voice;
Blessed are the, souls that trust Him,
And in Him, alone rejoice;
His commandments, His commandments, His commandments
Then become their happy choice.

Sweet as home to, pilgrims weary,
Light to newly, opened eyes,
Like full springs in, deserts dreary,
Is the rest, the cross supplies;
All who taste it, All who taste it, All who taste it
Shall to rest immortal rise.

Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; Mercy flows
through Him alone.

Words: Joseph Swain (alt Twit), Music by Kevin Twit

Life at Trinity

Departing Hymn | Satisfied

We respond in faith and song.

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

All my life long I had panted for a drink from some cool spring
That I hoped would quench the burning of the thirst I felt within

Feeding on the filth around me, 'til my strength was almost gone
Longed my soul for something better, only still to hunger on

*Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his blood I now am saved*

Poor I was and sought for riches, something that would satisfy
But the dust I gathered 'round me only mocked my soul's sad cry

*Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his blood I now am saved*

Well of water ever springing, Bread of Life so rich and free
Untold wealth that never faileth, my Redeemer is to me

*Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his blood I now am saved*

Words: Clara T. Williams, 1875

Music: Karl Digerness, 1997

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

Women's Fall Bible Study

Our women's Fall Bible Study has begun! The study details are: Friday mornings 930-11, Sept 7-Nov 30 with childcare at Connell, and Wednesday evenings 7-830, Sept 5-Dec 5 at Emily Pybus's home (4241 Selkirk Drive West). If you have any questions, contact Kitty (kawooten@sbcglobal.net).

Sound Tear-down

We are in need of help tearing down the sound equipment after worship. If you are able to join the rotation (it would be much appreciated!) please contact Andrew Reed (aar831@gmail.com).

Second Sundays

Second Sundays resumes TODAY immediately after worship with 30-minute Christian Ed classes for children through 4th grade. Nursery will be provided for children through 3yo. During this time adults can enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. If you're interested in helping, contact Jeanette (children@trinitypresfw.org).

The Five Six

All 5th & 6th grade students are invited to join us for the Five Six on 2nd (coinciding with Second Sundays) & 4th Sundays for snacks, teaching, singing, and games immediately following worship until 630pm. Questions? Contact Wade (jewettwade@gmail.com) or David (david@davidwesterfield.net).

Member Pics

We would love to have your updated family photo for our church directory! We will be taking pics directly after worship on Sept 16 and 23 in the courtyard by the nursery. It only takes a minute! Contact admin@trinitypresfw.org with questions.

Men's Fall Study

Our Men's Study begins this Wednesday, Sept 12 and will meet weekly from 630-730am at La Madeleine (4626 SW Loop 820). We will be reading and discussing *The True Story of the Whole World*. Books are available at the book table in the foyer (\$16). Contact Steve (steve@trinitypresfw.org) for more information.

Book Table

Be sure to stop by our new book table in the foyer before and after worship! Many of our favorite books on various subjects are available for purchase. We also have a list of recommended books on our website.

Thursday Morning Prayer

Join us at the Trinity office (3750 S. University Dr. #100) every Thursday morning at 645am as we pray for our church and for our city. We'll conclude by 715am.

Trinity College Student Dinners

All college students, our next dinner for you is Sunday, Sept 16 at the home of Amy and Greg Barker (3700 Echo Trail) directly following worship. These dinners are a great opportunity for some of our Trinity church family to open their homes to Trinity College Students and for others to help by attending and providing food. And, college students, we want you to attend! Contact John Ainsworth (duncains@gmail.com) with questions or if you would like to help.

Trinity Community Groups

Community Groups are essential to our life at Trinity. If you would like to join one, contact Steve Percifield (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. 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 7-12) 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).

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).

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. Giving is seen only by the Deacon & the team in charge of counting the offering for that particular day and by our Church Administrator.

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