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# Trinity Presbyterian Church

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## Words for Reflection

We draw people to Christ not by telling them how right we are, but by showing them a light so lovely that they want to know its source.

– Madeleine L'Engle

Epiphany, which begins on January 6, means “manifestation,” and the season commemorates the appearance of Jesus to the magi, the firstfruits of the gathering of the Gentiles. Epiphany reminds us that Jesus came as the Light of the world, and that we are sent to call the nations to that Light. It reminds us that mission is not a program of the church, but the very essence of the church. Epiphany season is an exhortation to be what we confess ourselves to be, an “apostolic” church, a sent people.

– Peter Leithart

# Order of Worship

Epiphany Sunday

— January 6, 2019 —

## 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.*

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.  
And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.  
—Isaiah 60:1-3 ESV

## Hymn of Praise | O Worship the King

*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.*

O worship the King all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your pow'r hath founded of old;  
Hath 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;  
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!  
While angels delight to hymn you above,  
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration shall lisp to thy praise.

Words: Based on Psalm 104; Robert Grant  
Music: Johann Michael Haydn

## 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.*

Almighty and Merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against You and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus Christ the true light has come, yet often we choose to walk in darkness and ignore the light. Forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives. Fill us with Your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may proclaim Your Word to the nations and tell of Your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our light forever. Amen.

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Forgiveness

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

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

—1 John 1:5-7 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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## Baptism | Wade Lawrence Reagan

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy? **I do.**
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel? **I do.**
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ? **I do.**
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability? **I do.**
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace? **I do.**

## 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

Isaiah 60:1-6

*God speaks to us through His Word.*

**1** Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. **2** For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. **3** And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. **4** Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. **5** Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. **6** A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

# The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Brian Davis

“Your Light Has Come”





## 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.

*(Chorus)*

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

*(Chorus)*

Words & Music: Sandra McCracken

## Jesus With Thy Church Abide

Jesus, with Thy church abide;  
Be her Savior, Lord, and Guide,  
While on earth her faith is tried:  
We beseech Thee, hear us,  
We beseech Thee, hear us.

Keep her life and doctrine pure;  
Grant her patience to endure,  
Trusting in Thy promise sure:  
We beseech Thee, hear us,  
We beseech Thee, hear us.

May she one in doctrine be,  
One in truth and charity,  
Winning all to faith in Thee:  
We beseech Thee, hear us,  
We beseech Thee, hear us.

May she guide the poor and blind,  
Seek the lost until she find  
And the brokenhearted bind:  
We beseech Thee, hear us,  
We beseech Thee, hear us.

Words: Thomas Benson Pollock  
Music: Christopher Miner

## Departing Hymn | Lead On O King Eternal

*We respond in faith and song.*

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

Lead on, O King eternal,  
The day of march has come;  
Henceforth in fields of conquest,  
Thy tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation,  
Thy grace has made us strong;  
And now, O King eternal,  
We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal,  
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
And holiness shall whisper,  
The sweet amen of peace.  
For not with swords' loud clashing,  
Nor roll of stirring drums;  
With deeds of love and mercy,  
The heavenly kingdom comes.

*Lead on, O King; Lead on, O King; Lead on, O King, Lead on*

Lead on, O King eternal,  
We follow, not with fears,  
For gladness breaks like morning,  
Where'er Thy face appears.  
Thy cross is lifted over us,  
We journey in its light;  
The crown awaits the conquest;  
Lead on, O God of might.

*Lead on, O King; Lead on, O King; Lead on, O King, Lead on*

Words: Ernest Warburton Shurtleff, Jeff Pardo; Music: Jeff Pardo

## 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 Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## 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

### John Cox Parenting Seminar

Join us Jan 11-12 at Connell for a parenting seminar with Dr. John Cox entitled "Heads Up Parenting: Learning to Parent Without Fear" The Friday night session will be from 630pm - 830pm. The Saturday session will be 9am - 12pm. Nursery is available on Saturday only by reservation. Register online at [www.trinitypresfw.org](http://www.trinitypresfw.org). Cost is \$100/couple; \$50/individual but scholarships are available. Contact Patsy Butler ([pjbutler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pjbutler@sbcglobal.net)) with questions.

### Morning Prayer

Thursday morning prayer will resume 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.

### Membership Seminar

If you're interested in joining Trinity or learning more about who we are as a church, we will be having a membership seminar at the home of Jeanette and Brian Davis (4128 Whitfield Ave) on Saturday, Jan 19 from 9am-1230pm. Please RSVP to [admin@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:admin@trinitypresfw.org).

### Second Sundays

Second Sundays resumes Jan 13 with 30 minute Christian Ed classes for children through 4th grade. Nursery will be provided for children through 3 yo. During this time adults can enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

## The Five Six

The Five Six will resume Jan 13 and all 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6:30pm. Questions? Contact ([jewettwade@gmail.com](mailto:jewettwade@gmail.com) or [david@davidwesterfield.net](mailto:david@davidwesterfield.net)).

## Women's Spring Bible Study

This spring our women will be studying "1 Peter: A Living Hope in Christ" beginning January 18 with a Friday morning 9:30-11am study with childcare at Connell and Wednesday evenings 7-9:30pm in Emily Pybus's home beginning January 23. Please mark your calendars, invite friends, and register and pay \$20 online through January 13. Questions? Contact [admin@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:admin@trinitypresfw.org).

# 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](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 Church Administrator.

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