



**TRINITY**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Trinity Presbyterian Church

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth

## Words for Reflection

Most of us are like Jonah. We must have multiple exposures both to our need for God's grace—which usually come through experiences of disappointment and failure—and to the gospel message. To get God's love and Christ's grace down into the motivational principles of our hearts, to the foundational layer of our identities, is a process, and often a slow one.

– Tim Keller

**25** “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. **26** And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. **27** And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ **28** But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, **29** but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. **30** But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ **31** And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. **32** It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’

– Luke 15:25-32

# Order of Worship

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

— February 17, 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.*

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

**My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;**  
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

**Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your  
praise!**

—Psalm 84:1-2, 4 ESV

## Hymn of Praise | Come Ye Sinners

*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.*

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,  
Full of pity, joined with power.  
He is able, He is able;  
He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome,  
God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance,  
Every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money  
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,  
Bruised and broken by the fall;  
If you tarry 'til you're better,  
You will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous;  
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger,  
Nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness He requires  
Is to feel your need of Him.  
This He gives you, this He gives you,  
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;  
Pleads the merit of His blood.  
Venture on Him; venture wholly,  
Let no other trust intrude.  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus  
Can do helpless sinners good.

Words: Joseph Hart; Music: Matthew Smith

## 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 Father,**

We thank You that You are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. We thank You that You have shown us that love most clearly in sending Jesus to die and be raised for us. Yet, Lord, we confess that we sometimes bristle when You show that same grace to others. Forgive us for the envy, the anger, and the self-righteousness that lurks in the cold recesses of our hearts. We pray that by Your Spirit You would convince our wayward hearts of the love that You have for us. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Forgiveness

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

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

—Psalm 86:15 ESV

# Hymn of Response | I Shall Not Want

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

From the love of my own comfort  
From the fear of having nothing  
From a life of worldly passions  
Deliver me, O God

From the need to be understood  
From the need to be accepted  
From the fear of being lonely  
Deliver me, O God  
Deliver me, O God

*And I shall not want, I shall not want  
When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want  
When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want*

From the fear of serving others  
From the fear of death or trial  
From the fear of humility  
Deliver me, O God  
Deliver me, O God

*And I shall not want, I shall not want  
When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want (repeat)*

Words & Music: Audrey Assad

# Confession of Faith | The Nicene Creed

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

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of  
the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and  
the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## 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

Jonah 3:10-4:4

*God speaks to us through His Word.*

**3:10** When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

**4:1** But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. **2** And he prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. **3** Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." **4** And the LORD said, "Do you do well to be angry?"

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

### Hast Thou Heard Him, Seen Him, Known Him?

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

## Friend of Sinners

Redeemer! Whither should I flee,  
Or how escape the wrath to come?  
The weary sinner flies to thee  
For shelter from impending doom;  
Smile on me, gracious Lord,  
And show thyself a Friend of sinners now  
Smile on me, gracious Lord,  
And show thyself a Friend of sinners now.

Beneath the shadow of thy cross  
The heavy laden soul finds rest;  
I would esteem the world but dross,  
So I might be of Christ possessed.  
I'd seek my every joy in thee,  
Be thou both life and light to me.  
I'd seek my every joy in thee,  
Be thou both life and light to me.

Close to the highly shameful tree,  
Jesus, my humbled soul would cleave;  
Despised and crucified with thee,  
With thee resolved to die and live;  
This prayer and this ambition mine,  
Living and dying to be thine.  
This prayer and this ambition mine,  
Living and dying to be thine.

There fastened to the rugged wood  
By holy love's resistless chain,  
And life deriving from thy blood,  
Never to wander wide again,  
There may I bow my suppliant knee,  
And own no other Lord but thee.  
Smile on me, gracious Lord,  
And show thyself a Friend of sinners now.

Words: Augustus Toplady  
Music: Red Mountain Church

## Departing Hymn | And Can It Be?

*We respond in faith and song.*

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

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me who caused His pain!  
For me who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That thou, my God, should die for me?

*Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*

He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace!  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For O my God, it found out me!  
(Chorus)

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.  
(Chorus)

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
(Chorus)

Words: Charles Wesley  
Music: Scott Roley

## 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

### Rivertree Academy Volunteer Opportunities

There are many opportunities to serve at Rivertree Academy such as helping with childcare, bringing dinners to meetings, tutoring, student mentoring, classroom help, Saturday Serve days, etc. Many of these opportunities are great for community groups. Questions or need details? Contact Emily ([emily@rivertreeacademy.org](mailto:emily@rivertreeacademy.org)).

### Pregnancy Lifeline Mercy Opportunities

In addition to sharing new and used children's clothing, toys, books, baby and maternity things, we can support Pregnancy Lifeline's ministry to families by donating disposable diapers, baby wipes, and powdered formula, items always in demand in our Blessing Store. An easy way to aide these families choosing life is to make a financial donation on a recurring or one time basis. Visit [pregnancylifeline.net](http://pregnancylifeline.net) to donate or contact [sherrydenton@me.com](mailto:sherrydenton@me.com) for more information.

### Ushering Help Needed

Interested in ushering? We are always looking to add additional men and women to our current ushering team to pass the offering plates and dismiss rows for communion. If you are interested in serving, please contact the diaconate ([deacons@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:deacons@trinitypresfw.org)).

### Men's Bible Study

Men, join us Wednesday mornings at 630am at La Madeline (4626 SW Loop 820) as we study Romans 1-8. Questions? Contact David ([david@davidwesterfield.net](mailto:david@davidwesterfield.net)).

## Women's Retreat

Please join us for our annual Trinity Women's Spring Retreat! Our speaker will be Susan Tyner, and she will be speaking on contentment. **It will be at The Cliffs Resort at Possum Kingdom Lake March 29-31. Cost is \$175.00 per person.** To register go to [www.trinitypresfw.org](http://www.trinitypresfw.org) and click under "events." Scholarships are available! Registration deadline is Feb 28. Please contact Katie Myers ([katiefarrismyers@gmail.com](mailto:katiefarrismyers@gmail.com)) for further questions.

## Men's Retreat

**The Men's Retreat is March 22-23.** Men, our speaker will be Sammy Rhodes, author and RUF campus pastor at the University of South Carolina. **The retreat will be held at The Cliffs Resort at Possum Kingdom Lake. Cost is \$125 for all meals and lodging.** Golf is an option for Friday with additional cost. To register please go to [www.trinitypresfw.org](http://www.trinitypresfw.org) and click under "events." Scholarships are available! Registration deadline is March 1. Contact Cameron ([cam.pybus@gmail.com](mailto:cam.pybus@gmail.com)) with questions.

## The Five Six

All 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to join us for the Five Six **next Sunday, Feb 24 for pizza, teaching, singing, and games immediately following worship until 630pm.** Questions? Contact Wade ([jewettwade@gmail.com](mailto:jewettwade@gmail.com)) or David ([david@davidwesterfield.net](mailto:david@davidwesterfield.net)).

## RYM Save the Dates

**High School RYM will be in Estes Park, CO this summer, June 17-22 and Middle School RYM will be at Alasso Ranch in Hawkins, TX June 3-7.** More details to come. Questions? Contact Phillip ([phillip@fortworthpca.org](mailto:phillip@fortworthpca.org)).

## Women's Spring Bible Study

It's not too late to join our women's spring bible study, "1 Peter: A Living Hope in Christ" with groups **meeting Friday mornings 930-11am and Wednesday evenings 7-800pm**. Guests are always welcome! Register and pay online (\$20) Questions? Contact Courtney ([admin@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:admin@trinitypresfw.org)).

## Membership Seminar

**We have a tentative date for the next membership seminar: April 13.** The seminar is for anyone interested in joining Trinity or learning more about who we are as a church. Questions? Contact Courtney ([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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# Trinity Presbyterian Church

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

Trinity is a gospel-centered church committed to following Jesus by...

- Worshipping God together through historic liturgy that is rich, accessible, and emotionally honest
- Striving to know and be known in our life together
- Engaging in formative spiritual practices
- Extending the welcome of the gospel in word and deed
- Serving our city

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