



TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth

Words for Reflection

We instinctively tend to limit for whom we exert ourselves. We do it for people like us, and for people whom we like. Jesus will have none of that. By depicting a Samaritan helping a Jew, Jesus could not have found a more forceful way to say that anyone at all in need - regardless of race, politics, class, and religion - is your neighbor. Not everyone is your brother or sister in faith, but everyone is your neighbor, and you must love your neighbor.

-Tim Keller

Our family moved to the Harlem community in 1998 to begin New Song Community Church. We have learned many things over the ensuing years about what it means to be followers of Christ. But at the heart of it all has been the discovery that the highest calling in the Christian life is not pastor, nor missionary, nor volunteer but that of neighbor. And that, of course, is a title that belongs not just to a few of us but to all of us. Jesus in summarizing what it means to live well before the face of God says: Love the Lord your God with all you heart, soul, strength and mind. Love your neighbor as yourself. The call to love our neighbors and therefore to be neighbors is central to what it means to be fully human.

-Jeff White

Order of Worship

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

— August 25, 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.

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

—Psalm 67:1-3 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 forever,
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

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 for the great mercy and grace that You've shown us in and through Your Son. You have called us to love You with all of our heart, soul, strength, and mind and our neighbors as ourselves, but we confess the ways we've failed to do this. We acknowledge that our hearts are often indifferent towards You. We frequently withdraw from those around us and place our own selfish desires above the needs of our neighbors. Forgive us, we pray. Soften our hard hearts with the truth of Your staggering love for us in Jesus. Help us to die to our own desires, schedules, and agendas, and enable us to move towards our neighbors in love. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

—Ephesians 2:4-5 ESV

Hymn of Response | His Mercy is More

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

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness
New every morn'
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness
New every morn'
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Words & Music: Matt Papa, Matt Boswell

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

Luke 10:25-37

God speaks to us through His Word.

10:25 And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" **26** He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" **27** And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." **28** And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" **30** Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. **31** Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. **32** So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. **33** But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. **34** He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. **35** And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' **36** Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" **37** He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Brian Davis

The Art of Neighboring
“Taking the Great Command Seriously”

Sermon Notes

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

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
'Til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
Receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
I, helpless, hang on Thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone,
Support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
In the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want,
Here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am;
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart;
For all eternity.

Words: Charles Wesley; Music: Greg Thompson

Draw Nigh

Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord.
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured.
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the Victim and Himself the Priest.

He that, His saints in this world rules and shields
To all believers life eternal yields,
With heavenly bread makes them that hunger whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Approach ye, then, with faithful hearts sincere
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Judge of all, our only Savior Thou,
In this Thy feast of love be with us now.

Words: Latin Hymn, c. 680; Music: The Welcome Wagon

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.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

—Ephesians 3:20-21 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 and Spring Bible Study

This year, we will be studying *The Gospel of Luke, The Conquering Lamb*, through both the fall and spring semesters. Our fall semester will begin September 6 with a Friday morning study from 915-11am with childcare at Connell and our Wednesday evening study will begin September 11 from 7-830pm in Emily Pybus's home (4241 Selkirk Dr. W). Please mark your calendars, invite friends, and register and pay \$20 online by August 26th. Questions? Contact Courtney (admin@trinitypresfw.org). We look forward to seeing you there!

Trinity Membership Seminar 9/7

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) Saturday, Sept 7 from 9am-1230pm. Please RSVP to Courtney (admin@trinitypresfw.org).

Pregnancy Lifeline Baby Bottle Collection

Thank you to all those who have been filling their baby bottles in support of Pregnancy Lifeline. Your "change" will help change lives! Please return your bottles any Sunday at the book table between now and our Missions Ministry Expo Sunday, September 8.

Trinity Labor Day Party

We would love for you to join us for a casual dinner together after worship on Sept 1 at Sanguinet Park (5137 El Campo Ave). We will provide pizza, drinks, and dessert. It's a great opportunity to invite friends to worship and to the party after!

Attention 5th and 6th Graders

Five Six is back! Come join us for food, games, music, and learning together during Second Sunday on September 8, directly after the service. Questions? Contact Wade (jewettwade@gmail.com) or Dave (david@davidwesterfield.net).

Second Sundays: Missions Expo

Second Sundays resumes Sept 8 immediately after worship with 30 minute Christian Ed classes for children through 5th grade. Nursery will be provided for children through 3 yo. During this time adults can enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. We will have our first Missions Expo, please see Mission Spotlight below for details.

Trinity Community Groups

Community Groups start back up in September! If you are interested in joining a community group, let Courtney (admin@trinitypresfw.org) know and we will get you placed. If you have already asked to be placed in a group, we will contact you soon about your group.

Church Center App

Church Center App by Planning Center is the fastest way to get information about our church, browse & join groups, register for events and childcare, and give to your church on iOS. Go to the app store and search for Church Center for more information or to download app.

Support Update for Hannah Michalchuk ("Michael Chuck")

Many thanks to those who have jumped in to pray for and support TCU's future RUF intern, Hannah Michalchuk. The Lord provided amazing encouragement and financial support this week. She's really close but pledges are still needed to get her to campus. If you'd like to help Hannah cross the finish line, please pledge your support at www.givetoruf.org/donate/1855.

Mission Spotlight

Trinity Missions Expo

Plan to attend the first Trinity Missions Expo after the service in the fellowship hall on September 8 during Second Sunday. This is for everyone. Representatives from our local mission partners (see below) will be available to discuss their ministry and how you and your community group can get involved. There will also be information about our global missions ministries.

Rivertree Academy: Private Christian school providing community-funded education students in the Lake Como neighborhood. Rivertree educates students to live life well by following Jesus, thriving academically, and transforming their communities. They seek to end the cycle of poverty in every family they serve through life education.

DASH: Organization serving asylum seekers from around the world. DASH seeks to love asylum seekers in response to the compassionate and welcoming love of Jesus through serving their physical and relational needs.

The Net: Organization seeking to develop healthy, restorative relationships with people experiencing homelessness, refugee children relocated to Tarrant county, and victims of sexual exploitation. This is done through three core programs and special events which provide 38 relationship building events per month.

Pregnancy Lifeline: Ministers to the spiritual, physical, emotional and material needs of women and their families by sharing God's love and hope and helping them to choose life. Seeks to provide accurate information in a loving way, sharing the gospel, promoting life, sexual purity, and God's plan for families.

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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Trinity Presbyterian Church

Our Mission

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

Our Core Commitments

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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