



TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth

Words for Reflection

Christian worship doesn't just teach us how to think; it teaches us how to love, and it does so by inviting us into the biblical story and implanting that story in our bones.

– James K. A. Smith

Faith wins when it knows that all is lost, and clings to God alone.

-Ed Clowney

It can be pretty dramatic when God comes looking for us. We tend to think of grace as the concession of a polite God who says, "Well, that's alright, Sweetheart; please try not to do that again." Grace is whatever it takes for God to come and get us. It can be confrontational, frightening, disruptive, and demanding, but in the end it saves our life.

-M. Craig Barnes

Order of Worship

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

— September 22, 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.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,

who was and is and is to come!

Worthy are you, our Lord and God,

to receive glory and honor and power,

for you created all things,

and by your will they existed and were created.

—Revelation 4:8, 11 ESV

Hymn of Praise | Holy, Holy, Holy

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.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and ever more shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Words: Reginald Heber; Music: John Dykesh

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,

Our lives often feel desperate and uncertain, and we confess the unhealthy ways that we grasp for control and certainty in those moments rather than cling to You in humble trust. We pray that You would forgive us for our sins through the death and resurrection of Your Son. Enable us to lay hold of You and experience the blessings that are ours in Jesus. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

—Ps 103:8-12 ESV

Hymn of Response | All I Have is Christ

We respond in thanks and praise for God's redemptive work in 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 (*Chorus*)

Words & Music: Jordan Kauflin

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

Genesis 32:9-13, 22-32

God speaks to us through His Word.

32:9 And Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O LORD who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your kindred, that I may do you good,' **10** I am not worthy of the least of

all the deeds of steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two camps. **11** Please deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I fear him, that he may come and attack me, the mothers with the children. **12** But you said, 'I will surely do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.'"

13 So he stayed there that night, and from what he had with him he took a present for his brother Esau.

22 The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. **23** He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. **24** And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. **25** When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. **26** Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." **27** And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." **28** Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." **29** Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. **30** So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." **31** The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. **32** Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

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

Who is This So Weak and Helpless?

Who is this, so weak and helpless,
Child of lowly Hebrew maid,
Rudely in a stable sheltered,
Coldly in a manger laid?
Tis the Lord of all creation,
Who this wondrous path has trod;
He is Lord from everlasting,
And to everlasting God.

Who is this, a Man of Sorrows,
Walking sadly life's hard way,
Homeless, weary, sighing, weeping
Over sin and Satan's sway?
Tis our God, our glorious Savior,
Who above the starry sky
Is for us a place preparing,
Where no tear can dim the eye.

Who is this? Behold him shedding
Drops of blood upon the ground!
Who is this, despised, rejected,
Mocked, insulted, beaten, bound?
Tis our God, Who gifts and graces
On His church is pouring down;
Who shall smite in holy vengeance
All His foes beneath His throne.

Who is this that hangs there dying
While the rude world scoffs and scorns,
Numbered with the malefactors,
Torn with nails, and crowned with thorns?
Tis our God Who lives forever
Mid the shining ones on high,
In the glorious golden city,
Reigning everlastingly.

Words: William Walsham How; Music: Christopher Miner

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation, Is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation, By water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her, To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, Yet one over all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endured.

Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation, Of peace forevermore;
'Til, with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious, Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union, With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion, With those whose rest is won.

O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with Thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone; Music: Brian Moss

Life at Trinity

Departing Hymn | Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

We respond in faith and song.

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

Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me,
Show Thy face and all is bright.

Soul, then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station,
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
Think what Fathers smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee,
Child of heaven, canst thou repine.

Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee,
God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

Words: Henry Lyte; Music: Mozart (alt. by Bill Moore)

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

The Gospel of Luke, The Conquering Lamb study is underway. It's not too late to join us. Our Friday morning study is from 9:15-11am with childcare at Connell and our Wednesday evening study is from 7-830pm at Emily Pybus's home (4241 Selkirk Dr. W). You can register and pay online. Contact Courtney (admin@trinitypresfw.org) with questions.

Trinity College Student Dinners

There is a College Student Dinner after worship TODAY at the home of Amy and Andy Wood (7017 Falling Springs Rd)! 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. Contact Meggie (mtschissler@gmail.com) to help and with questions.

Nursery Coordinator Position

With so many young children in our congregation, we're excited to announce our search for a part-time Nursery Coordinator! We plan to accept applications until September 30th. If you are interested in applying or learning more, please contact Jeanette (children@trinitypresfw.org)!

Lost and Found

Please take a minute to look at the back left of the sanctuary (if you are facing the back) and see if there is anything that belongs to you. We have a collection of various items that need to go back to their owners.

The Birds and the Bees

Mark your calendars for October 3, 7pm at Tanglewood Elementary (3060 Overton Park Dr, W). Megan Michelson from The Birds & The Bees will lead a live program that encourages and equips parents to have age-appropriate conversations with their young children about sex. Where do babies come from? How is that baby going to get out of there? The Birds & The Bees want to prepare parents to answer these questions and those like them when their kids are asking them in order to create a foundation for future conversations. Please plan to join us and to invite friends and neighbors! If you have any questions, please contact Jeanette (children@trinitypres.org).

Five Six

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

Sign-up for Community Groups

Community Groups are essential to our life at Trinity! If you are interested in joining a community group, contact Courtney (admin@trinitypresfw.org).

Jesus Storybook Bible Reading Plan

Over the fall semester, we will read the JSB together as a church using the reading plans available outside the sanctuary. We invite people of all ages to join us!

Mission Spotlight

Fall for Life at Pregnancy Lifeline with a Sip & Serve Coffee, Zoo Fundraiser, Walk-a-thon & More!

During September, there are several ways to learn more about and support the ministry of Pregnancy Lifeline:

1. Join us for PLL's annual Wild About Life, at the Fort Worth Zoo! Saturday Oct 5, 11-1. Includes lunch, face painting, caricatures, animal show, prizes, full day admission and free parking. \$25 adults, \$15 children on sale in the church foyer or <https://pregnancylifeline.net/about/support>.
2. Steps for Life - 40 Day Challenge - keep track of your steps (free pedometers available Oct. 1), gather sponsors, and win prizes for the top 10 Steppers who raise \$40 or more. Register in the church foyer or at step@pregnancylifeline.net.
3. And don't forget to return your PLL Baby Bottles! We're eager to tally your "change to change lives". Questions? Contact Sherry (sherrydenton@me.com).

Daily Bible Readings

Sept 23 - Sept 29 2019

Each week's readings are also online at:

www.gnpccb.org/esv/mobile/devotions/bcp/ or www.esv.org/plans/bcp/

The season after Pentecost is called Ordinary Time and marks the longest portion of the year. This is a time for the church to consider how the gospel plays out in the ebb and flow of ordinary life.

Monday Pss 80; 77, 79 | 2 Kgs 5:1-19 | 1 Cor 4:8-21 | Matt 5:21-26

Tuesday Pss 78:1-39; 78:40-72 | 2 Kgs 5:19-27 | 1 Cor 5:1-8 | Matt 5:27-37

Wednesday Pss 119:97-120; 81, 82 | 2 Kgs 6:1-23 | 1 Cor 5:9-6:8 | Matt 5:38-48

Thursday Pss 83; 85, 86 | 2 Kgs 9:1-16 | 1 Cor 6:12-20 | Matt 6:1-6, 16-18

Friday Pss 88; 91, 92 | 2 Kgs 9:17-37 | 1 Cor 7:1-9 | Matt 6:7-15

Saturday Pss 87, 90; 136 | 2 Kgs 11:1-20a | 1 Cor 7:10-24 | Matt 6:19-24

Sunday Pss 66, 67; 19, 46 | 2 Kgs 17:1-18 | Acts 9:36-43 | Luke 5:1-11

Week At-a-Glance

Wednesday Women's Evening Bible Study, 7-830pm @ 4241 Selkirk
Youth: HS Large Group, 730-845pm @ FWPC

Thursday Morning Prayer, 645-715am @ Trinity Office

Friday Women's Morning Bible Study, 915-11am @ Connell

Sunday Youth: MS Rec Night

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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