



TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth

Words for Reflection

Do not see the Father as one who is angry, but as one who is most kind and gentle. Let us see the Father as one who from eternity has always had kind thoughts towards us. The Father loses the company of his people because they are so ignorant of his love to them. His saints keep thinking only of his terrible majesty, severity and greatness, and so their hearts are not drawn to him in love. We must learn to think of his everlasting gentleness and compassion. Let our hearts and thoughts be filled with his love to us, even though many discouragements may lie in our way.

– John Owen

Knowing that you are not facing the Ultimate Taskmaster and Judge, but the open arms of your loving Father changes everything.

– Kathy Keller

For His love is never, never, never based on our performance, never conditioned by our moods—of elation or depression. The furious love of God knows no shadow of alteration or change. It is reliable. And always tender.

– Brennan Manning

Order of Worship

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

— November 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.

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.

—Zephaniah 3:14-15 ESV

Song of Praise | 10,000 Reasons

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.

Bless the Lord, O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I worship Your holy name

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes (*Chorus*)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (*Chorus*)

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forever more (*Chorus*)

Words & Music: Matt Redman

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.

Our Heavenly Father,

We thank You that in Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have loved us from all eternity. You've rescued us from sin and death through his crucifixion on our behalf. Yet, we confess that we have been wayward children. We have disobeyed Your commands; our ears have been deaf to Your call; our hearts have been cold to Your love. We have hurt others and dishonored Your name in our thoughts, in our words, and in our actions. Lord, we pray that in Your tender compassion, You would receive us yet again as Your well-beloved children, not because we are worthy but for the sake of him who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

—Luke 15:20-24 ESV

Hymn of Response | We Are Not Overcome

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

Flesh will fail, bones will break
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake
Night will fall, the light will fade
The Lord will give and take away.

Put no trust in the earth
In the sod you stand upon
Flowers fade into dust,
The Lord will make a place for us.

*Because of His great love,
We are not overcome
Because of His great love,
We are not overcome*

Have no fear for your life;
Turn your cheek, turn your cheek
Bear the yoke of love and death;
The Lord will give life and breath.
(Chorus)

Words & Music: Robert Heiskell & Isaac Wardell

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.

Baptism | Emilia Margaret Gastil

To the Parents (Ellen & Garrett Gastil):

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit? **We do.**
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own? **We do.**
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord? **We do.**

To the Congregation:

Pastor: Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

People: **We do.**

"For you Jesus came into the world; for you he lived his life; for you he was crucified; for you he was raised from the dead; and for you he is coming again. You may not know this story now, but we, your church, promise to tell you this story until you make it your own."

(based on French Reformed Baptismal Liturgy)

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.

New Wonders

Look again, at the cross
Where you are found when lost
Make a new song of praise

Fill your cup at the mouth of the spring
New wonders we will sing
As the Spirit blows the embers of our hearts

Tell the story of Jesus the Christ
And His promises we write
On the doorway of our house

Hold the mirror and remember your own face
Brother do not forfeit grace
As the Savior pleads your pardon with His blood

Look around; every sparrow every flower
All creation sings out loud of the grand design

You are small, but you are filled with breath and life
If you seek then you will find
As the Father looks with favor on His child
Oh the Savior pleads your pardon with His blood
And the Spirit blows the embers of our hearts

Words and Music by Sandra McCracken

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

Hosea 11:1-11

God speaks to us through His Word.

11:1 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. **2** The more they were called, the more they went away; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and burning offerings to idols. **3** Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms, but they did not know that I healed them. **4** I led them with cords of kindness, with the bands of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them. **5** They shall not return to the land of Egypt, but Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. **6** The sword shall rage against their cities, consume the bars of their gates, and devour them because of their own counsels. **7** My people are bent on turning away from me, and though they call out to the Most High, he shall not raise them up at all. **8** How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. **9** I will not execute my burning anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. **10** They shall go after the LORD; he will roar like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west; **11** they shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria, and I will return them to their homes, declares the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Brian Davis

Becoming a Story-Shaped People
"The Father's Relentless Love"

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

Grace Alone

I was an orphan, lost at the fall;
Running away when I'd hear you call,
But Father, you worked your will.
I had no righteousness of my own
I had no right to draw near your throne,
But Father, you loved me still.

And in love, before you laid the world's foundation,
You predestined to adopt me as your own.
You have raised me up so high above my station;
I'm a child of God by grace, and grace alone

You left your home to seek out the lost;
You knew the great and terrible cost
But Jesus, your face was set.
I worked my fingers down to the bone;
But nothing I did could ever atone,
But Jesus, you paid my debt.

By your blood I have redemption and salvation.
Lord you died that I might reap what you have sown,
And you rose that I might be a new creation.
I am born again by grace, and grace alone.

I was in darkness all of my life,
I never knew the day from the night,
But Spirit, you made me see.
I swore I knew the way on my own;
Head full of rocks, a heart made of stone
But Spirit, you moved in me.

And at your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened;
On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone.
Called into a kingdom that cannot shaken;
Heaven's citizen by grace, and grace alone.

So I'll stand in faith by grace, and grace alone
I will run the race by grace, and grace alone
I will slay my sin by grace, and grace alone
I will reach the end by grace, and grace alone

Words and Music by Dustin Kensrue

Come Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted

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

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

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

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

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

Words: Joseph Swain (alt Twit); Music: Kevin Twit

Life at Trinity

Departing Hymn | The Sands of Time Are Sinking

We respond in faith and song.

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

The sands of time are sinking,
The dawn of heaven breaks;
The summer morn I've sighed for -
The fair, sweet morn awakes:
Dark, dark had been the midnight
But dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

O Christ, He is the fountain,
The deep, sweet well of love!
The streams on earth I've tasted
More deep I'll drink above:
There to an ocean fullness
His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment,
But her dear Bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory
But on my King of grace.
Not at the crown He giveth
But on His pierced hand;
The Lamb is all the glory
Of Emmanuel's land.

O I am my Beloved's
And my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner
Into His house of wine
I stand upon His merit -
I know no other stand,
Not e'en where glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

Words: Anne Ross Cundell Cousin; Music: Phillip Palmertree

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

A Heart for Families Prayer & Thanksgiving Coffee, Tuesday,
Nov 19, 9-10am

Pregnancy Lifeline invites you to a time of prayer & thanksgiving Tuesday, Nov. 19, 9-10am at the Hulen offices. We will write notes and prepare gifts of appreciation for our volunteers, staff, and ministry partners and take time to pray for the ministry and God's work in the lives of PLL clients. Children are welcome & childcare is provided. Come with a friend and together join in celebrating life! 4747 S. Hulen, Suite 103, 76132. Questions? Contact Sherry (sherrydenton@me.com).

Advent and Christmas at Trinity

Save the dates for these upcoming seasonal events!

- Advent Begins 12/1
- Youth Group High School Christmas Party 12/6
- Trinity Children's Christmas Party 12/8
- The Fort Middle School Ice Skating 12/8
- Trinity Christmas Party 12/12
- Christmas Eve Service 12/24

Nursery Coordinator

We are so excited to welcome Amy Wood as our Nursery Coordinator. She will be working with our youngest children. Join us in welcoming her!

Trinity Christmas Party!

Our 5th Annual Trinity Christmas Party for all adults (sorry kids!) is scheduled **for Thursday, Dec 12 at 7pm at the home of Mary Bates** (3760 Country Club Circle), and we'd love for you to invite your friends and neighbors who might like to meet some other folks from Trinity!

Trinity College Student Dinners

There is a College Student Dinner after worship Dec 15 at the home of Megan and Chris Granaghan (3733 Arborlawn)! 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. **We still need a co-host for our Dec 15 dinner.** Contact Meggie (mtschissler@gmail.com) to help and with question

Budget Update through October

Our fiscal year runs June – May. Here's where we are through Oct:

Total Income	Actual Expenses	Net Income
\$267,260.46	\$249,153.15	\$18,107.31

As a reminder, your faithful giving sustains not only our church but also supports other churches and ministries such as Rivertree Academy. If you'd like a YTD statement, please contact Courtney (admin@trinitypresfw.org).

Five Six 11/24

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

Daily Bible Readings

Nov 18 – Nov 24 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 89:1-18; 89:19-52 | Rev 20:7-15 | Matt 17:1-13

Tuesday Pss 97, 99-100; 94-95 | Rev 21:1-8 | Matt 17:14-21

Wednesday Pss 101, 109:1-30; 119:121-144 | Rev 21:9-21 | Matt 17:22-27

Thursday Pss 105:1-22; 105:23-45 | Rev 21:22-22:5 | Matt 18:1-9

Friday Pss 102; 107:1-32 | Rev 22:6-13 | Matt 18:10-20

Saturday Pss 107:33-108:13; 33 | Isa 65:17-25 | Rev 22:14-21 | Matt 18:21-35

Sunday Pss 118; 145 | Isa 19:19-25 | Rom 15:5-13 | Luke 19:11-27

Week At-a-Glance Nov 18 – Nov 24

Wednesday Youth: HS Large Group, 730-845pm @ FWPC

Women's Evening Bible Study, 7-830pm @ 4241 Selkirk

Thursday Morning Prayer, 645-715am @ Trinity Office

Youth: HS Agape Meal

Sunday No Youth Events

Five Six, after worship @ Connell

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, use the children's bulletins (available in the back), and participate in worship. We do also 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. 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. We have both spontaneous, personal prayers as well as ancient, printed prayers.

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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