



**TRINITY**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Trinity Presbyterian Church

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth

## Words for Reflection

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

– Peter Leithart

Deep down, we just don’t believe God is as generous as he keeps saying he is.

– Paul Miller

God is always trying to give good things to us, but our hands are too full to receive them.

– St. Augustine

# Order of Worship

The First Sunday after Epiphany

— January 12, 2020 —

## The Call to Worship

*God invites and calls us into His presence to worship Him. He enters into our busy lives to speak to us.*

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
    **and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.**

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
    **and thick darkness the peoples;**

but the LORD will arise upon you,  
    **and his glory will be seen upon you.**

And nations shall come to your light,  
    **and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

—Isaiah 60:1-3 ESV

## Hymn of Praise | Only a Holy God

*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.*

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven  
Who else could make every king bow down  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles  
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises  
What other splendour outshines the sun  
What other majesty rules with justice  
Only a Holy God

*Come and behold Him The One and the Only  
Cry out, sing holy Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire  
What other power can raise the dead  
What other name remains undefeated  
Only a Holy God  
(Chorus)

Who else could rescue me from my failing  
Who else would offer His only Son  
Who else invites me to call Him Father  
Only a Holy God  
(Chorus)

Words and Music: Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, Rich Thompson

## Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer

*We ask for God to be present among us and conclude with the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray.*

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Doxology

*Doxology means "glory words." We lift our voices and our hands to give God glory for who He is and all that He has done.*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Confession of Sin

*We fight the temptation to hide our sin and instead acknowledge it openly to God, but we do so in light of the grace offered in Jesus.*

Almighty and Merciful God,

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

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Forgiveness

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

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

—1 John 1:5-7 ESV

# Hymn of Response | Jesus, Lover of My Soul

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

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

# 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.*

*\*\*universal*

## 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 12:22-

*34 God speaks to us through His Word.*

**12:22** And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. **23** For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. **24** Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! **25** And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? **26** If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? **27** Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. **28** But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! **29** And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. **30** For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. **31** Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

**32** "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. **33** Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. **34** For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

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

## Pensive, Doubting, Fearful Heart

Pensive, doubting, fearful heart,  
Hear what Christ the Savior says;  
Every word should joy impart,  
Change thy mourning into praise:  
Yes, he speaks, and speaks to thee,  
May he help thee to believe!  
Then thou presently wilt see,  
Thou hast little cause to grieve.

Fear thou not, nor be ashamed,  
All thy sorrows soon shall end  
I who heav'n and earth have framed,  
Am thy husband and thy friend  
I the High and Holy One,  
Israel's God by all adored;  
As thy Savior will be known,  
Thy Redeemer and thy Lord.

For a moment I withdrew,  
And thy heart was filled with pain;  
But my mercies I'll renew,  
Thou shalt soon rejoice again:  
Though I seem to hide my face,  
Very soon my wrath shall cease;  
'Tis but for a moment's space,  
Ending in eternal peace.

Though afflicted, tempest-tossed,  
Comfortless awhile thou art,  
Do not think thou canst be lost,  
Thou art graven on my heart  
All thy wastes I will repair,  
Thou shalt be rebuilt anew;  
And in thee it shall appear,  
What a God of love can do.

Words: John Newton; Music: Wendell Kimbrough

## Anchor of Hope

Marvelous, wonderful, infinite God  
Author of all that is good  
Faithful provider and giver of life  
Source of all power and love.

*Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise  
Refuge of strength to the end  
Righteous Redeemer and mighty to save  
He's the anchor of hope for the souls of men.*

Gracious, compassionate, merciful God  
Radiant, holy delight  
Beautiful Father, victorious Son  
Source of unchangeable light.  
(Chorus)

Powerful, constant, unwavering God  
Shepherd who comes for the lost  
Rock of salvation, remarkable love  
Savior who died on the cross.  
(Chorus)

Words & Music: Ellie Holcomb & Brown Bannister

# Life at Trinity

## Departing Hymn | To Christ the Lord

*We respond in faith and song.*

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

To Christ the Lord let every tongue,  
Its noblest tribute bring.  
When He's the subject of the song  
Who can refuse to sing?  
Survey the beauties of His face,  
And on His glories dwell,  
Think of the wonder of His grace  
And all His triumphs tell.

Majestic sweetness sits enthroned,  
Upon His awful brow.  
His head with radiant glories crowned,  
His lips with grace overflow;  
No mortal can with Him compare,  
Among the sons of men,  
Fairer He is than all the fair  
That fill the Heavenly train.

He saw me plunged in deep distress,  
He fled to my relief.  
For me He bore the shameful cross,  
And carried all my grief;  
His hand a thousand blessings pours,  
Upon my guilty head,  
His presence gilds my darkest hours  
And guards my sleeping bed.

Since from His bounty I receive  
Such proofs of love divine,  
Had I a thousand hearts to give  
Lord, they would all be Thine;  
A thousand men could not compose  
A worthy song to bring,  
Yet Your love is a melody  
Our hearts can't help but sing!

Words: Laura Taylor, Samuel Stennett; Music: Laura Taylor

## The Benediction

*God sends us out with his blessing. A benediction is not a prayer. We don't bow our heads. We lift them up and even lift up our hands to receive his blessing as we are sent out as participants in His mission to Fort Worth.*

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

Amen.

## The Sending

*The people of God are sent into the world to love God, love people, and love Fort Worth.*

Pastor: Let us go forth to serve Fort Worth and the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Announcements

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

### Women's Spring Bible Study

Ladies, our Bible Study in Luke resumes in January! Our spring semester will begin January 17 for our Friday morning study from 9:15-11am with childcare at Connell. Our Wednesday evening study will resume January 22 from 7-9:30pm with a new location at the home of Becky Burt (6412 Curzon). Please mark your calendars, invite friends, and if you are new to the Bible Study for the spring, please register and pay \$20 online by January 10. We would love to have you join us! Contact Courtney ([admin@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:admin@trinitypresfw.org)) with questions.

### Women's Ministry Town Hall Meeting

Ladies! Save the date for an important meeting on January 26 at 230pm in the Fellowship Hall. An infant nursery will be available with reservation; please contact Amy ([nursery@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:nursery@trinitypresfw.org)) to register. The Ministry Development Committee is excited to roll out the new Trinity Women's Ministry mission statement as well as strategies for 2020 and beyond. We'd love for you to be part of this next phase of women's ministry at Trinity!

### Membership Seminar

If you're interested in joining Trinity or learning more about who we are as a church, we will have a membership seminar at the home of Jeanette and Brian Davis (4128 Whitfield Ave) on January 18 from 9am-1230pm. Please RSVP to [admin@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:admin@trinitypresfw.org).

## Winter Conference with Rev. Russ Whitfield

Join us Friday, Jan 31 for dinner and an evening with Rev. Russ Whitfield on the topic of loving our neighbors and engaging our community. Russ is the planter and pastor of Grace Mosaic in Washington, DC, and also serves as the Director of Cross Cultural Advancement for RUF. Details TBA but we're planning for a fun night together!

## Trinity College Student Dinners

All college students, our next dinner for you is Jan 19, directly following worship. If you would like to help or have questions, please contact Meggie ([mtschiessler@gmail.com](mailto:mtschiessler@gmail.com)). 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. And, college students, we want you to attend!

## Upcoming Dates

TODAY Five Six

1/16 Morning Prayer

1/17 Women's Morning Bible Study

1/18 Membership Seminar

1/19 College Dinner

1/22 Women's Evening Bible Study

1/26 Women's Ministry Town Hall

1/26 Five Six

1/31-2/1 Winter Conference

2/9 Children's Ministry Town Hall

2/9 Second Sundays/Five Six

2/16 College Dinner

## Daily Bible Readings

Jan 13 - Jan 19 2020

Each week's readings are also online at:

[www.gnpccb.org/esv/mobile/devotions/bcp/](http://www.gnpccb.org/esv/mobile/devotions/bcp/) or [www.esv.org/plans/bcp/](http://www.esv.org/plans/bcp/)

Epiphany is the season when we reflect on Jesus being revealed as the true King and Light of the world. Epiphany celebrates the coming of the Magi to honor Jesus, which represents Jesus' mission to bring his good news to all nations under heaven.

**Monday** Pss 1, 2, 3; 4, 7 | Gen 2:4-25 | Heb 1:1-14 | John 1:1-18

**Tuesday** Pss 5, 6; 10, 11 | Gen 3:1-24 | Heb 2:1-10 | John 1:19-28

**Wednesday** Pss 119:1-24; 12, 13, 14 | Gen 4:1-16 | Heb 2:11-18 | John 1:29-42

**Thursday** Pss 18:1-20; 18:21-50 | Gen 4:17-26 | Heb 3:1-11 | John 1:43-51

**Friday** Pss 16, 17; 22 | Gen 6:1-8 | Heb 3:12-19 | John 2:1-12

**Saturday** Pss 20, 21:1-13; 110:1-7, 116, 117 | Gen 6:9-22 | Heb 4:1-13 | John 2:13-22

**Sunday** Pss 148, 149, 150; 114, 115 | Gen 7:1-10, 17-23 | Eph 4:1-16 | Mark 3:7-19

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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Mark Evans

# 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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