



TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Liturgy for Home Worship

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
— October 11, 2020 —

Words for Reflection

When I was a child, our family physician used to ask us to stick out our tongues. He seemed to be able to tell a great deal about our health by looking into our mouths. That is a parable of spiritual reality. What comes out of our mouths is usually an accurate index of the health of our hearts.

-Sinclair Ferguson

A fool's tongue is long enough to cut his own throat.

-Bruce Waltke

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.

Oh give thanks to the LORD;

call upon his name;

Oh sing to the LORD a new song,

for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The LORD has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

—Psalm 98:1-2, 4 ESV

Hymn of Praise | To Christ the Lord

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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 God,

We thank You that You've created us in Your image, and that You've called us to reflect Your image to the world in all that we do. Yet, Lord, we confess the ways we inflict harm on our fellow image-bearers through our words. Forgive us for the hypocrisy of using our words to bless You and then curse those made in Your likeness. We pray You'd show us mercy through the death and resurrection of Your Son, and that by Your Spirit You would enable us to speak words of life. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

—1 John 1:8-9 ESV

Hymn of Response | Hast Thou Heard Him, Seen Him, Known Him?

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

Hast thou heard Him, seen Him, known Him?

Is not thine a captured heart?

Chief among ten thousand own Him,

Joyful choose the better part.

Captivated by His beauty,

Worthy tribute haste to bring.

Let His peerless worth constrain thee,

Crown Him now unrivaled King.

What can strip the seeming beauty,

From the idols of the earth?

Not a sense of right or duty,

But the sight of peerless worth. *(Chorus)*

'Tis that look that melted Peter,

'Tis that face that Stephen saw,

'Tis that heart that wept with Mary,

Can alone from idols draw. *(Chorus)*

Words: Ora Rowan; Music: Joel Littlepage

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. You may give online at www.trinitypresfw.org/give or through the Church Center App.

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

James 3:1-12

God speaks to us through His Word.

3:1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. **2** For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. **3** If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. **4** Look at

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 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.

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.

Hymn for Communion | Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, feed me now and
evermore;
Bread of heaven, feed me now and
evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.

Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my
Strength and Shield.
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my
Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee;
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.

Words: William Williams, Jeremy Casella; Music:
Jeremy Casella

Life at Trinity

Departing Hymn | Hail to the Lord's Anointed

We respond in faith and song.

*Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's
greater Son!*

*Hail in the time appointed, His reign on
earth begun!*

He comes to break oppression, to set the
captive free,

To take away transgression, and rule in
equity.

(Chorus)

He comes with comfort speedy to those
who suffer wrong,

To help the poor and needy, and bid the
weak be strong.

To give them songs for sighing, their
darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are
precious in His sight.

(Chorus)

He shall come down like showers upon the
fruitful earth,

Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in
His path to birth.

The tide of time shall never His covenant
remove.

His Name shall stand forever, That Name to
us is Love.

(Chorus)

Words: James Montgomery; Music: Sandra McCracken

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 keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

—Jude 24-25 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!

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Announcements

NET Training

Please consider this opportunity with our local ministry partner the Net. Their fall *Trafficking Training* is happening on Oct 17 with option for virtual attendance as well as a limited number of in-person seats! The Net hosts this *Trafficking Training* twice a year to educate the community and train volunteers on the reality of the sex industry in Fort Worth. Whether you are just interested in understanding the issue of trafficking better or you want to take the next steps to become involved with the Net's *Purchased or M.A.S.E* programs, this training is for you! Register at <https://www.thenetfw.com/vounteer-opportunities/trafficking-training>.

Volunteers Needed

It takes many hands to make our service run as smoothly as possible, especially during this season of extra safety measures and we are in need of volunteers for various teams. Teams needing help are: Usher Team, Welcome Team, Nursery, and Set-up/Take-Down Team. If you can help in any area, please let Courtney (admin@trinitypresfw.org) know.

Youth Group Events

Mark your calendars! Starting TODAY, Trinity will begin hosting youth small groups for middle and high school Trinity students directly after worship from 530-530pm at Connell. In these groups students will have the opportunity to develop community with one another as well as unpack the sermon from our series in James along with youth volunteers. For safety reasons, these groups will require students to wear masks while in the classroom together. Questions? Please contact John (john@trinitypresfw.org).

Also, registration is now open for the Fall Retreat (10/24)! You can sign up through the link in the YG email from Phillip or email John (john@trinitypresfw.org) for the link to sign up.

TODAY HS/MS Small Groups @ Connell

10/18 HS/MS Small Groups @ Connell

10/24 Middle School and High School Fall Mini-Retreat (Denton, TX 9am-9pm)

11/1 HS/MS Small Groups @ Connell

11/8 HS/MS Small Groups @ Connell

11/15 HS/MS Small Groups @ Connell

Catechism Challenge

There is no better time to help your kids learn big truths than while they are little! These questions help your kids understand some basic truths of the faith and we're sure parents will enjoy learning them, also! Kids have until Friday of each week to work on memorizing that week's questions. By Friday send Jeanette (children@trinitypresfw.org) an email with a video of your children reciting the questions. A winner will be drawn from all of the videos submitted.

The winners will get a special delivery of Blue Bell ice cream on Saturday! Questions? Contact Jeanette.

Women's Fall Bible Study

This fall (September-November) we are studying *Genesis: The Savior Behind the Stories* and meeting using various small group formats to fit your covid comfort level and schedule. Our bible study groups have begun and books are available for pick up at the church office (3750 S. University) Tuesdays/Thursdays 12-330pm, Susan's front door (4000 W 6th St), or at Connell on Sundays. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Susan (susan@trinitypresfw.org).