



**TRINITY**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Trinity Presbyterian Church

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth

## Words for Reflection

In gathered worship, as nowhere else, we experience the power of the risen Jesus freeing us from the idolatries that gnaw at us.

– Ray Ortlund

Idolatry is not just rooted in the surrounding temptations. Idolatry is always coupled, for us, with God-forgetfulness. When we forget the magnitude of what He has given us and He alone is able to continue to give us, we are susceptible to begin to put other things in its place.

– Paul Tripp

Pull up your uncontrollable emotions by the roots and you'll find your idols clinging to them.

– Kathy Keller

Whatever your heart clings to and confides in, that is really your God.

– Martin Luther

# Order of Worship

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

— September 12, 2021 —

## 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.*

Blessed be the name of the LORD

**from this time forth and forevermore!**

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

The LORD is high above all nations,

**and his glory above the heavens!**

Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,

**who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?**

—Psalm 113:2-6 ESV

# Hymn of Praise | Jesus, Everlasting King

*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.*

*Jesus, everlasting King,  
Accept the tribute which we bring;  
Accept the well-deserved renown,  
And wear our praises as your crown.*

O send Your Spirit to impart  
Rest and repentance to our hearts,  
Like the dear hour when from above  
We first received Your pledge of love.  
(Chorus)

The gladness of redemption's day,  
Our hearts would wish it long to stay,  
Nor let your faith forsake its hold,  
Nor comforts sink, or love grow cold.  
(Chorus)

May every time of worship see  
Your grace revealed more rich and free  
Till we are raised to sing Your name  
At the great supper of the Lamb.  
(Chorus)

O that the months would roll away  
And bring the coronation day;  
The King of Grace shall fill the throne  
With all His Father's glories on.  
(Chorus)

Words: Isaac Watts, Matthew S. Smith; Music: Matthew S. Smith

## 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 praise You that You are the one true God. You have made us for Yourself and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in You. And yet, Lord we confess how fickle we are and how quickly we look to created things to provide for us what only You can. We thank You for Your patience with us, and we ask that You would forgive us through the sacrificial death of Your Son for us. Enable us by Your Spirit to worship You and enjoy You forever. 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.*

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

—Ezekiel 36:25-27 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 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 Appointment of Deaconesses

Meggie Schissler and Emily Williams

## 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

Deuteronomy 4:15-24

*God speaks to us through His Word.*

**4:15** "Therefore watch yourselves very carefully. Since you saw no form on the day that the LORD spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire, **16** beware lest you act corruptly by making a carved image for yourselves, in the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female, **17** the likeness of any animal that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the air, **18** the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the water under the earth. **19** And beware lest you raise your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, you be drawn away and bow down to them and serve them, things that the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven. **20** But the LORD has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be a people of his own inheritance, as you are this day. **21** Furthermore, the LORD was angry with me because of you, and he swore that I should not cross the Jordan, and that I should not enter the good land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance. **22** For I must die in this land; I must not go over the Jordan. But you shall go over and take possession of that good land. **23** Take care, lest you forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make a carved image, the form of anything that the LORD your God has forbidden you. **24** For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

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: We serve wine during communion. If you'd prefer non-alcoholic grape juice, please indicate by pointing at the tray.*

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

## Be Unto Your Name

We are a moment, You are forever  
Lord of the Ages, God before time  
We are a vapor, You are eternal  
Love everlasting, reigning on high

*Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Highest praises, honor and glory  
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name*

We are the broken, You are the healer  
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save  
You are the love song we'll sing forever  
Bowing before You, blessing Your name  
*(Chorus)*

Words & Music: Gary Sadler & Lynn DeShazo

## Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty rock  
    Within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness,  
    A rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat,  
    and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus,  
mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One  
Who suffered there for me;  
And from my stricken heart with tears  
    Two wonders I confess  
The wonders of redeeming love  
    and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow  
    for my abiding place:  
I ask no other sunshine than  
    The sunshine of His face;  
Content to let the world go by  
    To know no gain nor loss,  
My sinful self my only shame,  
    my glory, all the cross.

Words: Elizabeth C. Clephane; Music: Christopher Miner

# 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.*

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

### Membership Seminar Sept 18

If you are interested in becoming a member at Trinity or just want to learn more about who we are as a church, please attend our membership seminar. We will meet in the chapel at Connell on Sat, Sept 18, from 9am-1230pm. Light refreshments will be provided. Register in the app or email: [admin@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:admin@trinitypresfw.org).

### Youth Group and Parent Meeting Today

7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, we're excited about the return of our small groups on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month after worship, beginning today! Parents, we will have a short meeting in the

### Five Six Today

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, we will resume our Five Six gatherings today after worship until 630pm. Come join us for snacks, singing, and teaching! Questions? Contact Wade ([jewettwade@gmail.com](mailto:jewettwade@gmail.com)).

### Sunday School

TrinityKids! Join us immediately after worship for Sunday School today and 9/24. We will have classes for 4 years up through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Nursery will also be available during this time. If you would like to help or have questions, contact Jeanette ([children@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:children@trinitypresfw.org)).

### Friday Morning Prayer

Morning prayer will resume next Friday, 9/10, from 7-730am. See app or Weds email for zoom link.

## Community Groups

Community groups are integral to deepening relationships at Trinity. If you are not in a community group and would like to be, email Courtney at: [admin@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:admin@trinitypresfw.org) and we will get you in a group.

## Stand with DASH Event

DASH is humbled by our partnership with Trinity Presbyterian - you bless our organization and our residents in so many ways! **Please join us for our Stand with DASH event on Thursday, September 16 at 7pm, at The Hills FW Campus.** Registration ([dashnetwork.net/standwithdash](http://dashnetwork.net/standwithdash)) for the live event is required. Virtual option available for out-of-town and immunocompromised guests. Contact: [jonathan.dumas@ymail.com](mailto:jonathan.dumas@ymail.com).

## Young Adults

Calling all Trinity Young Adults: post college, in grad school, career, singles, or young marrieds: if you would like to join our Young Adult Group Contact List, contact:

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## Women's Fall Bible Study

Join us as we continue our Old Testament journey from Genesis of last fall's study into Exodus and beyond. We will use Nancy Guthrie's, The Lamb of God study. Fall Bible study begins Thursday @ Connell, September 9, at 915-11am & Wednesday @ Becky Burt's home, September 15, from 7-830pm. Registration is open. Books are \$18 and you can pay when you register. Free books available upon request. Questions? Contact Kara Simonson ([karasimonson@gmail.com](mailto:karasimonson@gmail.com)) or Susan Tyner ([susan@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:susan@trinitypresfw.org)).

## 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

Our youth group intern is John Porter. Please email him @ [john@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:john@trinitypresfw.org) for more information.

## 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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### Deacon of the Day

Ryan Opgenorth

# 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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