



**TRINITY**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Trinity Presbyterian Church

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth

## Words for Reflection

Our truest weaknesses will never be a selling point. It's those things that the people closest to us know about us that we'd rather forget—or perhaps that we don't even know about ourselves. It's those things we'd never share in a job interview and that people (we hope) won't mention in our eulogy.

– Tish Harrison Warren

All fear is but the notion that God's love ends.

– Ann Voskamp

Christianity is the only religion whose God bears the scars of evil.

– Os Guinness

There is tremendous relief in knowing that God's love to me is utterly realistic, based at every point on prior knowledge of the worst about me, so that no discovery now can disillusion him about me, in the way I am so often disillusioned about myself.

– J. I. Packer

# Order of Worship

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

— October 3, 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.*

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
    **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the God of gods,  
    **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
    **for his steadfast love endures forever;**

Give thanks to the God of heaven,  
    **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

—Psalm 136:1-3, 26 ESV

## Hymn of Praise | Come Ye Sinners

*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.*

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,  
Full of pity, joined with power.  
He is able, He is able;  
He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome,  
God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance,  
Every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money  
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,  
Bruised and broken by the fall;  
If you tarry 'til you're better,  
You will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous;  
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger,  
Nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness He requires  
Is to feel your need of Him.  
This He gives you, the He gives you,  
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;  
Pleads the merit of His blood.  
Venture on Him; venture wholly,  
Let no other trust intrude.  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus  
Can do helpless sinners good.

Words: Joseph Hart; Music: Matthew 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 a God who will always do good for Your people. Yet, Lord, we acknowledge how often we fail to believe that that's true. We confess both our prideful attempts to control our lives as well as our lack of faith in Your promises to us. Have mercy on us through the death and resurrection of Your Son, and enable us by Your Spirit to find our rest in You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Forgiveness

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

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

—1 John 4:9-10 ESV

# Hymn of Response | He Will Hold Me Fast

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

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.  
(Chorus)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!  
(Chorus 2x)

Words: Ada Habershon & Matthew Merker  
Music: Matthew Merker

# 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 Sacrament of Baptism

Wyatt Byron Holmes

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy? **I do.**
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel? **I do.**
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ? **I do.**
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability? **I do.**

5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace? **I do.**

Clark Charles Holmes

Ruby Frances Holmes

To the Parents (Bekah & Marcus Holmes):

1. Do you acknowledge your children'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 their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own? **We do.**
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your children to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them 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 these children?

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.*

# The Reading of the Word

Deuteronomy 7:1-11, 17-21

*God speaks to us through His Word.*

**7:1** "When the LORD your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it, and clears away many nations before you, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations more numerous and mightier than you, **2** and when the LORD your God gives them over to you, and you defeat them, then you must devote them to complete destruction. You shall make no covenant with them and show no mercy to them. **3** You shall not intermarry with them, giving your daughters to their sons or taking their daughters for your sons, **4** for they would turn away your sons from following me, to serve other gods. Then the anger of the LORD would be kindled against you, and he would destroy you quickly. **5** But thus shall you deal with them: you shall break down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and chop down their Asherim and burn their carved images with fire.

**6** "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. **7** It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, **8** but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. **9** Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the

faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, **10** and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face. **11** You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today.

**17** "If you say in your heart, 'These nations are greater than I. How can I dispossess them?' **18** you shall not be afraid of them but you shall remember what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt, **19** the great trials that your eyes saw, the signs, the wonders, the mighty hand, and the outstretched arm, by which the LORD your God brought you out. So will the LORD your God do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid. **20** Moreover, the LORD your God will send hornets among them, until those who are left and hide themselves from you are destroyed. **21** You shall not be in dread of them, for the LORD your God is in your midst, a great and awesome God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Brian Davis

*Loving God: A Study of Deuteronomy*  
"The God Who Fights for Those He Loves"

### Sermon Notes

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## 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

### 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

## 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

## Life at Trinity

### Departing Hymn | This Is My Father's World

*We respond in faith and song.*

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

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;  
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done:  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,  
And earth and Heav'n be one.

Words: Maltbie D. Babcock; Music: Traditional English Melody

## 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

### Trinity Men's Oktoberfest

Guys, join us for Trinity Oktoberfest on Thursday, **October 14**. **All guys are invited to join us for a post-dinner hang in Fred Cauble's backyard.** We will have plenty of Bavarian brews and snacks to enjoy. \$10 per person. Register now on the church center app. Hope to see you all there!

We will also be relaunching our Men's Lunch Roulette, so if you didn't register last time, it is open again. Register in the app under "events".

### Firepit & Fishbowl

Calling all high schoolers! **Come join us on Wednesday, October 6 from 7-830pm at the Woods' house (7017 Falling Springs Rd.)** for Firepit & Fishbowl. Great opportunity to hang, have some s'mores by the fire, and claim victory for your team in a fantastic game combining elements of taboo, charades, and password! Hope to see you there, invite your friends!

### Focus Groups for Building Purchase

Over the next few weeks, we are hosting a series of focus group meetings about the purchase of 207 W. Broadway. Many of these meetings are happening throughout the week at community groups. Please ask your leaders about this!

If you're unable to attend your community group the evening of the focus group, or if you are not currently connected with a community group, you can register to attend another meeting in the app or email Lee Tyner ([leetyner2@gmail.com](mailto:leetyner2@gmail.com)). We look forward to seeing you at one of the meetings!

## Men's Bible Study

Join us on **Wednesdays @ 7am** in the **Connell Chapel** as we study 1 Peter. Reach out to Robert ([robert.humphreys@lonestaragcredit.com](mailto:robert.humphreys@lonestaragcredit.com)) with any questions.

## Friday Morning Prayer

Join us for morning prayer on **Fridays from 7-730am**. See app or Weds email for zoom link.

## Women's Fall Bible Study

Our Old Testament journey from Genesis (of last fall's study) into Exodus and beyond is underway. We are using Nancy Guthrie's, The Lamb of God study. **Fall Bible study meets Thursdays @ Connell, at 915-11am & Wednesdays @ Becky Burt's home, from 7-830pm**. Free books available upon request. Questions? Contact Kara Simonson ([karasimonson@gmail.com](mailto:karasimonson@gmail.com)) or Becky Burt ([legallady@aol.com](mailto:legallady@aol.com)) or Susan Tyner ([susan@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:susan@trinitypresfw.org)).

## 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.

## 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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# 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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