



**TRINITY**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Trinity Presbyterian Church

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth

## Words for Reflection

Corporate worship is designed to hold the most important things in life before our fickle, easily distracted and often disloyal hearts.

– Paul Tripp

What the prophets did was apply, in a specific way, the message that God had given through Moses almost five to seven hundred years earlier. Therefore, perhaps the best way to see their message is not really as a message of judgment. Certainly, God knew how the people would respond and thus the ultimate outcome. However, the message was a message of repentance, and then one of hope based on obedience or judgement based on disobedience. This basic pattern is seen in the proclamation ministries of John the Baptist and then Jesus.

– Adam Hughes

“So, did the prophets predict the future?” you may be asking yourself. Yes, they did, but as a means to an end. The predictions of the future were to warn about the coming of God’s judgment or to give hope of God’s coming blessings. But the future itself wasn’t the main thing; how someone was living in the present was. If someone saw a prophet walking down the road, they wouldn’t think, “Cool, I wonder if he’s going to tell me something about the future.” They would rather be more likely to think, “Uh-oh, I’m about to get called out on my sin!” One theologian explained the role of the prophets as “covenant enforcers.” God sent His prophets when the covenant was not being followed to call the people to repentance. The prophets functioned more like revival preachers than they did like fortune tellers. They constantly pointed people back to the warnings of Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 27-28 and condemned Israel for her sins.

– Ben Hicks

# Order of Worship

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

— November 7, 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.*

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

**let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the LORD is a great God,

**and a great King above all gods.**

—Psalm 95:1-3 ESV

# Hymn of Praise | O Worship the 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.*

O worship the King all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your pow'r hath founded of old;  
Hath 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;  
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!  
While angels delight to hymn you above,  
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration shall lisp to their praise.

Words: Based on Psalm 104; Robert Grant; Music: Johann Michael Hadyn

## 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.*

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin! For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against You, You only, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Hide Your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Through the shed blood of our Savior Jesus. 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 | God Be Merciful to Me

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

God, be merciful to me;  
On Thy grace I rest my plea  
Plenteous in compassion Thou,  
Blot out my transgressions now;  
Wash me, make me pure within;  
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess;  
Grief and guilt my soul oppress.  
I have sinned against Thy grace,  
And provoked Thee to Thy face.  
I confess Thy judgment just;  
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin;  
Thou desirest truth within.  
Thou alone my Savior art,  
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;  
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,  
Wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust  
By Thy wrath and judgment just,  
Let my contrite heart rejoice,  
And in gladness hear Thy voice;  
From my sins O hide Thy face,  
Blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew,  
Make my spirit right and true.  
Cast me not away from Thee,  
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;  
Thy salvation's joy impart,  
Steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me,  
And return, O God, to Thee  
Savior all my guilt remove,  
And my tongue shall sing Thy love  
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,  
And my mouth shall praise accord.

Words: Scottish Psalter; Music: Christopher Miner

# 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 New Testament Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4

*God speaks to us by His Word.*

**1:1** Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, **2** but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. **3** He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, **4** having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

# 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.*

**Sarah & Graham Purcell**

MTW Russia

## The Reading of the Word Deuteronomy 18:15-22; 34:10-12

*God speaks to us by His Word.*

**18:15** “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— **16** just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ **17** And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. **18** I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. **19** And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. **20** But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’ **21** And if you say in your heart, ‘How may we know the word that the LORD has not spoken?’— **22** when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.

**34:10** And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, **11** none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, **12** and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

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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

### Nothing But the Blood

What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Oh! Precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my pardon, this I see,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my cleansing, this my plea,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
(Chorus)

Nothing can for sin atone,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Naught of good that I have done,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
(Chorus)

This is all my hope and peace,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
(Chorus)

Words & Music: Robert Lowry

## Abide With Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;  
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,  
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,  
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness  
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?  
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

Words: Henry Lyte & Justin Smith; Music: Jeff Bourque

# Departing Hymn | Father, Long Before Creation

*We respond in faith and song.*

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

Father, long before creation  
Thou hast chosen us in love,  
And that love so deep, so moving,  
Draws us close to Christ above.  
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us.  
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion,  
Yet our God is e'er the same;  
His compassion and His covenant  
Through all ages will remain.  
God's own children, God's own children  
Must forever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story,  
Is my boasting all the day;  
Mercy free and never failing  
Moves my will, directs my way.  
God so loved us, God so loved us  
That His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee  
We will ever praise Thy love,  
And our songs will sound unceasing  
'Til we reach our home above,  
Giving glory, giving glory  
To our God and to the Lamb;

Giving glory, giving glory  
To our God and to the Lamb.

Words: Francis Johnson; Music: Andrew Osenga

## 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 & DASH Thanksgiving Potluck

Stay after worship on **Nov 21, from 6-8pm** for fellowship and feasting with one of our ministry partners. This will be a great time of fellowship with DASH residents! We need Trinity people to sign up to bring food and attend the meal. See details and register in the Church Center app under "events".

### Building Update Meeting 11/14

As we continue to move forward with the purchase of 207 W. Broadway, we invite you to join us for another update **after worship, Nov 14** where we plan to answer questions about the building and its purchase. We look forward to seeing you then!

### Young Adults Group Today

Trinity Young Adults is a group for post-undergrad, in grad school, career, single, or young marrieds. **Come join us today after church at Central Market.** For more information contact Rachel ([rachelkuchem@gmail.com](mailto:rachelkuchem@gmail.com)), Jeff ([jeffrey.bryant14@gmail.com](mailto:jeffrey.bryant14@gmail.com)), and Ian ([ianclark2492@gmail.com](mailto:ianclark2492@gmail.com)) or find us in the Church Center app under "groups".

### Trinity Membership Seminar

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 Saturday, Nov 13 from 9am-1230pm.** Coffee and light breakfast provided. No childcare available. Register in the Church Center app or email Courtney ([admin@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:admin@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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# 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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