



TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth

Words for Reflection

Ascension means the church is the kind of institution that is simultaneously drawn upward in worship and pushed outward in mission...The church does not have to choose whether it will be defined by the depth of its worship life or its faithfulness in mission. Both acts flow from the single reality of ascension. Both have integrity only in that they are connected to one another. Mission is the church's response to the universal lordship of Jesus. When people respond to the gospel— whether through faith and repentance or by bringing every area of life under the lordship of Christ— worship happens.

– Chris Ganski

The Christian's hope lies in this: we are not stronger or purer than others. Instead, rather than believing in ourselves, we believe in Jesus, who upholds us when we fall, who comforts us when we give up, who strengthens us when our strength is drained, who loves us when we are in pain, who does not give us up even when we are hopeless about ourselves.

– Guo Muyun

The name YHWH is the description and guarantee of the fact that God is and remains the God of his people, unchanging in his grace and faithfulness.

– Herman Bavinck

In a deeply paradoxical way, full of a mystery that blinds by its brightness, Jesus Christ, the God-human, displays the love of God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit— by taking on our human suffering and terror. Christ, the God-human, takes on the path of human suffering so that we are not pioneers in the darkness, so that we are not in a free fall. Instead, even when our suffering seems senseless, even when we feel like we are in a free fall, we can look to Christ to see, hear, and taste that we are still in the ever-faithful, ever-loving hands of God.

– J. Todd Billings

Order of Worship

The Sunday after Ascension Day

— May 29, 2022 —

The LORD Calls Us

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

The Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

God has gone up with a shout,

the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

For God is the King of all the earth;

sing praises with a psalm!

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

—Psalm 47:5-7 ESV

Hymn of Praise | Come and Welcome

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.

From the cross uplifted high
Where the Savior deigns to die,
What melodious sounds I hear,
Bursting on my ravished ear;
Love's redeeming work is done,
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Sprinkled now with blood the throne
Why beneath thy burdens groan,
On my pierced body laid,
Justice owns the ransom paid;
Bow the knee and kiss the Son,
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Spread for thee the festal board
See with richest dainties stored,
To thy Father's bosom pressed,
Yet again a child confessed;
Never from His house to roam,
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Soon the days of life shall end
Lo, I come, your Savior, Friend,
Safe your spirit to convey,
To the realms of endless day;
Up to my eternal home,
Come and welcome, sinner, come.
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Word: Thomas Haweis; Music: Matthew Perryman Jones

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.

The LORD Cleanses Us

God cleanses and restores us through Jesus' death and resurrection. We fight the temptation to hide our sin and instead acknowledge it openly to God, but we do so in light of the grace that is ours in Jesus.

Confession of Sin

Almighty God,

You have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. Yet, we confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and deliver us from our sins. By Your Spirit, make us a people who bear witness to Your Son and his redemptive work to the ends of the earth. We pray this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

—Hebrews 7:23-25 ESV

Hymn of Response | Before the Throne of God Above

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

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea.
A great High Priest whose Name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in Heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free.
For God the just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb,
My perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace,
One with Himself I cannot die.
My soul is purchased by His blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God!

Words: Charitie Bancroft; Music: Vicki Cook

Confession of Faith | The Heidelberg Catechism #49

We join the church in history by confessing this basic statement of what Christians believe.

Q. How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

A. First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

The LORD Converses with Us

God speaks to us by His Word, and we respond with prayer, gratitude, and offerings.

The New Testament Lesson

1 Peter 1:13-21

God speaks to us by His Word.

1:13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. **14** As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, **15** but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, **16** since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." **17** And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, **18** knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, **19** but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. **20** He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was

made manifest in the last times for the sake of you **21** who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Offering

In gratitude, we offer our gifts to God.

The Prayers of the People

We lift up our requests to God knowing that He hears us when we pray.

Emily McAnulty

Youth Assistant

The Reading of the Word

Psalm 121

God speaks to us by His Word.

121:1 I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? **2** My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. **3** He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. **4** Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. **5** The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. **6** The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. **7** The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. **8** The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

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The LORD Communes With Us

God invites us to feast with Him at His Table.

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

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

Psalm 46

God is our refuge, our strength and our shield;
An ever present help
We will not fear, though the earth give way,
And the mountains crash into the sea

*There is a river whose streams will make glad;
the city of our Most High King
God is within her and she will not fail;
He helps her at break of the day*

Nations in uproar, men's kingdoms they fall.
He speaks and the Earth melts away.
The worst we imagine, the strongest of storms,
Our fortress, it will remain.

*There is a river whose streams will make glad;
the city of our Most High King
God is within her and she will not fail;
Listen to hear the Lord say:*

Be still and know that I am God
Come, let us see what the Lord has done,
the ruins He brings to the Earth.
He makes wars to cease at the end of the Earth
He shatters the bow and the spear.

*There is a river whose streams will make glad;
the city of our Most High King
God is within her and she will not fail;
Listen to hear the Lord say:*

Be still and know that I am God
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Words & Music: Mike Crawford (alt. by Isaac Wardell)

The LORD Commissions Us

God blesses us and sends us out to be a part of His mission to Fort Worth & the world.

Departing Hymn | The Sands of Time Are Sinking

We respond in faith and song.

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

The sands of time are sinking,
The dawn of heaven breaks;
The summer morn I've sighed for -
The fair, sweet morn awakes:
Dark, dark had been the midnight
But dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

O Christ, He is the fountain,
The deep, sweet well of love!
The streams on earth I've tasted
More deep I'll drink above:
There to an ocean fullness
His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment,
But her dear Bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory
But on my King of grace.
Not at the crown He giveth
But on His pierced hand;
The Lamb is all the glory
Of Emmanuel's land.

O I am my Beloved's
And my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner
Into His house of wine
I stand upon His merit -
I know no other stand,
Not e'en where glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

Words: Anne Ross Cundell Cousin; Music: Phillip Palmertree

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

Rev. David Billingslea

David Billingslea is the Campus Minister with RUF-International at UT Dallas, and he started that ministry in 2018. RUF-I is the campus ministry of the PCA where they extend biblical hospitality to students from around the world, explore the gospel with these students, and equip them to be ambassadors for the kingdom of God in their home countries. David grew up in Colorado Springs, CO and graduated from the University of Colorado with a degree in journalism in 2008. After bouncing back and forth between Texas and Colorado for a few years, David felt called to ministry and graduated with his MDiv from Redeemer Seminary in Dallas in 2016. David and his wife Meredith have been married for 12 years, and they have two beautiful daughters: Evelyn (9) and Norah (6).

Women's Summer Study

Join us as we look at The Lord's Prayer together **on Wednesdays in June**. We pray it each week in church, but have we forgotten what it means? Let's look at how Jesus taught His disciples (and us) to pray. Not only will we learn how to pray, but we will see that the Lord's Prayer changes how we view ourselves and our community. For more info, contact Marci (marci.sawilowsky@gmail.com) or Susan (susan@trinitypresfw.org) or find details in the Church Center app.

Middle School RYM

We're inviting all Trinity middle school students (rising 7th & rising 8th grade for 2022-2023 academic year) to join us **at Allaso Ranch in Texas August 2 - 6!** The cost is \$475/person (\$100 minimum deposit to reserve the spot). Details and registration can be found in the Church Center app. Invite a friend!

Youth Group Pool Party

Join us for a Promotion Sunday swim party at the Jewett Home (4332 Winding Way) after church June 5 until 730pm. Newly rising 7th graders through graduated seniors are welcome! Details and registration in the Church Center app.

Mom Meet-Ups

Pack a snack, load up the kids, and come meet other Trinity moms and kids this summer! We have many dates and parks chosen! Please see the Church Center app for details. **Questions? Contact Eryn Norris (817) 944-6105.**

Congregational Meeting

Please stay after worship, June 12 for a brief congregational meeting where we get a financial update and vote on construction loan terms. Children who are already in the nursery may remain there until the meeting is over.

Pentecost Daily Prayer Guides

Our Pentecost Daily Prayer Guides are now available in the foyer. You can also get digital access in the Church Center app.

Lead Pastor Summer Sabbatical

Pastor Brian is on sabbatical with his family this summer. Pray for a restful, restorative, and joyful time for Brian, Jeanette, and the boys. He will return in mid-August.

Elder on Call

Each week during Pastor Brian's sabbatical, there will be an elder on call to help with any pastoral needs. As always, you can also reach out to Pastor Andy, your Community Group leaders, diaconate members,

or Women's Shepherding Team members. The elder on call for May 29-June 4 is: Mark Denton (mjdenton56@gmail.com) or (817) 901-6565.

Young Adult Dinners

Trinity Young Adults is a group for post-undergrad, in grad school, career, single, or young marrieds. **Come join us after church on the 1st and 3rd Sundays after worship.** Details can be found in the Church Center app or contact Rachel (rachelkuchem@gmail.com) or Jeff (jeffrey.bryant14@gmail.com).

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. We also have a nursing mothers' room available across from the library if you need to nurse or change a diaper! 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 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).

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. 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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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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