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Trinity Presbyterian Church

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth.

Words for Reflection

Grace frees you from the burdensome exhaustion of trying to convince yourself that you're something that you're not, because God welcomes you to come as you are.

- Paul Tripp

For as long as we hold on to any pretense of having it all together we are prevented from deepening and maturing in the Christian faith. For as long as we avoid recognition of our lostness we are prevented from experiencing the elegant profundities of foundness. For as long as we insist on maintaining safe moral grids in which we always know where we stand (and where everyone else stands!), these poses of self-sufficiency, we disenfranchise ourselves from the company of the found sheep, the found coin, the two found brothers, and the celebrating angels.

-Eugene Peterson

God loved his children too much to let the story end there. Even though he knew he would suffer, God had a plan — a magnificent dream. One day, he would get his children back. One day, he would make the world their perfect home again. And one day, he would wipe away every tear from their eyes. You see, no matter what, in spite of everything, God would love his children — with a Never Stopping, Never Giving Up, Unbreaking, Always and Forever Love. And though they would forget him, and run from him, deep in their hearts, God's children would miss him always, and long for him — lost children yearning for their home.

- Sally Lloyd-Jones

In Holy Communion, Jesus Christ tells us that he wants our company.

- Rowan Williams

Order of Worship

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

— August 28, 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

Come, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

—Isaiah 55:1-2 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

Most Merciful Father,
We thank You for the gift of Your hospitality to us in and through Your Son. You have welcomed us into Your presence and have called us to extend that welcome to the world. Yet, Lord, we confess that we have often rejected Your invitation and turned away from You. We have failed to show hospitality to one another and to our neighbors. O Lord, have mercy upon us through the death and resurrection of Your Son, and enable us by Your Spirit, to embrace, embody, and extend the hospitality of the Gospel. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.
—Luke 15:20-24 ESV

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

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

Hast thou heard Him, seen Him, known Him?
Is not thine a captured heart?
Chief among ten thousand own Him,
Joyful choose the better part.

*Captivated by His beauty,
Worthy tribute haste to bring.
Let His peerless worth constrain thee,
Crown Him now unrivaled King.
What can strip the seeming beauty,
From the idols of the earth?
Not a sense of right or duty,
But the sight of peerless worth.
(Chorus)*

'Tis that look that melted Peter,
'Tis that face that Stephen saw,
'Tis that heart that wept with Mary,
Can alone from idols draw.

(Chorus)

Words: Ora Rowan; Music: Joel Littlepage

Confession of Faith | The Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.*
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**While Jesus didn't literally descend to hell, he did endure the torment of hell on the cross and remained under the power of death until his resurrection.*

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The LORD Converses with Us

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

The Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 84

God speaks to us by His Word.

84:1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! **2** My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. **3** Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. **4** Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! Selah **5** Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. **6** As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. **7** They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion. **8** O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah **9** Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed! **10** For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. **11** For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. **12** O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

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.

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The Reading of the Word

Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

God speaks to us by His Word.

15:1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. **2** And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

15:11 And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. **12** And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. **13** Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. **14** And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. **15** So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. **16** And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

17 "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! **18** I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. **19** I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.' **20** And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. **21** And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your

son.’ **22** But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. **23** And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. **24** For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

25 “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. **26** And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. **27** And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ **28** But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, **29** but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. **30** But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ **31** And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. **32** It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Brian Davis

The Welcome of the Gospel

“Embracing the Welcome of the Gospel”

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

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied -
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Words & Music: Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

We Are Not Overcome

Flesh will fail, bones will break
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake
Night will fall, the light will fade
The Lord will give and take away.

Put no trust in the earth
In the sod you stand upon
Flowers fade into dust,
The Lord will make a place for us.

*Because of His great love,
We are not overcome
Because of His great love,
We are not overcome*

Have no fear for your life;
Turn your cheek, turn your cheek
Bear the yoke of love and death;
The Lord will give life and breath.
(Chorus)

Words & Music: Robert Heiskell & Isaac Wardell

Life at Trinity

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 | O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

We respond in faith and song.

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

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Words: George Matheson; Music: Christopher Miner

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

Sunday School & Youth Group

We will have our meetings for Youth Group (HS and MS), Five Six (5th and 6th graders), and Sunday School (0-3 Nursery and classes for ages 4-4th grade) after worship until 630pm. Pizza provided!

Youth & Children's Parent Meeting

Hey parents! **Please plan to join us for a joint Children's Ministry + Youth Parent Meeting today after worship until 6:30** (during Youth Small Groups and Sunday School). We'll discuss plans for the fall and address any questions you may have for us.

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 at the home of Jeanette and Pastor Brian (1500 College Ave, 76104) with light refreshments and coffee on Saturday, September 17, from 9am-1230pm.** No childcare provided.

Newcomers' Community Group

If you're new to Trinity, you're invited to join our Newcomers' Community Group, which will be hosted by Brian and Jeanette Davis and Tim and Emily Bates. **This 7-week CG will be a great introduction to life at Trinity and a fantastic opportunity to get to know folks here at the church. We'll meet on Tuesday evenings from 630-8pm at the Davises' (1500 College Ave, 76104) starting 9/13 and ending on 10/25.** At the end of October, everyone in the CG will be placed into an existing CG for the rest of the year. Contact Pastor Brian (brian@trinitypresfw.org) or Pastor Andy (andy@trinitypresfw.org) if you have any questions (or need help with childcare).

Community Groups

Please be sure to fill out the form you received in our weekly email about **Community Groups for this year**. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Andy (andy@trinitypresfw.org).

Women's Fall Bible Study

Women have two opportunities to study the book of Joshua together this fall. **The morning study will begin September 8 in the Connell Fellowship Hall and meet Thursdays, 915-1055am. The evening study will begin the following Wednesday, September 14, at Becky Burt's home, 7-830pm.** You can register in the Church Center app or contact Susan (susan@trinitypresfw.org) with questions.

Men's Fall Bible Study

This study will last 10 weeks and we will have two meeting options available. You can come to **the Wednesday morning study (630am - 730am) located at Connell or the Thursday lunch study (1130am - 1230pm) located at Walt Jones's office (Chase Bank Building, 420 Throckmorton Street, Suite 1150 (11th Floor) 76102).** We will begin on **September 7/8 and complete our study on November 9/10.** Questions? Contact Pastor Andy (andy@trinitypresfw.org).

Krumms in Ethiopia

You can find details and giving info on the Krumms' Mission in Ethiopia on the Church Center app under "Events".

Children's Ministry Email

We have begun sending a weekly children's ministry email. If you would like to receive it, **you can find the info in the Church Center app or email Jeanette (children@trinitypresfw.org)** to get on the list.

Stand with DASH

Please plan to attend The DASH Network's annual ask event, **Stand with DASH on Saturday, September 17, from 6-8pm, doors open at 5pm.** This free event will take place at Watermark Church in Fort Worth (8000 Western Hills Blvd, 76108) and will include a global charcuterie buffet with dessert and coffee. You can find registration info in the Church Center app or email Miranda (miranda@dashnetwork.net).

Rivertree Opportunities

Our ministry partner, Rivertree Academy counts on us to provide volunteers of all kinds. There's a variety of volunteer opportunities. Please take a look at their website: rivertreeacademy.org/volunteer to see what fits with your skills and schedule, then complete the volunteer interest form. Also, you can find an Amazon wish-list the teachers have created and items can be directly shipped to Rivertree!

New Ministry Partner – Academy 4

Academy 4 partners churches with low-income schools to mentor 4th graders. **Volunteers are matched with a 4th grader to mentor once a month for 90 minutes. Trinity is serving at Daggett Elementary** which will begin the process of building loving relationships with students and families in the Near Southside. More info on our partnership opportunities coming!

Save the Dates

- Youth Group & Children's Ministry Parent Meeting and Sunday School, Five Six, and YG Small Groups Begin – August 28 after worship
- Young Adult Dinner – September 4
- Men's and Women's Bible Studies Begin – September 7/8
- Sunday School/YG/Five Six – September 11
- Membership Seminar & Stand with DASH – September 17

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.

Our New Building

We are so excited and grateful for our new building at 207 W. Broadway in the Near Southside! We are in process of renovating and hope to move in during the early part of 2023. We will continue to worship at 4pm at Connell until then. Please continue to pray for all of the work being done! Check Church Center for periodic updates and photos.

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.

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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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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