



TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth.

Words for Reflection

We can never fully understand the pain of other persons; we can only be with them in it. This verse is most effectively applied when we realize our own limitations of perception.

- Marva Dawn

As much as these psalms of lamentation may be of help in times of personal sorrow, we should not forget that as they now stand, they are the prayers of the community. We should continue to pray them even when we are not individually in any particular trouble, because we pray these psalms for the whole of God's people... So long as there is suffering in the world, the church must lament before God; the church must cry out in pain.

- Hughes Oliphant Old

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you. You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven."

-Matthew 5:38-45

To repay evil for evil is to be overcome by it; to repay good for evil is to overcome evil with good. This is the way of the cross.

- John Stott

Order of Worship

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

— October 2, 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

I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

let the humble hear and be glad.

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

—Psalm 34:1-2, 8 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.

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.

Prayer of Confession & Lament

Most Merciful God,

We pray that You would hear our cries for mercy. We confess that we have failed to love You and our neighbors. Be gracious and forgive our many sins for the sake of Your steadfast love. Enter into the pain and sorrow of those in our midst who are hurting. Bring comfort to those who are grieving. Stir up hope in those who are in despair. We pray this all through the suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son on our behalf. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

—Psalm 34:18 & 1 Peter 2:24 ESV

Hymn of Response | How Long?

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

How long? Will You turn Your face away?
How long? Do You hear us when we pray?
On and on, still we walk this pilgrim way - How long?

How long 'til Your children find their rest?
How long 'til You draw them to Your breast?
We go on holding to Your promises - How long?

*'Til You wipe away the tears from ev'ry eye
'Til we see our home descending from the sky
Do we wait in vain? Jesus, give us hope again!*

How long 'til Your word will still the storm?
How long 'til You bare Your mighty arm?
How we groan 'til You snatch us from the thorns - How long?
(Chorus)

How long? Sweet the dawn that ends the race.
How long? Weak our hearts but strong our legs.
Looking on - great that cloud of witnesses! How long?
(Chorus)

Words: Samuel John Stone; Music: Brian Moss

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 LORD Converses with Us

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

The Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 10

God speaks to us by His Word.

10:1 Why, O LORD, do you stand far away? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble? **2** In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor; let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised. **3** For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul, and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces the LORD. **4** In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him; all his thoughts are, "There is no God." **5** His ways prosper at all times; your judgments are on high, out of his sight; as for all his foes, he puffs at them. **6** He says in his heart, "I shall not be moved; throughout all generations I shall not meet adversity." **7** His mouth is filled with cursing and deceit and oppression; under his tongue are mischief and iniquity. **8** He sits in ambush in the villages; in hiding places he murders the innocent. His eyes stealthily watch for the helpless; **9** he lurks in ambush like a lion in his thicket; he lurks that he may seize the poor; he seizes the poor when he draws him into his net.

10 The helpless are crushed, sink down, and fall by his might. **11** He says in his heart, "God has forgotten, he has hidden his face, he will never see it." **12** Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand; forget not the afflicted. **13** Why does the wicked renounce God and say in his heart, "You will not call to account"? **14** But you do see, for you note mischief and vexation, that you may take it into your hands; to you the helpless commits himself; you have been the helper of the fatherless. **15** Break the arm of the wicked and evildoer; call his wickedness to account till you find none. **16** The LORD is king forever and ever; the nations perish from his land. **17** O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear **18** to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.

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.

Crates for Ukraine

Ruth Ann Francis & Betsy Reagan

The Reading of the Word

Romans 12:9-21

God speaks to us by His Word.

12:9 Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. **10** Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. **11** Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. **12** Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. **13** Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. **15** Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. **16** Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. **17** Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. **18** If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. **19** Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." **20** To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." **21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Brian Davis

Embodying Gospel Community
"A Loving Community"

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 Feast or Fallow

When the fields are dry, and the winter is long
Blessed are the meek, the hungry, the poor
When my soul is downcast, and my voice has no song
For mercy, for comfort, I wait on the Lord

*In the harvest feast or the fallow ground,
My certain hope is in Jesus found
My lot, my cup, my portion sure
Whatever comes, we shall endure
Whatever comes, we shall endure*

On a cross of wood, His blood was outpoured
He rose from the ground, like a bird to the sky
Bringing peace to our violence, and crushing death's door
Our Maker incarnate, our God Who provides.
(Chorus)

When the earth beneath me crumbles and quakes
Not a sparrow falls, nor a hair from my head
Without His hand to guide me, my shield and my strength
In joy or in sorrow, in life or in death
(Chorus)

Words & Music: Sandra McCracken

Psalm 126

Our mouths they were filled,
filled with laughter;
Our tongues they were loosed,
loosed with joy.

Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

*Although we are weeping,
Lord, help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your Kingdom
for the day You will reap them!
Your sheaves we will carry;
Lord, please do not tarry!
All those who sow weeping
will go out with songs of joy!*

The nations will say,
"He has done great things!"
The nations will sing songs of joy.
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!
(Chorus)

Words & Music: Bifrost Arts

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 | Hail to the Lord's Anointed

We respond in faith and song.

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

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!

Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

(Chorus)

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong.

To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in His sight.

(Chorus)

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth.

The tide of time shall never His covenant remove.
His Name shall stand forever, That Name to us is Love.

(Chorus)

Words: James Montgomery; Music: Sandra McCracken

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

Morning Prayer

Join us at the church office (3750 S. University, 76109, Suite 101) on Friday mornings at 8am for prayer. Anyone is welcome!

Women's Fall Forum

Women, join us as we welcome local therapist Rachel Vendsel to talk about "Gospel Hope for Anxiety." **A salad supper will be served in the Connell Fellowship Hall at 630pm on October 13. Register in the Church Center app. Cost is \$15 but scholarships available; contact Susan (susan@trinitypresfw.org).**

Men's Oktoberfest Tailgate

Guys, join us for the 2022 Trinity Men's Oktoberfest—tailgate style! **We'll be smoking up some BBQ with football on the tube at Tom Bates's tailgate spot (2800 Colonial Parkway) at 6pm on October 20.** We'll also have plenty of ice-cold Bavarian brews and snacks to go around! \$15 covers dinner and drinks. Register in the Church Center app.

Academy 4 – Mentors Needed

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. **Daggett Elementary is full so Trinity volunteers will now serve Clark Elementary and we need a few more mentors!** Please register here: <https://academy4.org/mentor> or contact Theresa (theresa.millet@academy4.org) for more info.

Youth Group – Roctober!

Roctober is our presbytery's annual fall retreat for all youth (7th-12th grade). **It will be October 21-22 at Camp Copass in Denton, TX. Cost is \$80/student, and sign-up is now live! Please be aware the deadline**

to sign-up and receive a t-shirt is **October 7** and the absolute hard deadline is **11:59 pm on October 14**. Questions? Reach out to John (john@trinitypresfw.org) or Emily (emily@trinitypresfw.org).

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. **Today we will eat at Central Market.** Details about dinners and other ongoing events can be found in our group in the Church Center app or contact Rachel (rachelkuchem@gmail.com) or Jeff (jeffrey.bryant14@gmail.com).

God's Gift of Sexuality Seminar

Join us **October 27** and a second date in **November** for this two-part series about **God's gift of sexuality**. Our hope is to provide a biblical framework of God's view of sexuality as well as give some practical help as to how we can wisely love our neighbors with differing views. Additionally, we intend to devote some time to equipping parents as they interact with their children on this important topic. **Both parts will be in the sanctuary at Connell from 7-830pm.** If you need childcare, please contact Amy (nursery@trinitypresfw.org). Contact Pastor Brian (brian@trinitypresfw.org) if you have further questions.

Fall Adult Sunday School

October 16 – Stories of Grace: Kelly Opgenorth, Lessons from Her Counseling Practice

October 30 – Panel on Grief & Loss

November 13 – Stories of Grace: CJ Evans on Vocation

November 27 – Stories of Grace: The Grabers on Ministry in Germany

December 11 – TBD

Women's Fall Bible Study

Women have two opportunities to study the book of Joshua together this fall. **The morning study is in the Connell Fellowship Hall on Thursdays, 915-1055am. The evening study meets Wednesdays 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 (630 - 730am) located at Connell** or **the Thursday lunch study (12 - 1pm) located at Walt Jones's office (Chase Bank Building, 420 Throckmorton Street, Suite 1150 (11th Floor) 76102).** 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".

Meet Us in the Near Southside

As we begin the transition to our new neighborhood, we want to introduce you to some of our new neighbors. We will try to highlight several businesses each month as well as any special events, and we encourage you to visit them. You can find more info in the Church Center app!

Save the Dates

- Welcome Team Training & Young Adult Dinner – Today
- Youth Large Group – October 12
- Women's Forum – October 13
- Men's Oktoberfest Tailgate – October 20
- Youth Roctober – October 21-22

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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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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