



**TRINITY**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Trinity Presbyterian Church

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth.

## Words for Reflection

Corporate worship is designed to connect weary sinners to the rest that is found in the finished work of Jesus Christ.

- Paul Tripp

The Good News means we can stop lying to ourselves. The sweet sound of amazing grace saves us from the necessity of self-deception.

- Brennan Manning

The religious accused him of being a drunkard, a glutton and having tacky taste in friends. It is a profound irony that the Son of God visited this planet and one of the chief complaints against him was that he was not religious enough.

- Rebecca Manley Pippert

A community that is marked strongly by deep and genuine sympathy, love, compassion and humility is hugely attractive. Again it provokes questions, leading to the occasion for explaining why it is like this. When the Church begins to be truly itself, it will not be able to stop itself being evangelistic.

- Graham Tomlin

The doctrine of grace creates a culture of grace where good things happen to bad people. A gracious church culture proves that Jesus is the Holy One who forgives sinners, the King who befriends his enemies, the Genius who counsels failures.

- Ray Ortlund

# Order of Worship

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

— August 27, 2023 —

## 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 | Only a Holy God

*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.*

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven  
Who else could make every king bow down  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles  
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises  
What other splendour outshines the sun  
What other majesty rules with justice  
Only a Holy God

*Come and behold Him  
The One and the Only  
Cry out, sing holy  
Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire  
What other power can raise the dead  
What other name remains undefeated  
Only a Holy God  
(Chorus)

Who else could rescue me from my failing  
Who else would offer His only Son  
Who else invites me to call Him Father  
Only a Holy God  
(Chorus)

Words and Music: Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, Rich Thompson

## 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 praise You that You are a God of grace and love. We thank You that Your Son came not to call the righteous, but sinners. Yet, Lord, we confess how difficult it is for us to admit our need of Your grace. We pray that You would forgive us for our pride, and enable us by Your Spirit to gladly receive and rejoice in Your mercy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Forgiveness

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

—Romans 5:6-8 ESV

# Hymn of Response | His Mercy Is More

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

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord  
His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness  
New every morn'  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more  
(Chorus)

Words & Music: Matt Papa, Matt Boswell

# 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.*

*\*\*universal*



# 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 32

*God speaks to us by His Word.*

**32:1** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. **2** Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. **3** For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. **4** For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. **5** I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. **6** Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. **7** You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. **8** I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. **9** Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you. **10** Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. **11** Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

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.*

# The Reading of the Word

Luke 7:36-50

*God speaks to us by His Word.*

**7:36** One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. **37** And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, **38** and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. **39** Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." **40** And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

**41** "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. **42** When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" **43** Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." **44** Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. **45** You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. **46** You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. **47** Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." **48** And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." **49** Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" **50** And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."



# 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

## The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation, Is Jesus Christ her Lord  
She is His new creation, By water and the Word.  
From heaven He came and sought her, To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, Yet one over all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy Name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,  
She waits for the consummation, Of peace forevermore;  
'Til, with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blessed,  
And the great church victorious, Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union, With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion, With those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with Thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone; Music: Brian Moss

## Jesus, with Thy Church Abide

Jesus, with Thy church abide;  
Be her Savior, Lord, and Guide,  
While on earth her faith is tried:  
We beseech Thee, hear us,  
We beseech Thee, hear us.

Keep her life and doctrine pure;  
Grant her patience to endure,  
Trusting in Thy promise sure:  
We beseech Thee, hear us,  
We beseech Thee, hear us.

May she one in doctrine be,  
One in truth and charity,  
Winning all to faith in Thee:  
We beseech Thee, hear us,  
We beseech Thee, hear us.

May she guide the poor and blind,  
Seek the lost until she find  
And the brokenhearted bind:  
We beseech Thee, hear us,  
We beseech Thee, hear us.

Words: Thomas Benson Pollock; Music: Christopher Miner

# 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 | Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

*We respond in faith and song.*

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

Let us love and sing and wonder  
Let us praise the Savior's name  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord Who bought us  
Pitied us when enemies  
Called us by His grace and taught us  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He presents our souls to God.

Let us wonder grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store  
When through grace in Christ our trust is  
Justice smiles and asks no more  
He Who washed us with His blood  
He Who washed us with His blood  
He Who washed us with His blood  
Has secured our way to God.



Let us praise and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high  
Here they trusted Him before us  
Now their praises fill the sky  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou art worthy Lamb of God.

Words: John Newton; Music: Laura Taylor

## 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

### Academy 4

Have you wanted to volunteer locally but always feel short on time? Our church's newest local ministry partner may be a great fit. **For just 90 minutes one Friday a month, you can provide something sorely lacking in many children's lives today, a positive and dependable adult voice during a formative time in their lives. It's all done for you - through a step-by-step, organized process, you'll guide a 4th grade student through a research-based leadership curriculum, then enjoy games, crafts, and other activities.** It's the perfect time for these kids to develop important skills, plus 4th graders are a lot of fun! If this sounds interesting, **talk to Melinda Dumas or, better yet, just sign up by scanning the QR code below!** Volunteers are needed to help in other ways as well, so be sure to ask how else you can get involved with Academy 4. For more information, please email ([melinda.dumas@academy4.org](mailto:melinda.dumas@academy4.org)) or call Melinda Dumas at (940) 390-8028.



### 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays after worship.** Details about dinners and other events are in the Church Center app or contact Rachel ([rachelkuchem@gmail.com](mailto:rachelkuchem@gmail.com)) or Jeff ([jeffrey.bryant14@gmail.com](mailto:jeffrey.bryant14@gmail.com)).

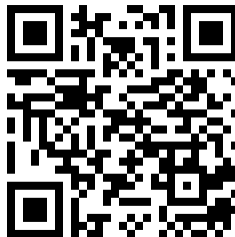
## TCU RUF 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

We will soon celebrate TCU RUF's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Click the QR code below for more details and to sign up; we'd love to see you at this special reunion night full of food (from Joe T. Garcia's!), drink, friendship, and reminiscing, on **Sep 22nd in Fort Worth**. Ryan Anderson, Rob Hamby, and Leigh Anne Salter will all be there, along with other current and former staff, students, and friends of the ministry.



## Community Group Sign-ups

It is almost time for community groups to resume! Please fill out our form if you are staying in your current group, looking to switch, would like to get into a group for the first time, or if you are interested in the Newcomers' Group that is a 4-week intro to Life at Trinity. This QR code will take you to the form.



## Women's Fall Bible Study

Our fall study begins Sept 7, and our study will be "Strange Times, Strange Salvation: A Study on the Book of Judges." Please register on the Church Center App by September 1. **The morning study meets on Thursday mornings 9:30-10:50 (coffee at 9:15) at Connell in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare is provided. The evening study meets at Becky Burt's house (address will be provided once you register) on Wednesday nights 7-8:30.** Both are open to visitors and friends who don't go to Trinity, but please ask them to register as well (link can be found on our website). The cost of the study is \$10. We will pass out the homework books at the first meetings. Contact Susan Tyner ([susan@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:susan@trinitypresfw.org)) for more information.

## Men's Fall Bible Study

Men, join us as we study the book of Judges this fall! Register in the app for one of our two options; morning or lunch. The study will have two meeting options available. You can either come to the **Wednesday morning study (630am - 730am) located at the church office (3750 S. University Dr, Suite 101) or the Thursday lunch study (12pm - 1pm) located at Walt Jones's office (Chase Bank Building, 420 Throckmorton Street, Suite 1150 [11th Floor] 76102).** We will begin on Sept 6/7 and complete our study on November 8/9.

## 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 16, from 9am-1230pm.** There will not be childcare provided. Registration is open in the Church Center app.

## 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 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](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.

## Community Groups

Our Community Groups are essential to our life at Trinity. Jesus never intended for the Christian life to be lived alone. Community Groups meet weekly in homes throughout the city on various nights. If you'd like more information or you'd like to visit a group, please contact Andy ([andy@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:andy@trinitypresfw.org)).

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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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