



**TRINITY**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Trinity Presbyterian Church

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth.

## Words for Reflection

In the calling of the disciples, Jesus put people together who would most certainly not follow each other on Twitter. Yet in the forming of this small community, he was symbolically making a statement that in the kingdom of God, a new family was being created.

- Rich Villodas

He chose twelve as a symbol of the fact that he was building the 'new Israel' out of the old. These men would be the 'brothers' he would use to establish his kingdom throughout the whole earth.

- Sinclair Ferguson

A gospel of reconciliation can only be communicated by a reconciled fellowship.

- Lesslie Newbigin

When Jesus calls, he certainly does demand everything, but only because he has already given everything himself, and has plans in store, for us and the world, that we would never have dreamed of.

- N. T. Wright

# Order of Worship

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

— January 28, 2024 —

## 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

Oh sing to the LORD a new song;

**sing to the LORD, all the earth!**

Sing to the LORD, bless his name;

**tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare his glory among the nations,

**his marvelous works among all the peoples!**

— Psalm 96:1-3 ESV

# Hymn of Praise | Oh How Good to Be Together

*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.*

Oh how good to be together  
In this weary world we trod  
What a gift, what a treasure  
Kindred in the house of God

On this day the Lord has fashioned  
Come rejoice with all your might  
Raise a banner of salvation  
He has led us through the night

*Oh the joy, oh the sweetness  
To be gathered in the name of the Lord  
Evermore, he will keep us  
From the valley to the golden shore*

When it looked like evil conquered  
When we felt the darkest hour  
In despair we sought the Father  
And he has proved his mighty power  
(Chorus)

Tell the theme of his provision  
How he met our every need  
He has been our firm foundation  
And he will ever, always be  
(Chorus)

Words: Kirk Sauers; Music: Paul Ranheim

## 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 God,

We thank You that Your Son Jesus has come as the True King and that he has called us to follow him as members of his Kingdom. Yet, Lord, we confess the ways that we are hesitant to give our lives to him. We often cling to our careers, our social status, and our wealth for security rather than trusting in him as our King. We've not loved him and followed him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We pray that You'd have mercy on us through his death and resurrection. By Your Spirit, enable us to follow him wholeheartedly and participate in his mission. We pray in his name. Amen.

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Forgiveness

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

—Colossian 1:13-14 ESV

# Hymn of Response | Grace Alone

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

I was an orphan, lost at the fall;  
Running away when I'd hear you call,  
But Father, you worked your will.  
I had no righteousness of my own  
I had no right to draw near your throne,  
But Father, you loved me still.

And in love, before you laid the world's foundation,  
You predestined to adopt me as your own.  
You have raised me up so high above my station;  
I'm a child of God by grace, and grace alone

You left your home to seek out the lost;  
You knew the great and terrible cost  
But Jesus, your face was set.  
I worked my fingers down to the bone;  
But nothing I did could ever atone,  
But Jesus, you paid my debt.

By your blood I have redemption and salvation.  
Lord you died that I might reap what you have sown,  
And you rose that I might be a new creation.  
I am born again by grace, and grace alone.

I was in darkness all of my life,  
I never knew the day from the night,  
But Spirit, you made me see.  
I swore I knew the way on my own;  
Head full of rocks, a heart made of stone  
But Spirit, you moved in me.

And at your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened;  
On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone.  
Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken;  
Heaven's citizen by grace, and grace alone.

So I'll stand in faith by grace, and grace alone  
I will run the race by grace, and grace alone  
I will slay my sin by grace, and grace alone  
I will reach the end by grace, and grace alone

Words and Music by Dustin Kensrue

## 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

Exodus 19:1-6

*God speaks to us by His Word.*

**19:1** On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. **2** They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, **3** while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: **4** 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. **5** Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; **6** and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

**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.*

**Reformed University Fellowship @ TCU**

Amy Wood – Campus Staff

## The Reading of the Word

Luke 6:12-19

*God speaks to us by His Word.*

**6:12** In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. **13** And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles: **14** Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, **15** and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, **16** and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

**17** And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, **18** who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. **19** And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

# The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Brian Davis

*Good News for Everyone: The Gospel According to Luke*  
“The Community of the King”

## Sermon Notes

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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

## 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

We Abide, We Abide in You  
We are the vineyard You have planted  
Tend our leaves and wild branches:  
We abide, we abide in You.  
We abide, we abide in You.

Fruit growing from our strength and labor,  
Rain on us with grace and favor:  
We abide, we abide in You.  
We abide, we abide in You.

Where can my soul find living water?  
Apart from You we bear no fruit!  
O plant my feet down by the river:  
We abide, we abide in You.

Words & Music: Sandra McCracken



# 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 | Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

*We respond in faith and song.*

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

Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
All to leave and follow Thee.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken,  
Thou from hence my all shall be.  
Perish every fond ambition,  
All I've sought or hoped or known.  
Yet how rich is my condition!  
God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me,  
They have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me;  
Thou art not, like them, untrue.  
O while Thou dost smile upon me,  
God of wisdom, love, and might,  
Foes may hate and friends disown me,  
Show Thy face and all is bright.

Soul, then know thy full salvation  
Rise o'er sin and fear and care  
Joy to find in every station,  
Something still to do or bear.  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,  
Think what Father's smiles are thine,  
Think that Jesus died to win thee,  
Child of heaven, canst thou repine.

Haste thee on from grace to glory,  
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.  
Heaven's eternal days before thee,  
God's own hand shall guide us there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,  
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,  
Hope shall change to glad fruition,  
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

Words: Henry Lyte; Music: Mozart (alt. by Bill Moore)

## 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

### Youth Small Groups Today

Middle and high-schoolers, join us today after worship until 6:30 for youth small groups. Pizza provided!

### Men's Pickleball Tournament

Over the next few months, we're having a Doubles Pickleball Tournament, with the championship match taking place Friday night at the Men's Retreat! Please sign up in the Church Center app.

### Youth Superbowl Party

All youth (middle and high school) – join us at the Reagan home after worship **February 11 to watch the Superbowl**. Details can be found in the Church Center app calendar or email John ([john@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:john@trinitypresfw.org)).

### Winter Conference

Join us **February 16 & 17 at our NEW BUILDING (207 W. Broadway)** for our **Winter Conference** with Dr. Tim Lane, entitled "Cultivating Your Marriage Through Heart Change & New Habits." **The Friday night session will be from 7pm - 9pm. The Saturday sessions will be 9am - 12pm. Nursery is available by contacting Amy Wood. Cost:** \$50/individual; \$100/couple, but scholarships are available. Please see the Church Center App for details and registration. Contact Brian ([brian@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:brian@trinitypresfw.org)) with questions.

### 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 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in January). Today we will eat at Dutch's.** 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)).

## Women's Bible Study

Our spring study has begun and we are studying the Sermon on the Mount. **The morning study meets on Thursday mornings 9:30-10:50 (coffee will be ready 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.** The cost of the study is \$20 to cover the cost of our study book by Jen Wilkin. Contact Susan Tyner ([susan@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:susan@trinitypresfw.org)) for more information.

## Men's Bible Study

Men, join us as we study the Sermon on the Mount this spring! **Register in the app for one of our two options: morning or lunch. You can either come to the Wednesday morning study (6:30am – 7:30am) at the home of Lee Tyner (2412 Sixth Ave 76110) 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 complete our study on March 20/21.

## Sunday School & Five Six Pause

As we prepare for our upcoming transition to weekly Sunday School in the new building, we are pausing bi-weekly after church Sunday School for adults and children and Five Six.

## Upcoming Save the Dates

- Youth Small Groups – January 28
- Winter Conference – February 16-17
- Men's Retreat – April 5-6
- Women's Retreat – April 26-27
- Belize Mission Trip – June 1-8

## 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 will move in in 2024. 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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