

## Trinity Presbyterian Church

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth.

#### Words for Reflection

In gathered worship, as nowhere else, we experience the power of the risen Jesus freeing us from the idolatries that gnaw at us.

- Ray Ortlund

To love money, you don't have to have lots of it.

- Ross Lester

In God's kingdom, life becomes more secure as we let go, not as we grip tighter.

- Kelly Kapic

He came to be hungry himself and fill us with rich food, he came to endure thirst and give us drink, he came to be clothed in our mortal nature and clothe us in immortality, he came poor to make us rich.

- St. Augustine

Luke's hearers then and now should see beyond themselves to the One who was poor for them, who hungered in the wilderness for them, who wept for them as he entered Jerusalem, who received hate, insults, and exclusion for them, and who was cast out and crucified outside Jerusalem as evil—the Son of Man.

- Arthur Just

## Order of Worship

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
— February 4, 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

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

—Psalm 103:1-5 ESV

## Hymn of Praise | Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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.

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven, To His feet Thy tribute bring; Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Who, like me, His praise should sing? Come and worship, come and worship Praise the Everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him, still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless;
Come and worship, come and worship
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows; In His hands He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes. Come and worship, come and worship Widely as His mercy goes.

Angels, help us to adore Him; Ye behold Him face to face; Sun and moon, bow down before Him, Dwellers all in time and space, Come and worship, come and worship Praise with us the God of grace.

Words: Henry Lyte, Ps 103; Nathan Partain, 2000, alt.; Music: Nathan Partain

## 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 that You are a good and faithful Father to us. We thank You for the way You care for us and provide for us. And yet, Lord we confess how quickly we look to created things to provide for us what only You can. We thank You for Your patience with us, and we ask that You would forgive us through the sacrificial death of Your Son on the Cross. Enable us by Your Spirit to find our life and our treasure in Jesus. We pray in his name. Amen.

### Silent Confession

## Assurance of Forgiveness

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

—2 Corinthians 8:9 ESV

## Hymn of Response | | Asked the Lord

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

I asked the Lord that I might grow In faith and love and every grace; Might more of His salvation know, And seek more earnestly His face.

'Twas He who taught me thus to pray, And He I trust has answered prayer, But it has been in such a way As almost drove me to despair.

I hoped that in some favored hour At once He'd answer my request, And by His love's constraining power Subdue my sins and give me rest.

Instead of this He made me feel The hidden evils of my heart, And let the angry powers of Hell Assault my soul in every part.

Yea more with His own hand He seemed Intent to aggravate my woe; Crossed all the fair designs I schemed, Cast out my feelings, laid me low.

Lord why is this, I trembling cried, Wilt Thou pursue thy worm to death? "Tis in this way" The Lord replied, "I answer prayer for grace and faith." "These inward trials I employ From self and pride to set thee free, And break thy schemes of earthly joy That thou mayest seek thy all in me, That thou mayest seek thy all in me."

Words: John Newton & Laura Taylor; Music: Laura Taylor

## 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

Isaiah 61:1-3

God speaks to us by His Word.

61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; 3 to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

## Baptism | Thomas Stephen Boswell

#### To the Parents (Maddie & James Boswell):

- 1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit? **We do.**
- 2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own? **We do**.
- 3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord? **We do.**

### To the Congregation:

Pastor: Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child? **People: We do.** 

"For you Jesus came into the world; for you he lived his life; for you he was crucified; for you he was raised from the dead; and for you he is coming again. You may not know this story now, but we, your church, promise to tell you this story until you make it your own."

(based on French Reformed Baptismal Liturgy)

## 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.

## The Reading of the Word

Luke 6:20-26

God speaks to us by His Word.

6:20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 21 Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. 22 Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! 23 Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

24 "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 25 Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. 26 Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets."

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 "Two Ways"

Sermon Notes

#### 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

#### Come to the Feast

Go to the highways and hedges, go to the farthest of fields
Go and compel the sick and the well
For our Father's house will be filled

Go to the streets of the city, bring in the crippled and blind All who would taste this banquet of grace Must come and waste no more time

Come to the feast, come to the table
The great and the least, the rich and the poor
Come to the feast, come to the table
Come and hunger no more

In the robe of the lamb you'll be covered Dressed in his pure righteousness
For all of your guilt, his blood it was spilt So come by your Father be blessed (Chorus 2x)

Words & Music: Jeff Lawson

## 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

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 | Arise, O God, and Shine

We respond in faith and song.

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

Arise, O God, and shine in all Thy saving might, And prosper each design to spread Thy glorious light; Let healing streams of mercy flow that all the earth Thy truth may know.

Bring distant nations near to sing Thy glorious praise; Let every people hear and learn Thy holy ways. Reign, mighty God, assert Thy cause, and govern by Thy righteous laws.

Put forth Thy glorious power, that everyone may see And earth present her store, in converts born to Thee. God, our own God, His Church will bless, And fill the world with righteousness.

To God, the only Wise, the one immortal King, Let hallelujahs rise, from every living thing; Let all that breathe, on every coast, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Words: William Hum; 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**

#### 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).

## DASH International Night of Worship

Join DASH for this unique opportunity to gather together as the global Church representing different languages, nations, and cultures to praise God and worship Him as one unified Body. This event gives us a glimpse of heaven. The event is Friday, February 23 at 7pm at "The Den" at Christ Chapel Bible Church (3701 Birchman Ave., 76107). Coffee and dessert will be served. Email Miranda (miranda@dashnetwork.org) with questions.

### 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) 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. Today we will eat at Central Market. Details about dinners and other events are in the Church Center app or contact Rachel (rachelkuchem@gmail.com) or Jeff (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) 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.

## 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 (<a href="mailto:jewettwade@gmail.com">jewettwade@gmail.com</a>).

#### 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: <a href="https://www.trinitypresfw.org/give">www.trinitypresfw.org/give</a>. 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).

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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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