



**TRINITY**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth.

## Words for Reflection

You are a sinner, a great, desperate sinner; now come, as the sinner that you are, to God who loves you. He wants you as you are; He does not want anything from you, a sacrifice, a work; He wants you alone...The mask you wear before men will do you no good before Him. He wants to see you as you are, He wants to be gracious to you.

– Dietrich Bonhoeffer

I must remind myself that the gospel welcomes me out of hiding. It welcomes me to face my darkest parts with hope. It assures me that there is nothing to be known about me that has not already been dealt with in the person and work of the Lord Jesus. So I don't have to build my ministry on the lie that I am something I'm not. I can live in honesty and humility before others, entrusting my present and future ministry into the hands of my Savior, knowing that no matter how people respond to me, he will never turn his back on me or on the gifts that he has given me.

– Paul Tripp

Shame doesn't make people make good choices, it makes people lie about the bad ones.

– Jessica Harris

Tear off your masks. The church was not meant to be a masquerade.

– Charles Spurgeon

# Order of Worship

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

— September 1, 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, magnify the LORD with me,  
    **and let us exalt his name together!**  
Those who look to him are radiant,  
    **and their faces shall never be ashamed.**  
Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
    **Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**  
— Psalm 34:3, 5, 8 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

Our Father in Heaven,

We thank You that You have created us for rich relationships with You and with one another. Yet, Lord, we confess that in our sin and shame, we attempt to hide from You and from one another. We thank You for the sin-atoning, shame-covering death and resurrection of Jesus and pray that You would forgive us through him. Enable us by Your Spirit to move towards You and towards one another in love. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Forgiveness

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

—1 John 1:8-9 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.*

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# The LORD Converses with Us

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

## The Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 2:25; 3:6-8, 21

*God speaks to us by His Word.*

**2:25** And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

**3:6** So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. **7** Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. **8** And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

**3:21** And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

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 will come to you or you may meet them in the Galveston foyer.*



# The Prayers of the People

*We lift up our requests to God knowing that He hears us when we pray.*

**Vocational Prayer Focus:** Healthcare

**Church Prayer Focus:** Riverpoint Church

**Mission Prayer Focus:** DASH Network

## The Reading of the Word

Romans 12:9-16

*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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

# The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Brian Davis

## *Who We Are: Trinity's 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

## 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

### Jesus, I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my sickness into Thy health,  
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,  
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into Thy blessed will to abide,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,  
Out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward forever on wings like a dove,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the joy and light of Thy home,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold,  
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Words: William True Sleeper; Music: Greg Thompson

### Jesus Whispers

Lamb of God, we fall before Thee,  
Humbly trusting in Thy cross;  
That alone be all our glory;  
All things else are vain and loss.

Thee we own a perfect Savior,  
Only source of all that's good:  
Every grace and every favor  
Comes to us through Jesus' blood.

*Jesus whispers this sweet sentence,  
"Son, thy sins are all forgiven."  
Faith He gives us to believe,  
Hearing ears and seeing eyes.*

When we live on Jesus' merit,  
Then we worship God aright,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Then we savingly unite.

*(Chorus)*

Hear the whole conclusion of it;  
Great or good, whate'er we call,  
God, or King, or Priest, or Prophet,  
Jesus Christ is All in All.  
(Chorus)

Words: Joseph Hart; Music: Clint Wells & Brian T. Murphy

## 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 | All My Ways Are Known to You

*We respond in faith and song.*

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

In days of peace and days of rest  
In times of loss and loneliness  
Though rich or poor, Your word is true  
That all my ways are known to You

No trial has come beyond Your hand  
No step I walk beyond Your plan  
The path is dark outside my view  
Still all my ways are known to You

*And oh what peace that I have found  
Wherever I may be  
For all my ways are known to You  
Hallelujah, they are known to You!*

I do not fear the final night  
For death will be the door to life  
You take my hand and lead me through  
For all my ways are known to You

*And oh what peace that I have found  
Wherever I may be  
For all my ways are known to You  
Hallelujah, they are known to You!  
And oh what peace that I have found  
Wherever I may be*

*For all my ways are known to You  
Hallelujah, they are known to You!  
Hallelujah, they are known to You!  
Hallelujah, they are known to You!*

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



## 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

### Women's Luncheon

Ladies, join us for lunch on September 8 to hear about opportunities for Trinity women to connect to each other and to God's Word this year. Lunch will be served immediately after the 11am service (12:30pm) in the Fellowship Hall. **Please register on Church Center by September 1.** Contact Susan Tyner ([susan@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:susan@trinitypresfw.org)) for more details or if you need childcare.

### Women's Fall Bible Study

Women's Bible study registration is open! This fall we will continue our journey through the Old Testament by using *What's SHE Doing Here? The Messy Women in Jesus's Genealogy*. The morning study will meet in the Fellowship Hall beginning on September 12, 9:30am-11am (note new start time). Childcare is provided. The evening study will begin the following Wednesday, September 18, at Becky Burt's home, 7pm-8:30pm. Our book cost is \$15. You may purchase this book when you register on the Church Center app. Questions? Contact Susan Tyner ([susan@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:susan@trinitypresfw.org)).

### Men's Bible Study

Join us starting September 4 & 5 for our Men's Bible study through the book of Proverbs. **There are two options: a Wednesday lunch study from 12 – 1pm in the Fellowship Hall (lunch provided) and a Thursday study from 6:30 - 7:30am in the Fellowship Hall (coffee provided).** Our hope is to learn "skill in the art of godly living" by looking at the Scriptures and hearing Wisdom Stories. Register on the Church Center app!

## Men's Lunch Roulette

Register in the Church Center app to enter your name. At the beginning of September, we'll divide up all the names into groups of 3 and you'll have that month to schedule a lunch with those guys. On October 1, we shuffle up the names and you'll have a month to meet up with your new group of 3. And we'll keep going for the rest of the fall.

## Softball Game

Please join us on September 29 at 3pm for some family fun at the Gateway Park Complex, Field 3! Trinity will face off against our friends at Fort Worth Pres. We will have a kids kickball game first, followed by an adult softball game. Bring your own drinks and snacks. If you are an experienced softball player, reach out to Jerry Bolz (817.808.8997) if you want to play.

## Young Adult Lunches

Trinity Young Adults is a group for post-undergrad, in grad school, career, single, or young marrieds. Come join us weekly after the second service for lunch. We gather as a group by the coffee bar area downstairs around 12:30pm and decide together where to go to lunch. Details about other ongoing young adult events are in the church center app or contact: Jack ([jacksonkassing@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonkassing@gmail.com)) or Rebecca ([rebecca.boswell17@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.boswell17@gmail.com)).

## DASH Dinner

**Join us September 10 at the Social Space from 6 – 8pm for a joyful, informative fundraising event.** DASH will provide you with a free delicious Mediterranean dinner, live music, and the screening of a testimony highlighting the story of a beloved DASH graduate who is now serving as a trauma nurse in DFW. Registration is free but space is limited. The link to register is in the Church Center app under "Events". We look forward to seeing you there!

## Christian Formation Classes

Pastor Brian is teaching "The Rhythms of Grace: The Practices of Abiding in Jesus" in the Sanctuary and Pastor Andy is teaching "How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth" in the Chapel. All of the classrooms are listed on page 22.

## Serve at Trinity

Trinity has many ministry areas that require volunteers. Now is a great time to check out the list of needs and see where you can get plugged in! **Visit Church Center Home page and click on the box that says "Serve" at the bottom to get involved!**

## Morning Prayer

Join us in the chapel on Friday mornings at 8am for prayer. Anyone is welcome!

## Our Building

Please visit our Building Updates and Prayer page on Church Center to see the ongoing list of needs and ways to contribute toward them. So far we have received \$47,724 toward the playground area, \$1,205 for misc/ffe, and \$6,410 for our landscaping needs. At the link below, you can see more details of our specific needs as well as give to them. Also, the page includes a way to let us know if you see any issues in the building that need addressing. Thanks for your help!



## 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 off of the Fellowship Hall (basement level) 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.

## 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.

## Lost and Found

If you have misplaced something, please check our Lost & Found. It is located in a cabinet behind the Information Desk in the Fellowship Hall.

## 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.

## Church Office Hours

Our office is closed on Mondays and open Tuesday through Friday 9am – 4pm.

## Christian Formation Classes/Rooms:

- 4s – Room 116
- 5s/Kindergarten – Room 214
- 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grades – Room 215
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grades – Room 217
- 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grades – Room 219
- Middle School – Room 220
- High School – Room 221
- Adult (Pastor Brian) – Sanctuary  
“The Rhythms of Grace: The Practices of Abiding in Jesus”
- Adult (Pastor Andy) – Chapel (Room 104)  
“How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth”

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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.

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