



TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth.

Words for Reflection

Fear of the judgment melts away as we see the One who has come to be our advocate and defender, the One who is on our side, who stands not against us but for us.

– Fleming Rutledge

Jesus promised his disciples three things—that they would be completely fearless, absurdly happy, and in constant trouble.

– G. K. Chesterton

In those moments of fear, remember that God watches over you in infinite power, unshakable authority and unending love.

– Paul Tripp

“Fear” in the biblical sense is a much broader word. It includes being afraid of someone, but it extends to holding someone in awe, being controlled or mastered by people, worshipping other people, putting your trust in people, or needing people.... The fear of man can be summarized this way: We replace God with people. Instead of a biblically guided fear of the Lord, we fear others.

– Ed Welch

Order of Worship

The Last Sunday of Epiphany
— March 2, 2025 —

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, magnify the Lord with me,
 and let us exalt his name together!
—Psalm 34:1-3 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

Our Father in Heaven,

We praise You that You are the One who has all authority and power, and we thank You that You have special care for us as Your people. Yet Lord, we confess that we have failed to fear You and worship You as we ought. Instead, we have feared and worshiped other people and sought from them what only You can provide. We ask that You would forgive us through the death and resurrection of Your Son, and enable us by Your Spirit to set our hope upon Jesus. In his name we pray.
Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

—1 Timothy 1:15-16 ESV

Hymn of Response | Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

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

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

Words and Music by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson

Confession of Faith | The Heidelberg Catechism #1

We join the church in history by confessing this basic statement of what Christians believe.

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

The LORD Converses with Us

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

The Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 34

God speaks to us by His Word.

34:1 I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. **2** My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. **3** Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together! **4** I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. **5** Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. **6** This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. **7** The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. **8** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! **9** Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! **10** The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. **11** Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. **12** What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? **13** Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. **14** Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. **15** The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. **16** The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. **17** When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. **18** The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. **19** Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. **20** He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. **21** Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. **22** The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

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: Elected Officials, Public Service Employees

Church Prayer Focus: Grace Church Southwest

Mission Prayer Focus: Mary Jones – RUF Intern @ Wofford

The Reading of the Word

Luke 12:1-12

God speaks to us by His Word.

12:1 In the meantime, when so many thousands of the people had gathered together that they were trampling one another, he began to say to his disciples first, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. **2** Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. **3** Therefore whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops.

4 "I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. **5** But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! **6** Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. **7** Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.

8 "And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God, **9** but the one who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of

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

God the Spirit

Holy Fount of inspiration
By whose gift the great of old
Spoke the Word of revelation
Marvelous and manifold

*God the Spirit we adore Thee,
In the Triune Godhead One
One in love and power and glory
With the Father and the Son*

Author of the new creation,
Giver of the second birth
May thy ceaseless renovation
Cleanse our souls from stains of earth
(Chorus)

When we wander, Lord direct us,
Keep us in the Master's way
Let thy strong swift sword protect us
Warring in the evil day
Shall the church now faint or fear
When the Comforter is near?
(Chorus)

Words: Samuel J. Stone; Music: Matt Boswell

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 | 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
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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

Christian Formation

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10am for an in-depth look at the Ten Commandments. Over the next several weeks, we'll take a look at the prologue and each commandment to learn more about God's character and what it looks like to live well in the world He created.

DASH Apartments

Trinity is helping DASH Network prepare and furnish two apartments in their new building to support immigrant families seeking asylum in our city. **Please consider volunteering for cleaning, painting, or move-in day on Saturday, March 8.** Also, we will need several items for furnishing and supplying these homes. You can donate new or gently-used items. **Learn more and sign up to help in the Church Center app or email Miranda (mirandaholland@att.net).** Also, we will be welcoming the whole DASH family to our church home for an **International Night of Worship on Saturday, March 29.** This is a beautiful evening celebrating the global church and worshipping our Lord along the sojourners in our city. It's a great event for your whole family to attend!

Youth Vases & Bases

Trinity Youth will be having a Vases and Bases event on Tuesday, March 4! The girls will put together floral arrangements with Crosby at the Bolz home (4228 Galway Ave) from 6:30-8pm while the guys hang with John at TCU to enjoy some baseball at 5pm! We're looking forward to this fun evening! Please register in the Church Center app.

Men's Retreat

Registration is open! Our annual Men's Retreat will be held at the Lone Oak RV Ranch and Retreat Center in Gainesville, Texas, April 4 & 5. This event is an opportunity for men to "get away", sit under the preached word of God, enjoy some free time, and build relationships with other believers. This year's speaker will be Paul Hahn, Lead Pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, San Antonio. Invite your friends! Find details and registration in the Church Center app.

Men's Spring Bible Study

Join us as we study Revelation this Spring. We have a Wednesday study from 12 -1pm (lunch provided) and a Thursday study from 6:30-7:30am (coffee provided) – both are in the Fellowship Hall. Please register in the Church Center app.

Women's Spring Bible Study

Many of us studied the messy women of Jesus's genealogy and how their stories fit into God's Big Story. Join us this Spring as we look at "the rest of the story" by studying Revelation. **The morning study meets in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity from 9:30-11am. Childcare is provided. The evening study meets Wednesdays at Becky Burt's home, 7-8:30pm.**

Young Adults

We're so glad you're here! Connect with us on the Church Center app to learn about ways to stay connected throughout the week. Contact: Jack (jacksonkassing@gmail.com) or Rebecca (rebecca.boswell17@gmail.com) for more info.

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. 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
- 1st/2nd Grades – Room 215
- 3rd/4th Grades – Room 217
- 5th/6th Grades – Room 219
- Middle School – Room 220
- High School – Room 221
- Adult – FH (Ten Commandments)

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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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