



**TRINITY**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth.

## Words for Reflection

Worship is our acculturation into God's people; it's where we learn to speak the language of the coming kingdom.

- James K. A. Smith

Jesus did bring the kingdom of God. Through repentance and faith, we enter it now. His reigning power is among us now, healing people by putting them right with God and each other. And yet, this present world is not over. We still live in a world of decay, disease, and death. This is what is meant by the "overlap of the ages." The kingdom of God—God's power to renew the whole of creation—has broken into the old world through Christ's first coming, but it is not fully here. The old order is still here, though it is doomed and living on borrowed time.

- Tim Keller

The distinguishing mark of this community (i.e. the Church) will be hope.

- Lesslie Newbigin

God's kingdom is a feast. A feast is the way things ought to be. The Father repairs the world by establishing the feast now, in the middle of the mess, before things are as they ought to be, so things can become what they ought to be.

- Peter Leithart

# Order of Worship

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

— May 25, 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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May God be gracious to us and bless us

**and make his face to shine upon us,**

that your way may be known on earth,

**your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**let all the peoples praise you!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

—Psalm 67:1-3 ESV

# Hymn of Praise I 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 God,

We thank You that Your Son Jesus has come proclaiming, enacting, and establishing the Kingdom of God. We praise You that the call and invitation to enter his Kingdom has come to us. Yet, Lord, we confess the ways we've been slow to repent and respond to his call. We often feel a greater affection for our sin than we do for Your Son. Please forgive us through the death and resurrection of our King, and enable us by Your Spirit to follow him. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Forgiveness

God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

—1 Corinthians 1:28-31 ESV

# Hymn of Response | Who Is This, So Weak and Helpless?

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

Who is this, so weak and helpless,  
Child of lowly Hebrew maid,  
Rudely in a stable sheltered,  
Coldly in a manger laid?  
Tis the Lord of all creation,  
Who this wondrous path has trod;  
He is Lord from everlasting,  
And to everlasting God.

Who is this, a Man of Sorrows,  
Walking sadly life's hard way,  
Homeless, weary, sighing, weeping  
Over sin and Satan's sway?  
Tis our God, our glorious Savior,  
Who above the starry sky  
Is for us a place preparing,  
Where no tear can dim the eye.

Who is this? Behold him shedding  
Drops of blood upon the ground!  
Who is this, despised, rejected,  
Mocked, insulted, beaten, bound?  
Tis our God, Who gifts and graces  
On His church is pouring down;  
Who shall smite in holy vengeance  
All His foes beneath His throne.

Who is this that hangs there dying  
While the rude world scoffs and scorns,  
Numbered with the malefactors,

Torn with nails, and crowned with thorns?  
Tis our God Who lives forever  
Mid the shining ones on high,  
In the glorious golden city,  
Reigning everlastingly.

Words: William Walsham How; Music: Christopher Miner

## Confession of Faith I Selections from 1 Corinthians 15

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

Dear Christians, let us remember what has been delivered to us as of first importance—the gospel which we received, in which we stand, by which we are being saved:

That Christ died for our sins, that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day, all in accordance with the Scriptures; that he appeared to Peter, then to the twelve, and then to more than five hundred at one time; that he has been raised from the dead as the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. Death is swallowed up in victory! Therefore, let us be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord our labor is not in vain.



# The LORD Converses with Us

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

## The Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 17:22-24

*God speaks to us by His Word.*

**17:22** Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. **23** On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. **24** And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

**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:** Finance, Administration, Business

**Church Prayer Focus:** Citylight Church

**Mission Prayer Focus:** UNT RUF

## The Reading of the Word

Luke 13:18-21

*God speaks to us by His Word.*

**13:18** He said therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? **19** It is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches."

**20** And again he said, "To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? **21** It is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened."

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

Pastor Brian Davis

## "The Mustard Seed and the Leaven"

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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, Cast a Look on Me

Jesus, cast a look on me,  
Give me sweet simplicity  
Make me poor and keep me low,  
Seeking only Thee to know

All that feeds my busy pride,  
Cast it evermore aside  
Bid my will to Thine submit,  
Lay me humbly at Thy feet.

Make me like a little child,  
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled  
Seeing only in Thy light,  
Walking only in Thy might.

Leaning on Thy loving breast,  
Where a weary soul can rest  
Feeling well the peace of God,  
Flowing from His precious blood.

In this posture let me live,  
And hosannas daily give  
In this temper let me die,  
And hosannas ever cry!

Words: John Berridge; Music: Matthew Perryman Jones

## It Is Finished

Hark, the voice of love and mercy,  
Sounds aloud from Calvary!  
See, it rends the rocks asunder,  
Shakes the earth and veils the sky!  
"It is finished, it is finished"  
Hear the dying Savior cry.

"It is finished," O what pleasure,  
Do these charming words afford.  
Heavenly blessings, without measure,  
Flow to us from Christ the Lord.  
"It is finished, it is finished,"  
Saints the dying words record.

Finished all the types and shadows,  
Of the ceremonial law;  
Finished all that God had promised;  
Death and hell no more shall awe.  
"It is finished, it is finished,"  
Saints from hence your comfort draw.

Tune your harps anew, ye seraphs;  
Join to sing the pleasing theme;  
Saints on earth and all in heaven,  
Join to praise Immanuel's name.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Glory to the bleeding lamb!

Words: Attributed to Jonathan Evans, 1784 & Benjamin Francis, 1787  
Music: Jeff Koonce



# 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

### Engagement Party for the Porters

Drop by June 8 to congratulate John Porter and his fiancée, Sarah Ryan, on their upcoming wedding! Come and go from 2-4pm at the Tyners' house (2412 Sixth Ave, 76110). Please register on the Church Center app – for middle-school ages and up.

### Men's Summer Study

Men, please join us for a lunch and book discussion on Wednesdays starting May 28 through June 25 at 12pm. As with the women's study, we will be reading and discussing the book *Delighting in the Trinity* by Michael Reeves. Please register in the Church Center app and order the book. Lunch will be provided, with a requested \$10 contribution.

### Women's Summer Study

Women, our summer study is an easy avenue of connecting with other women as well as God's Word. Join us Wednesday nights in June in the Fellowship Hall from 7-830pm. We are using Michael Reeves's book *Delighting in the Trinity*. After each teaching time (7-730), we will have an hour to create; each week using a different "canvas!" When you register in the Church Center app, you can select from the (optional) activities we have planned.

### Men's Fish Fry

Join us (and bring a friend!) for fried fish, cold refreshments, and good fellowship on June 19 at Galli Davis's hangar. Cost is \$20. See the Church Center app for registration and details or contact Graham ([graham.norris22@gmail.com](mailto:graham.norris22@gmail.com)).

## Membership Seminar

If you are interested in becoming a member at Trinity or just want to learn more about who we are as a church, **please join us for our membership seminar June 13 - 14. Details and registration are in the Church Center app or email Courtney ([admin@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:admin@trinitypresfw.org)).**

## Young Adults – Pickleball May 30

Join us on the TCU courts for pickleball under the lights. Whether you're a pickle prodigy or just here for the vibes, we've got a spot for you! May 30, at 6pm.

## Christian Formation

Pastor Brian is teaching on the Sacraments in the Fellowship Hall during Christian Formation.

## 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, our Director of Operations, and 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
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- High School – Room 221
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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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