



**TRINITY**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth.

## Words for Reflection

Christ's ascension means that in heaven there is one who, knowing firsthand the experience of suffering and temptation, prays for us and perfects our prayers. The ascension is a witness and guarantee of our own bodily resurrection, as well as an invitation for us to set our hearts and minds "on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God" (Col. 3:1-2) to rule over all things in heaven and throughout the universe (Eph. 1:10, 20-23).

- The Worship Sourcebook

There is now a man, a real man with our flesh and blood, our experiences of the world, our humanity, in heaven. For all Christ's heavenly majesty, seated on the throne, he is not now aloof from believers and unconcerned. He knows, and loves, and intercedes for his own.

- Michael Reeves

His body is taken from your sight, but God is not distanced from your hearts. Watch him ascend; believe in him while he is away; hope for his return; but all the time be aware that he is present with you through his hidden mercy. He who has ascended into heaven to remove himself from your sight has made you this promise: *'Lo, I am with you even to the end of the ages'* (Mt 28:20).

- Augustine

We do well to meditate on 'the origin, privileges, history, security, and glory of the church,' for this is our home forever. As we do so, we center our focus consistently on Jesus Christ. The beauty of the church is his beauty, the security of the church rests on his victory; the gladness of the church is rooted in his love.

- Christopher Ash quoting Charles Spurgeon

# Order of Worship

The Sunday after Ascension Day

— June 1, 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!**

God has gone up with a shout,

**the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

**Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

For God is the King of all the earth;

**sing praises with a psalm!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

—Psalm 47:5-7 ESV

# Hymn of Praise | Jesus, Everlasting King

*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.*

*Jesus, everlasting King,  
Accept the tribute which we bring;  
Accept the well-deserved renown,  
And wear our praises as your crown.*

O send Your Spirit to impart  
Rest and repentance to our hearts,  
Like the dear hour when from above  
We first received Your pledge of love.  
(Chorus)

The gladness of redemption's day,  
Our hearts would wish it long to stay,  
Nor let your faith forsake its hold,  
Nor comforts sink, or love grow cold.  
(Chorus)

May every time of worship see  
Your grace revealed more rich and free  
Till we are raised to sing Your name  
At the great supper of the Lamb.  
(Chorus)

O that the months would roll away  
And bring the coronation day;  
The King of Grace shall fill the throne  
With all His Father's glories on.  
(Chorus)

Words: Isaac Watts, Matthew S. Smith; Music: Matthew S. Smith

## 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

Almighty God,

You have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. Yet, we confess the ways that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have often gone along with the ways of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and deliver us from our sins. By Your Spirit, make us a people who bear witness to Your Son and his redemptive work to the ends of the earth. We pray this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church. Amen.

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

—Romans 8:33-34 ESV

# Hymn of Response | Before the Throne of God Above

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

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea.  
A great High Priest whose Name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in Heaven He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free.  
For God the just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb,  
My perfect spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace,  
One with Himself I cannot die.  
My soul is purchased by His blood,  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ my Savior and my God!

Words: Charitie Bancroft; Music: Vicki Cook

# Confession of Faith | The Heidelberg Catechism #49

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

Q. How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

A. First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

## The LORD Converses with Us

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

### The New Testament Lesson

Acts 1:1-12

*God speaks to us by His Word.*

**1:1** In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, **2** until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. **3** He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

**4** And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; **5** for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

**6** So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" **7** He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. **8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come



upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” **9** And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. **10** And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, **11** and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

**12** Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Welcoming Our New Members

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy? **I do.**
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel? **I do.**
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ? **I do.**
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability? **I do.**
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace? **I do.**

# 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:** Law & Law Enforcement

**Church Prayer Focus:** Central Bible Church

**Mission Prayer Focus:** UTA RUF

# The Reading of the Word

Psalm 48

*God speaks to us by His Word.*

**48:1** Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! His holy mountain, **2** beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King. **3** Within her citadels God has made himself known as a fortress. **4** For behold, the kings assembled; they came on together. **5** As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic; they took to flight. **6** Trembling took hold of them there, anguish as of a woman in labor. **7** By the east wind you shattered the ships of Tarshish. **8** As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God, which God will establish forever. **9** We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. **10** As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with righteousness. **11** Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments! **12** Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers, **13** consider well her ramparts, go through her

citadels, that you may tell the next generation **14** that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

# The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Brian Davis

*Praying the Psalms*  
"Praying to the God of Zion"

## 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

### Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty rock  
Within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness,  
A rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat,  
and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus,  
mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One  
Who suffered there for me;  
And from my stricken heart with tears  
Two wonders I confess  
The wonders of redeeming love  
and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow  
for my abiding place:  
I ask no other sunshine than  
The sunshine of His face;  
Content to let the world go by  
To know no gain nor loss,  
My sinful self my only shame,  
my glory, all the cross.

Words: Elizabeth C. Clephane; Music: Christopher Miner

## Come Then, Lord Jesus

The Church has waited long, her absent Lord to see,  
And still in loneliness she waits, a friendless stranger she.

Age after age has gone, sun after sun has set,  
And still, in weeds of widowhood, she weeps a mourner yet.

*Come then, Lord Jesus, come*

*Come then, Lord Jesus*

*Come then, Lord Jesus, come, come, come.*

We long to hear Thy voice, to see Thee face to face,  
To share Thy crown and glory then, as now we share Thy grace.

Should not the loving bride, the absent Bridegroom mourn?  
Should she not wear the weeds of grief, until her Lord return?

*(Chorus)*

The whole creation groans, and waits to hear that voice  
That shall restore her comeliness, and make her wastes rejoice.

Come, Lord, and wipe away, the curse, the sin, the stain,  
And make this blighted world of ours, Thine own fair world again.

*(Chorus)*

Words: Horatius Bonar, Katy Bowser, Kenny Hutson; Music: Katy Bowser & Kenny Hutson



# 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 | Lead On, O King Eternal

Lead on, O King eternal,  
The day of march has come;  
Henceforth in fields of conquest,  
Thy tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation,  
Thy grace has made us strong;  
And now, O King eternal,  
We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal,  
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
And holiness shall whisper,  
The sweet amen of peace.  
For not with swords' loud clashing,  
Nor roll of stirring drums;  
With deeds of love and mercy,  
The heavenly kingdom comes.

*Lead on, O King; Lead on, O King; Lead on, O King, Lead on*

Lead on, O King eternal,  
We follow, not with fears,  
For gladness breaks like morning,  
Where'er Thy face appears.  
Thy cross is lifted over us,  
We journey in its light;  
The crown awaits the conquest;  
Lead on, O God of might. (*Chorus*)

Words: Ernest Warburton Shurtleff, Jeff Pardo; Music: Jeff Pardo

## 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

### Congregational Meeting June 8

Please join us during Christian Formation next Sunday, June 8, for a congregational meeting where we will present the 2025-26 operating budget.

### 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.

### 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)).**

### 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)).

### 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 Summer Study

Men, please join us for a lunch and book discussion on Wednesdays in June 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.

## 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
- Middle School – Room 220
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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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