



**TRINITY**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth.

## Words for Reflection

Too often we look for the Spirit in the extraordinary when God has promised to be present in the ordinary.

- James K. A. Smith

The kind of spiritual life and disciplines needed to sustain the Christian life are quiet, repetitive, and ordinary.

-Tish Harrison Warren

The life that the Spirit gives is not some abstract thing. In fact, it is not primarily some *thing* that he gives at all. The Spirit gives us his very self, that we might know and enjoy him and so enjoy his fellowship with the Father and the Son.

- Michael Reeves

The gift of the Spirit is nothing less than the gift of Christ himself to the church, the Christ who has become what he is by virtue of his sufferings, death, and exaltation. In this sense the gift (baptism, outpouring) of the Spirit is the crowning achievement of Christ's work. It is his coming in exaltation to the church in the power of the Spirit.

- Richard Gaffin

Today, we gather in exile, in the world but not of it, but one day the exile will end. God will rebuild creation, and not one corner of it will be stained by sin and rebellion. Until then, we have these momentary and imperfect glimpses and foretastes as we gather, hear the Word, and respond together. As flawed and imperfect as these gatherings are, they're the most truthful moment of our week, an outpost of the kingdom of God and a foretaste of eternity.

- Mike Cospers

# Order of Worship

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

— January 18, 2026 —

## 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

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;

**we dwell in him and he in us.**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

**make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Sing to him, sing praises to him,

**and speak of all his marvelous works.**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,

**who was and is and is to come!**

—based on Psalm 105:1-2; Romans 5:5; Revelation 4:8

# Hymn of Praise | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*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 to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
Decked thee with health and with loving hand guided and stayed thee  
How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief,  
Spreading His wings to o'er shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly fore'er we adore Him.

Words: Joachim Neander; Music: Traditional German Melody

## 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 and Most Merciful Father,  
We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from Your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy Name.  
Amen.

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Forgiveness

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

—Ezekiel 36:25-27 ESV

# Hymn of Response | Come Ye Souls, by Sin Afflicted

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

Come ye souls, by sin afflicted,  
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down;  
By the broken law convicted,  
Through the cross, behold the crown;  
Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus;  
Mercy flows through Him alone.

Take His easy yoke and wear it;  
Love will make your obedience sweet;  
Christ will give you strength to bear it,  
While His grace shall guide your feet  
Safe to glory, Safe to glory, Safe to glory,  
Where His ransomed captives meet.

Blessed are the eyes that see Him,  
Blest the ears that hear His voice;  
Blessed are the souls that trust Him,  
And in Him alone rejoice;  
His commandments, His commandments, His commandments  
Then become their happy choice.

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary,  
Light to newly opened eyes,  
Like full springs in deserts dreary,  
Is the rest the cross supplies;  
All who taste it, All who taste it, All who taste it  
Shall to rest immortal rise.

Look to Jesus; look to Jesus; look to Jesus  
Mercy flows through Him alone.

Words: Joseph Swain (alt Twit); Music: Kevin Twit

# 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

Ezekiel 36:22-30

*God speaks to us by His Word.*

**36:22** "Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. **23** And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. **24** I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. **25** I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. **26** And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. **27** And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. **28** You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. **29** And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you. **30** I will make the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field abundant, that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations."

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:** Education – Teachers, Students, Staff, & Administration

**Church Prayer Focus:** City Church

**Mission Prayer Focus:** Southwest Church Planting Network

# The Reading of the Word

Ephesians 5:15-21

*God speaks to us by His Word.*

**15** Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, **16** making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. **17** Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. **18** And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, **19** addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, **20** giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **21** submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.





# 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

## 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

# 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 | Satisfied

*We respond in faith and song.*

All my life long I had panted for a drink from some cool spring  
That I hoped would quench the burning of the thirst I felt within

Feeding on the filth around me, 'til my strength was almost gone  
Longed my soul for something better, only still to hunger on

*Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his blood I now am saved*

Poor I was and sought for riches, something that would satisfy  
But the dust I gathered 'round me only mocked my soul's sad cry

*Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his blood I now am saved*

Well of water ever springing, Bread of Life so rich and free  
Untold wealth that never faileth, my Redeemer is to me

*Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his blood I now am saved*

Words: Clara T. Williams, 1875; Music: Karl Digerness, 1997

## 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

### Newcomers' Community Group

If you're new to Trinity, you're invited to join our Newcomers' Community Group, which will be hosted by Brian and Jeanette Davis. This 4-week CG will be a great introduction to life at Trinity and a fantastic opportunity to get to know other new people. We'll meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8pm at the Davises' home (1500 College Ave, 76104) starting January 22 and ending on February 12. At the end of the Newcomers' CG, our staff will help everyone get placed into one of our existing CGs for the rest of the year. Dinner is provided! If you have any questions, please contact Brian ([brian@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:brian@trinitypresfw.org)).

### Winter Conference

Please join us for our Winter Conference, "Real People, Real Community" with John Cox on February 20 – February 21. We will have one session Friday night at 6pm and one Saturday, ending at 12:30pm. Nursery and childcare are available Saturday. **Please see the Church Center app for details and registration.**

### Women's Bible Study

Ladies, please join us as we kick off our Women's Spring Bible Study in January. We will study the book of Acts and use Nancy Guthrie's materials *Saved*. If you are new to Bible study, it's a great way meet other women as we study God's Word. The cost is \$10 and registration is open! The morning study will meet 9:30-11 in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity beginning on January 22. Childcare is provided. The evening study will begin the following Wednesday, January 28, at Becky Burt's home, 7-8:30. If you have any questions, contact Susan Tyner ([susan@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:susan@trinitypresfw.org)).

## Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study this semester is studying the book of Acts. Please note that we have moved the lunch meetings to Thursdays. You can come either 6:30am Thursday mornings (coffee provided) or 12pm on Thursdays (lunch provided with a \$5 donation).

## Team Training

On Saturday, January 24 from 9-11:30am, we are hosting a Team Training for all ministry team members - Sunday morning teams, local mercy & world missions teams, as well as ministry teams (such as Women, Men, Youth, and Children). With a good breakfast and free childcare, this is a great way for your team to meet and begin planning our 2025-26 ministry year. Please register by January 22.

## New Epiphany Prayer Guides

Please pick up a copy of our new Epiphany Prayer Guide in the Galveston and Broadway foyers or at the Info Desk in the Fellowship Hall. Join us in the Chapel on Friday mornings from 8am to 830am as we pray the Morning Prayer office together. Anyone is welcome to join!

## Winter Play Group

Come let your kids play and get some energy out while you enjoy fellowship with other Trinity moms during our Winter Play Group. Scan the QR code to join the group and get the details! The next play date is January 23.



## 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 staff and 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:

- PreK/Kindergarten – Room 116
- 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 – FH (Membership Seminar – Chapel)

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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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