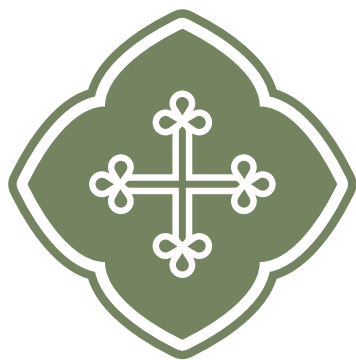




TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth.

Words for Reflection

It is impossible for the affectionate heart of Christ to be overcelebrated, made too much of, exaggerated. It cannot be plumbed. But it is easily neglected, forgotten. We draw too little strength from it.

-Dane Ortlund

Do not see the Father as one who is angry, but as one who is most kind and gentle. Let us see the Father as one who from eternity has always had kind thoughts towards us. The Father loses the company of his people because they are so ignorant of his love to them. His saints keep thinking only of his terrible majesty, severity and greatness, and so their hearts are not drawn to him in love. We must learn to think of his everlasting gentleness and compassion. Let our hearts and thoughts be filled with his love to us, even though many discouragements may lie in our way.

-John Owen

God wants to make you like him, and you are trying to make God like you.

-St. Augustine

Order of Worship

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

— September 13, 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

Come, everyone who thirsts,
 come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
 hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
—Isaiah 55:1, 3 ESV

Hymn of Praise | Come, Ye Sinners

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.

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,
Full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, He is able;
He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better,
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous;
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requires
Is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you,
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;
Pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.

Words: Joseph Hart; Music: Matthew 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 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

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

—Zephaniah 3:17 ESV

Hymn of Response | By Thy Mercy

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

Jesus, Lord of life and glory,
Bend from heaven thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore thee,
Friend of helpless sinners, hear:

From the depth of nature's blindness,
From the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness,
From the pride that lurks within,

By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.

When temptation sorely presses,
In the day of Satan's power,
In our times of deep distresses,
In each dark and trying hour.

When the world around is smiling,
In the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling,
In the day of health and peace.

By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.

In the weary hours of sickness,
In the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness,
When all human help is vain.

In the solemn hour of dying,
In the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on thee relying,
Find thee still our Rock and Stay.

By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.

Words: James John Cummins; Music: Greg Thompson

Confession of Faith | The Nicene Creed

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

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of
the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and
the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The LORD Converses with Us

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

The Old Testament Lesson

God speaks to us by His Word.

Psalm 118

Pew Bible pp. 482-483

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: Seven City Church

Mission Prayer Focus: Academy 4 @ Clarke Elementary

The Reading of the Word

Luke 13:31-35

God speaks to us by His Word.

13:31 At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." **32** And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. **33** Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' **34** O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! **35** Behold, your

house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Brian Davis

Cross-Shaped Mission: Luke's Travel Narrative

"The Heart of the King"

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

How Long?

How long? Will You turn Your face away?
How long? Do You hear us when we pray?
On and on, still we walk this pilgrim way - How long?

How long 'til Your children find their rest?
How long 'til You draw them to Your breast?
We go on holding to Your promises - How long?

*'Til You wipe away the tears from ev'ry eye
'Til we see our home descending from the sky
Do we wait in vain? Jesus, give us hope again!*

How long 'til Your word will still the storm?
How long 'til You bare Your mighty arm?
How we groan 'til You snatch us from the thorns - How long?
(Chorus)

How long? Sweet the dawn that ends the race.
How long? Weak our hearts but strong our legs.
Looking on - great that cloud of witnesses! How long?
(Chorus)

Words: Samuel John Stone; Music: Brian Moss & Jean Sibelius

Laden with Guilt and Full of Fears

Laden with guilt and full of fears
I fly to Thee, my Lord
And not a glimpse of hope appears,
But in Thy written Word
The volumes of my Father's grace
Does all my griefs assuage
Here I behold my Savior's face
In every page.

This is the field where, hidden, lies
The pearl of price unknown
That merchant is divinely wise
Who makes the pearl his own
Here consecrated water flows
To quench my thirst of sin
Here the fair tree of knowledge grows,
No danger dwells within.

This is the judge that ends the strife,
Where wit and reason fail
My guide to everlasting life
Through all this gloomy vale
Oh may Thy counsels, mighty God,
My roving feet command,
Nor I forsake the happy road
That leads to Thy right hand.

Words: Isaac Watts; 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 | Trinity Sending Song

We respond in faith and song.

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

May God the Father who loves us guide us
May God the Son speak the truth among us
May God the Holy Spirit move us
Show us the Kingdom of God

May God the Father who knows us bless us
May God the Son send his healing through us
May God the Holy Spirit teach us
Show us the Kingdom of God
Show us the Kingdom of God

*May we go in peace
To love and serve the Lord amen*

May God the Father who made us send us
May God the Son shine his light before us
May God the Holy Spirit lead us
Show us the Kingdom of God
Show us the Kingdom of God

*May we go in peace
To love and serve the Lord amen
(Repeat)*

Words & Music: Isaac Wardell, Lauren Goans, Paul Zach, and Taylor Leonhardt

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

Visitors' Welcome Lunch

All recent visitors are invited to join us for lunch after the 11am service **TODAY**. Come learn more about life at Trinity and get to know us better! Please register in the Church Center app or email Courtney (admin@trinitypresfw.org).

Newcomers' Community Group

If you're new to Trinity, you're invited to join our Newcomers' Community Group 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 folks here at the church. **We'll meet on Tuesday evenings from 630-8pm at the Davises' home (1500 College Ave, 76104).** Register in the Church Center app and dinner is provided! If you have any questions, please contact Brian (brian@trinitypresfw.org).

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 September 25 - 26.** Details and registration are in the Church Center app or email Courtney (admin@trinitypresfw.org).

55+ Adults Charcuterie

Please join us at the home of Jennifer and Fred Cauble (3955 Sarita Park, 76109) for a Charcuterie Sunday. We will enjoy food and fellowship on September 20 at 630pm. Questions? Contact Carin (carin.usry@yahoo.com).

Children's Library

We are looking for high-quality literature for babies through youth, Christian parenting resources, or Biblically-based storybooks. Drop off in the children's library on Sunday mornings or Tuesday – Friday, 9am-4pm. Contact Emily Williams (children@trinitypresfw.org) with any questions.

W2W Groups

Women 2 Women Groups meet once a month and provide small group support around a particular topic. Registration will close soon; please check out our different options, as well as *Mothers' Morning In*, in the Church Center app. Questions? Contact Becky Burt (legallady@aol.com).

Roctoher Youth Fall Retreat

7th-12th grade students, please join us for our annual, presbytery-wide youth fall retreat. The retreat is October 9-10 in Denton, TX. Cost is \$100 per person (scholarships available). Details and registration are on the Church Center app. Questions? Email John Porter (john@trinitypresfw.org).

Welcome Brunch for the Timmons Family

Let's give the Timmons family a Texas-sized welcome September 20, during Adult Christian Formation. While youth and kids go to their classes, adults will be able to meet Holly & Kevin. Please register if you plan to attend. For more information, call Susan Tyner (662.832.0242).

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 Taylor (taylor.foran@gmail.com) for more info.

Women’s Fall Bible Study

Join us as we continue our journey through the Old Testament studying 2 Samuel this fall. Our study format is a combo of teaching followed by small group discussion. The morning study meets 9:30-11am in the Trinity Fellowship Hall. Childcare is provided. The evening study meets Wednesdays at Becky Burt's home, 7-8:30pm. Register in the Church Center app. Contact Susan Tyner (susan@trinitypresfw.org) for any questions you may have.

Men’s Fall Bible Study

Men’s Bible Study will be studying 2 Samuel this fall. We have a morning and lunch study on Thursdays. The morning study has coffee and is from 6:30 to 7:30. The lunch study has sandwiches provided, and is from 12 to 1pm. Register in the Church Center app. Questions? Email Mark (mjdenton56@gmail.com).

Prayer Guide and Morning Prayer

Please pick up a copy of our 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!

Budget Update

Our fiscal year runs June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026.

General Fund Budget (6/1/26 – 8/31/26)	\$584,829
Monies Received (6/1/26 – 8/31/26)	\$458,533
Difference	(\$126,296)

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. 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.

Christian Formation Classes/Rooms:

- PreK/Kinder – Room 116
- 1st/2nd Grades – Room 215
- 3rd/4th Grades – Room 217
- 5th/6th Grades – Room 219
- Middle School – Room 220
- High School – Room 221
- Adult – Fellowship Hall
- Parenting in the Pews – Sanctuary
- Youth Parent Meeting – Chapel

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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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