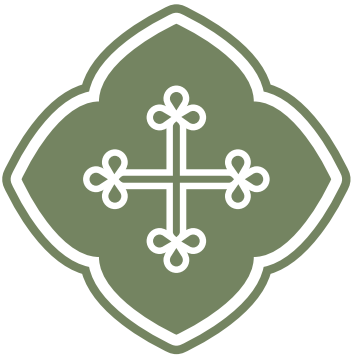

TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth.

Words for Reflection

The only wisdom we can hope to acquire is the wisdom of humility: humility is endless.

– T.S. Elliot

Legalism is simply separating the law of God from the person of God… [It is] almost as old as Eden itself. In essence it's any teaching that diminishes or distorts the generous love of God and the full freeness of his grace.

– Sinclair Ferguson

A self-image of correctness creates a spirit of accusation. A sense of having been forgiven by the only Faithful One creates a spirit of love.

– Ray Ortlund

Order of Worship

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
— September 20, 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

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
—Psalm 63:1-3 ESV

Hymn of Praise | Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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, Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Words: Robert Robinson; Tune: Folk Song

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

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

—Mark 10:45 ESV

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

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

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

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

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea

Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

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

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

Words and Music by Jonny Robinson, Rich 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

Proverbs 25:1-7

God speaks to us by His Word.

25:1 These also are proverbs of Solomon which the men of Hezekiah king
of Judah copied. 2 It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of
kings is to search things out. 3 As the heavens for height, and the earth for
depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. 4 Take away the dross from
the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; 5 take away the wicked
from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in right-
eousness. 6 Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in
the place of the great, 7 for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than
to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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.

Reformed University Fellowship @ TCU
Rev. Bradford Green

Vocational Prayer Focus: Homemakers
Church Prayer Focus: St. Andrew's Anglican
Mission Prayer Focus: Kris Kooper – RUF @ NC Central University

The Reading of the Word

Luke 14:1-11

God speaks to us by His Word.

14:1 One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the
Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. 2 And behold, there was a
man before him who had dropsy. 3 And Jesus responded to the lawyers
and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" 4 But
they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him
away. 5 And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that
has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?"
6 And they could not reply to these things.
7 Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed
how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, 8 "When you are in-
vited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor,
lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, 9 and he
who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this
person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. 10
But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your
host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be
honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. 11 For everyone
who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be
exalted."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

The Preaching of the Word

Rev. Bradford Green

Cross-Shaped Mission: Luke's Travel Narrative

"Jesus at the Table"

Sermon Notes

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

Be Unto Your Name

We are a moment, You are forever
Lord of the Ages, God before time
We are a vapor, You are eternal
Love everlasting, reigning on high

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Highest praises, honor and glory
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name

We are the broken, You are the healer
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before You, blessing Your name *(Chorus)*

Words & Music: Gary Sadler & Lynn DeShazo

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

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!
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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

Rev. Bradford Green

Bradford Green is the RUF Campus Minister at TCU. Originally from Murfreesboro, TN, he received his M.Div from RTS Charlotte and call to RUF in the spring of 2013. In 2019, Bradford and his wife Cristina – a native of Houston, TX and graduate of TCU – moved to Fort Worth to continue God's work through RUF on campus. They have three kids: Weldon (12); Rosie (10); and Wilkes (7).

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 **TODAY** at the home of Jennifer and Fred Cauble (3955 Sarita Park, 76109) for a Charcuterie Sunday. We will enjoy food and fellowship 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).

Roctober 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 Today

Let's give the Timmons family a Texas-sized welcome **TODAY** during Adult Christian Formation. While youth and kids go to their classes, adults will be able to meet Holly & Kevin.

The Birds and the Bees

Save the Date: *The Birds and the Bees* will be at Trinity on Thursday, November 5 from 6:30 - 8:30pm. Make plans to attend and invite your neighbors and friends!

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 is 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!

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.

Church Office Hours

Our office is closed on Mondays and open Tuesday through Friday 9am – 4pm.

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 (Timmonses' Brunch)

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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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