



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

October 26, 2008
Reformation Sunday

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Today we celebrate Reformation Sunday, a day when we look back to our Protestant and Reformed roots. We remember especially the witness and work of Martin Luther, John Calvin and John Knox. One of the hallmarks of the Reformation was an emphasis on the "priesthood of all believers," a doctrine that states that every member is called to ministry by God. During today's worship service, we will lift up, celebrate and commission a number of "priests" in our midst. One of those priests is Brian Schroer, Trinity's webmaster. Brian has given countless hours to this vital outreach of our congregation. Today we honor Brian for his great work and for the ways his work enhances our ministry. At different times in the service we will project pages from the website as a way to enhance our worship.

PRELUDE

Title: Highland Cathedral
Composer: Traditional Piping Tune

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Come, Great God of All the Ages
Cyril Vincent Taylor/Mary Jackson Cathey

*Come, great God of all the ages, make Your earthly mission known;
Speak through every deed and person, let Your way and will be shown.
Guide the church to true commitment, give direction now, we ask;
Fit us for the work of building, dedicate us to the task.*

*Come, great Spirit, in and with us, tune our ears to hear Your call;
Through the moving of Your presence, let redeeming love recall
Ministry in dedication, love embodied in our deeds;
Challenge us to do Your bidding, see Your purpose, fill all needs.*

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 145

Leader: *I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.*

People: Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

Leader: *Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; God's greatness is unsearchable.*

People: One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

Leader: *On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.*

People: The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.

Leader: *They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.*

People: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *UNISON*

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

SONG OF PRAISE *UNISON*


He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan;
 He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan;

Native American (Muscogee), Transcription: Charles Webb, 1989

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Please greet one another with the words, "The Peace of Christ be with you." Those who have been standing may sit.

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS IN OUR MIDST – Brian Schroer

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM 100

Jubilate Deo

Music: Malcolm Archer

*O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands,
 Serve the Lord with gladness and come before His presence with a song.
 Be ye sure that the Lord He is God.
 It is He that hath made us and not we ourselves;
 We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
 O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving
 And into His courts with praise.
 Be ye thankful unto Him and speak good of His name.
 For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting,
 And His truth endureth from generation to generation.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,
 World without end, Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:1-11 (New Testament, page 93)

SERMON

The Best Is Yet to Come

Those who are able are invited to stand.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – HYMN 392 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

Those who have been standing may sit.

TIME FOR PEACEMAKING – Commissioning Adult Mission Trip Members and CROP Walkers

Trinity Presbyterian Church has a long-standing commitment to peacemaking. At this time of our worship, we lift up the areas of our world that are in need of peace, we discover ways we can be peacemakers in our lives, and we pray for peace. We light the Peace Candle to remind us that “the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.”

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

CALL FOR USHERS

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

During the offering, please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to the person sitting next to you. When the pad reaches the end, please pass it back and take note of who is worshipping with you this morning.

OFFERTORY

Title: Amazing Grace
Composer: John Newton

Those who are able are invited to stand.

SONG OF PRAISE UNISON

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![‡]

[†]*You may substitute the word “God”*

[‡]*You may substitute the words “Creator, Word, and Holy Ghost!”*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (*Tune: Hyfrydol*)
(*Led by Jim Miller on the Great Highland Bagpipe*)

God, whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store,
Nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom, costly cross, grave’s shattered door:
Gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, Your Son:

All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at Your throne.

Treasure, too, You have entrusted, gain through powers Your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands, in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.

WORDS OF SENDING & BLESSING

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Oseh Shalom

Music: Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue NYC

O - seh sha - lom bim - ro-mav hu ya - a-seh sha - lom a -

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lei-nu v' al kol Yis - ra - el v' i m' ru, A - men.

May he who makes peace in high places,
make peace for us and for all Israel,
and let us say, amen.

POSTLUDE

Title: *Improvisation on Reformation Chorale: Ein' Feste Burg*

Composer: *arr. Wade*

Today is Reformation Sunday, the day we commemorate our Reformed heritage that was started by Martin Luther, continued by John Calvin and John Knox, and is still living with us today. The color of Reformation Sunday is red, the color of fire and the Holy Spirit.

Liturgist – John Pfeifer, the Rev. Julie March

Preacher – Dr. Dan Anderson-Little

Organist – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

Choir Director – Vicki Carmichael

Piper – Jim Miller from the John Ford Pipe Band is playing the Great Highland Bagpipe

Choir – Trinity Choir

October 26, 2008
Spiritual Growth – 9:30 a.m.
Gather for Worship – 10:20 a.m.
Worship – 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship – 11:30 a.m.



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News and Notes

We open our doors to all persons to join in worship, fellowship, educational programs, and service.

We welcome into membership all who profess faith in Jesus Christ without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, worldly conditions, sexual orientation, disability, or any other human condition.

We elect and ordain persons who are called by God and committed to serving the Lord Jesus Christ in the Church.

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

If you are seeking a church home, we encourage you to consider becoming a member. New member classes occur quarterly. Please speak with Dan Anderson-Little if you are interested.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Trinity Church welcomes children in its worship services. Nursery and childcare are provided downstairs for children pre-school and younger. And, Trinity kids, remember to pick up your own worship bags in the back of the Church! Spiritual growth classes for kids are held at 9:30 am Sunday mornings.

TODAY AT TRINITY

THE RECORDER GROUP will practice in the Narthex Room at 8:45 am this morning.

CROP WALK – TODAY! Religious communities all over the St. Louis metropolitan area have set their sights on raising \$150,000 to feed the poor. 25% of the funds will go to Operation Food Search here in St. Louis to support metro-wide hunger relief efforts, and the remaining 75% will be used by Church World Service and other international agencies for disaster relief and self-help projects throughout the world. Wish the Trinity Trotters well as they walk today and support them with your donations (go to www.trinityucity.org and click on the CROP Walk icon to the left of the screen).

GOD'S CHILD DINNER: Tonight, the God's Child Project will host a fundraising dinner at Trinity. Money raised will go to building houses in Guatemala, a project that 3 members of the congregation have participated in.

ADULT EDUCATION

OUR ADULT EDUCATION SERIES, "SAVING JESUS," continues this morning at 9:30 am in the Chapel. This 12-session DVD and discussion of Jesus through the ages will explore our traditional beliefs about Jesus and move on to challenge or affirm us with some new ideas. The program contains contributions from the great religious thinkers of our time and will be moderated by Rick Hasler and Larry Pontious. If you cannot attend all 12 sessions, please come when you can, as each session is self-contained. Upcoming topics:

- *Today: Teachings of Jesus: Wisdom Tradition*
- *Nov. 2: Jesus' Program: The Kingdom of God*
- *Nov. 9: Jesus' Life: Model for discipleship*
- *Nov. 16: Killing Jesus, Part 1: Who Killed Jesus?*
- *Nov. 23: Killing Jesus, Part 2: The Atonement*
- *Nov. 30: The Resurrection of Christ*
- *Dec. 7: Why Jesus is Worth Saving*



You can also check the DVD series out of the office to view on your own...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IT IS TIME TO BRING IN YOUR WRAPPED ADVENT GIFTS, unless you are donating stamps. There will be a box in the Narthex and also one in the office. Please label your gifts with your name and the contents on the gifts. We need all wrapped gifts **by November 9**. The bags will be distributed on Nov. 16. Thanks so much. Any questions, please call Sandy Norkaitis, 863-7699.

WE NEED TURKEYS! As in years past, the Winger Food Pantry will be handing out turkeys to our clients on Wednesday, November 19 just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. Last year we handed out over 60 turkeys and, with the economy in the state it is in, we expect the need to be even greater this year. If you would like to make a donation to the turkey give-away, please send a check or cash, earmarked for the turkeys, to the church or place it in the offering plate on Sunday. You can also purchase a turkey and deliver it to the church by Sunday, November 16. If purchasing a turkey, please remember, **smaller is better**. Many of our clients walk to and from the pantry and they have a difficult time lugging a large bird home. Many thanks in advance for your support of the food pantry. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Stacey Carman at 314-567-4150 or carmans@swbell.net.

TOWN HALL MEETING AND DINNER: Please plan to join members of the Session and fellow congregation members at a Town Hall Meeting and light dinner on Sunday, November 2nd from 6 – 7:30 p.m. in the Dining Room. You will have a chance to learn more about how the Session's typical yearly budget discussion led to intense conversation and a new approach to discovering our future. Come learn and give your input as we discuss the discernment process, our future, and the budget as we plan to better understand God's future for Trinity—one where **The Best is Yet To Come!** Reservations are strongly encouraged. Childcare will be available. Call the Church Office 314-725-3840 or email tpcucity@swbell.net.

A SEASON FOR MARY – A TIME FOR WOMEN: Do you ever long for a place set apart, a peaceful place to retreat in the midst of your busy schedule? Do you yearn for a time to stop all the activity and get away for a weekend of rest? Plan to attend the 5th annual Women's Advent Retreat, scheduled for December 5-7 at Mound Ridge Camp and Retreat Center. Sponsored by Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery, this year's retreat theme is A Season for Mary, led by Rev. Julie March. There will be short, guided sessions planned around the theme, and you will also have time to spend alone in quiet, fellowship with other women, read or walk in the woods. For more information or to register, contact Julie March (314-825-3550), Cindy Corley at the Presbytery office (314-772-2395, ext.100) or Christy Foster, Director of Mound Ridge Camp, (cfoster@glpby.org, 573-265-3098).

THE LEE INSTITUTE SPEAKER SERIES at Ladue Chapel (9450 Clayton Rd, 63124; 993-4771) presents "The Faith Club," an address by the authors of the 2006 book of the same name. Come hear three mothers, a Muslim, a Christian and a Jew talk about the process of writing a children's book together to answer their children's questions about God, faith and individual religions and the interfaith friendships that developed. The program is Monday, Nov. 10th at 7:30 pm and is free and open to the public.

COME TO THE GALLERY to see pictures and artwork from Trinity's recent Mound Ridge retreat.

CAN YOU "CARRY A TUNE IN A BUCKET?" How about in church? Do you long to sing out on the hymns in church but worry that you won't sound good? A beginning Sight-Singing Class started October 2nd at 6:15 p.m. in the choir room. All are welcome to try learning some "new tricks" in this risk-safe environment. This pilot class is expected to run for 10 weeks between October 2 and December 18 (there are two "off-weeks" during that time), but may continue indefinitely depending upon interest level. For more information, contact me at vcarmichael44@gmail.com or call the church office at 314-725-3840.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

If you would like an addition to the prayer list or know of a member in need of prayer, please contact the church office.

Joys

Prayers of Joy and Thanksgiving:

- For Vicki Carmichael, Barb Rand, Lisa Bernhard and Joe Thornhill as they go on a Mission Trip to New Orleans, October 27-November 2.
- For the addition at Trinity of Dawn Fleishman as our new Minister of Spiritual Growth. She will begin Oct. 27.

Prayers for Those Preparing for Ministry:

- For Rhonda Dunbar as she begins studies at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, VA.
- For Diane O'Brien as she pursues theological studies at Eden Theological Seminary.

Concerns

Prayers for Comfort:

- For George Van Hare at the death of his father George Van Hare, Jr. on October 6, 2008.
- For Margy Brown at the death of her father Dick who died on October 6, 2008.
- For the Bregitzer family at the death of Virginia, who died on October 2, 2008. The Bregitzers are former members of Trinity.

Prayers for Healing:

- For Curt March who is suffering with shingles.
- For four-year-old Ambar Suero Petion from the Dominican Republic, whom the Trotter-Edmonds family is fostering while she receives medical care here for 6-8 weeks. She underwent open heart surgery at Cardinal Glennon on Oct. 13.
- For Diane O'Brien recovering at home from an appendectomy and an abdominal infection.
- For Bill Hedrick, former pastor of Second Presbyterian Church in St. Louis who has been diagnosed with myelofibrosis, a bone marrow disorder.
- For Barbara Isaac, daughter of Janet Guenther, and her family as Barbara moves into a nursing home to care for her Alzheimer's Disease.
- For Karon Bilbrey's niece, Lisa Becker who is dealing with thyroid cancer.
- For former members Bill and Joyce Brackman, as Bill begins treatment for brain cancer in California.
- For Lynn Reid's grandfather in Iowa who is in poor health.
- For Betty Gray, Diana's sister-in-law (brother's wife), whose lung cancer has progressed and is in the last stages of her life.
- For Mimi Jeske, Tom Wilhite's significant other, undergoing treatment for ovarian cancer.
- For Dan Little, Dan Anderson-Little's father, being treated for brain cancer in Madison, WI.
- For Christy Schindler's cousin Mark Mellinger, in Flower Mound, TX, receiving chemotherapy for lung cancer and experiencing many complications.

- Marilyn Kuhn, counselor for Care & Counseling and good friend of Trinity Presbyterian Church, undergoing treatment for lymphoma.
- Ann Weems, having blood pressure problems.
- Don Weems, having back and eye concerns.
- The Pontious family (Elaine, Larry, Adam & Tati) as they help Adam have an abundant life in the midst of disabilities.
- Kim Merritt, dealing with multiple health issues.
- Barbara Robinson, who is in a coma following a stroke in October 2006.

Prayers for Homebound Members:

Helen Bauer

Mabel Howell

Evelyn Patterson

Myrtle Beckmeyer

Juanita Bruns

Colleen Osborn

Eleanor Griffin

Jim Pettus

Maxine Story

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Monday, October 27

1:00 pm

Genesis House Bible study, Youth Lounge

Tuesday, October 28

11:30 am

Presbyterian Women, Dining Room

Wednesday, October 29

1:00 – 4:00 pm

Trinity Food Pantry

6:30 pm

Handbell Choir rehearsal

Thursday, October 30

7:15 pm

Trinity Choir rehearsal, Choir room

Friday, October 31

Office closed

Sunday, November 2

8:45 am

Recorder group rehearsal, Narthex Room

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Town hall meeting & Dinner, Dining Room (Please RSVP)

TRINITY STAFF

Dr. Daniel R. Anderson-Little, Pastor
The Rev. Julie March, Associate Pastor for Equipping
Vicki Carmichael, Interim Minister of Music—Choir Director
Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO, Interim Minister of Music—Organist
Dawn Fleishman, Minister of Spiritual Growth
Elizabeth Nelson, Church Administrator
Linde Baechle, Financial Administrator
Birty Hodgson, Building & Grounds Caretaker
The Rev. Nancy Wagner, Parish Associate
Dr. Donald A. Weems, Pastor Emeritus

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