



# Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

November 16, 2008  
Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Commitment Sunday

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**PRELUDE** Prelude on “Repton” (*How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord* – Hymn #419)  
*Composer: Robert Powell (b. 1932)*

## **GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** Come, Great Spirit  
*Cyril Vincent Taylor/Mary Jackson Cathey*

*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 126

*Leader: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.*

*People: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”*

*Leader: The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.*

*People: Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the desert.*

*Leader: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.*

*People: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.*

**HYMN 111** Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **LITANY OF CONFESSION** UNISON

*Leader: We confess that we are set this day in the midst of your awesome, awful work.*

*People: We will, because we have no alternative, be present this day to your dreadful work of termination.*

*Leader: We watch while you pull down and dismantle that with which you are finished.*

*People: We will, because we have no alternative, be present this day to your dream-filled work of evoking, imagining, forming, and inviting.*

*Leader: We are double-minded in your presence, because we treasure what you end and we fear what you conjure—but we are your people and trust you this day in your awesome, awful work.*

*People: Override our reluctance and take us with you in justice, in mercy and peace.*

Leader: *Take us with you in your overriding, that our day may be a day of joy and well-being and newness from your very hand.*

People: In the name of your decisive newness, even Jesus. Amen.

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*Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth, Fortress Press.*

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Leader: *From the book of Revelation we hear this good news: "See, the home of God is among mortals. God will dwell with them; they will be God's peoples, and God will be with them; God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."*

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and are made new. Amen.

### SONG OF PRAISE UNISON

I'm so glad Je-sus lift-ed me, I'm so glad Je-sus lift-ed me,  
I'm so glad Je-sus lift-ed me, sing-ing glo-ry hal-le-lu-jah, Je-sus lift-ed me!

### 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.*

### TIME FOR PEACEMAKING & "THE BEST IS YET TO COME" – REFLECTION ON THE STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

*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."*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### ANTHEM

As Truly as God Is Our Father

Music: William Mathias; Words: Julian of Norwich

*As truly as God is our Father, so just as truly is God our Mother.*

*In our Father, God Almighty, we have our being;*

*In our merciful Mother we are remade and restored.*

*Our fragmented lives are knit together.*

*And by giving and yielding ourselves, through grace, to the Holy Spirit we are made whole.*

*It is I, the strength and goodness of Fatherhood.*

*It is I, the wisdom of Motherhood.*

*It is I, the light and grace of holy love.*

*It is I, the Trinity, it is I, the unity.*

*I am the sovereign goodness in all things.*

*It is I who teach you to love.*

*It is I who teach you to desire.*

*It is I who am the reward of all true desiring.*

*All shall be well, and all shall be well,*

*And all manner of thing shall be well. Amen.*

**SCRIPTURE READING**          John 20:1-18 (New Testament, page 114)

**SERMON**                         The Best Is Yet to Come, Part II

*Those who are able are invited to stand.*

**HYMN OF COMMITMENT 132**          Come, Great God of All the Ages

*During the singing of this hymn, every worshipper is invited forward by rows to present your Hope Card and your Pledge Card. Even if you are a one-time visitor, you are invited to express your hope for God's future by presenting either or both of the cards. You may place the cards in the basket and return to your seat by the side aisle. If you are not able to come forward, an usher will come to you. The Hope Cards will be used for the Call to Worship in the coming weeks.*

*Those who have been standing may sit.*

**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**

**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**

O Praise Ye The Lord

*Music: C. Hubert H. Parry, arr. Paul W. Lohman; Words: Henry W. Baker*

*O praise ye the Lord, praise God in the height;  
Rejoice in God's word, ye angels of light!  
Ye heavens, adore the Creator of life,  
Who brings us the victory o'er death, sin and strife.*

*O praise ye the Lord, praise God upon earth  
In tuneful accord, ye heirs of new birth,  
Praise God who has brought us such grace from above,  
And laud the Almighty in anthems of love.*

*O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song  
To God be outpoured all ages along;  
For love in creation, for heaven restored,  
For grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord. Amen.*

*Those who are able are invited to stand.*

**SONG OF PRAISE UNISON**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise Him<sup>†</sup> all creatures here below!  
Praise Him<sup>†</sup> above ye heavenly host!  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!<sup>‡</sup>

<sup>†</sup>*You may substitute the word "God"*

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**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**HYMN (INSERT)**

**We Are God's People**

**COMMISSIONING OF ADVENT BAGS AND ADVENT BAG DELIVERERS**

**WORDS OF SENDING & BLESSING**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE UNISON Sent Out in Jesus' Name**

*Words: Anon., Trans. by Jorge Maldonado;*

*Music: Traditional Cuban; arr. by Carmen Pefia*

Sent out in Je - sus' name, Our hands are rea - dy now to  
make the earth the place in which the king - dom comes. Sent comes. The  
an - gels can - not change a world of hurt and pain in - to a world of  
love of jus - tice and of peace. The task is ours to do, to  
set it tru - ly free. O help us to o - bey and car - ry out your will.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a repeat sign. The second staff includes first and second endings. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

**POSTLUDE**

**Thine Is The Glory**

*Composer: arranged by Richard Warner*

*Members of Trinity Presbyterian Church are invited to stay in their seats for the Congregational Meeting which will begin immediately after the Postlude.*

The second period of Ordinary Time begins following Pentecost and continues until Advent. The liturgical color of Ordinary Time is green, the color of life and growth.

**Liturgist** – Willie Wysession, Luise Hoffman, the Rev. Julie March

**Peace Prayer** – Stacy Shupe

**Preacher** – Dr. Dan Anderson-Little

**Organist** – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

**Choir Director** – Vicki Carmichael

**Choir** – Trinity Choir

November 16, 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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# *Trinity Presbyterian Church*

## *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.*

## We Are God's People

F C F/A Bb F C F C

1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord,  
2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ, our Lord,  
3. We are the bod - y of which the Lord is Head,  
4. We are a tem - ple, the Spir - it's dwell - ing place,

F C F/A Bb F C F C

born of the Spir - it, es - tab - lished by the Word. Our  
for we have known it, the love of God out - poured. Now  
called to o - bey Christ, now ris - en from the dead. God  
formed in great weak - ness, a cup to hold God's grace. We

Cm Gm/Bb A7 A7/C# Dm Dm/C Bb

cor - ner - stone is Christ a - lone, and strong in Christ we stand; O  
let us learn how to re - turn the gift of love once given; O  
wills us be a fam - i - ly di - verse, yet tru - ly one; O  
die a - lone, for on its own each em - ber los - es fire; yet

C C7/Bb Gm C F G C Bb/C Gm F/A Bbma9 Gm/Bb F/A C F

let us live trans - par - ent - ly and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.  
let us share each joy and care and live with a zeal that pless - es heaven.  
let us give our gifts to God and so shall God's work on earth be done.  
joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light and to in - spire.

## 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

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** We will hold a short congregational meeting immediately following worship to elect new officers and to give concurrence to the Session's recommendation of 6 weeks of leave time for Dr. Dan Anderson-Little. Please plan to attend.

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

ADVENT BAGS will be distributed this morning for delivery to shut-ins. Any questions, please call Sandy Norkaitis.

## 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: *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.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*LOOKING FOR SHORT-TERM WAYS TO GET INVOLVED? HERE ARE THREE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:*

- 1) **IMMEDIATE BAGGING NEED:** The food pantry is in need of baggers for the month of November. We had a record number of clients this Wednesday - 37 by 2:30. The need for food is great, so that means we need lots of food bagged. We are anticipating large numbers the rest of the month but especially on Wednesday, November 19 when we hand out the turkeys. If you can bag once, twice or every week in November, please let Stacey Carman know as soon as possible (314-567-4150 or carmans@swbell.net).
- 2) **PERIODIC TREATS:** Want to do a simple thing for our church with huge reward? Why not think about taking a week now and then to provide the fellowship treats that we and our families all enjoy after worship? It's so simple. Something that kids enjoy helping with too as well as significant others. Quinn has a lot of fun helping me pick things out at the store then helping arrange them on trays in the church kitchen. Reimbursement is simple too. Just give Liz your receipts for items bought and you will be quickly reimbursed. The weeks that we could use some help for this month are, Nov. 16th, and Nov. 30th. December is wide open. Have a fun idea for the Christmas season? Let us know. If you'd like to give this simple ministry a try please contact Cheryl Evans, Dave Nelson or Jim Person. Thanks!
- 3) **A HANGING OF THE GREENS** coordinator is needed. Do a couple of you feel called to help organize our decoration of the sanctuary and exterior for Christmas? We have set aside Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> as the day. Worker bees are already working on touching up the wreaths and no new decorations need to be made this year—we just need hands to hang items and set up our artificial trees. Please contact Liz (725-3840) for tips—no need to reinvent the wheel.

**USHERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE:** Pat and Jane Gibbons appreciate all who have volunteered to be ushers. They can still use ushers for the 11pm Christmas Eve service. Please contact them or sign up on the usher sheet by the drinking fountain near the office.

**WE NEED TURKEYS!** The Winger Food Pantry will be handing out turkeys to our clients on Wednesday, November 19 just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. 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. Please let Stacey know today if you plan to bring a turkey by Tuesday. If purchasing a turkey, please remember, **smaller is better**. Many of our clients walk to and from the pantry. Many thanks in advance for your support of the food pantry. Questions, please do not hesitate to contact Stacey Carman at carmans@swbell.net.

**THE WILD WITH WORDS** writing group will meet in the Chapel from 6:30-8:30 pm on November 30, December 14, December 28, January 11 and January 25. All are welcome!

**WHO KNEW OF BIRTY'S SKILL?** Did you know Birty makes hammocks? He wants to teach kids (and adults!) this simple skill and invites you to find him Sundays after worship in the Dining Room to help complete the one he has started. Come check it out! Maybe we can sell them at the Alternative Gift Market...

**A SEASON FOR MARY – A TIME FOR WOMEN:** Plan to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Contact Julie March, Cindy Corley at the Presbytery office (314-772-2395, ext.100) or Christy Foster, Director of Mound Ridge Camp, ([cfoster@glpby.org](mailto:cfoster@glpby.org)).

## 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 the wedding of Debbie Henry's son, Scott Kenkel, to Kelly Kubasta on November 1.
- For the addition at Trinity of Dawn Fleishman as our new Minister of Spiritual Growth. She began her ministry at Trinity on Oct. 27.
- For healing for Diane O'Brien after successful abdominal surgery.
- For healing for four-year-old Ambar Suero Petion from the Dominican Republic, whom the Trotter-Edmonds family fostered while she had open heart surgery on Oct. 13. Ambar returns home this week.

#### **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 the family of Christine Wang, sister-in-law of Bill and Kathie Cahoon, who died on October 28, 2008.
- For the family and friends of Sgt. Michael King, University City police officer who was killed in the line of duty on October 31, 2008.

#### **Prayers for Healing:**

- For Carol Rustemeyer recovering from surgery on her hand to repair a ruptured tendon.
- For Lana Edwards, friend of Cathy Smith, experiencing heart trouble & possibly having a pacemaker implanted
- For Jake Jones, 17 yr old nephew of Sue Young, who is recovering from reconstructive surgery on October 27.
- For Curt March who is suffering with shingles.
- 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	Myrtle Beckmeyer	Colleen Osborn	Jim Pettus
Mabel Howell	Juanita Bruns	Eleanor Griffin	Maxine Story
Evelyn Patterson			

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

### Monday, November 17

7:00 pm Personnel meeting, Rm. 206

### Tuesday, November 18

11:00 am Presbyterian Women, Dining Room  
7:00 pm Evangelism meeting, Dining Room  
7:30 pm Worship & Music meeting, Room 206

### Wednesday, November 19

1:00 – 4:00 pm Trinity Food Pantry  
6:30 pm Handbell Choir rehearsal

### Thursday, November 20

7:15 pm Trinity Choir rehearsal, Choir room

### Friday, November 21

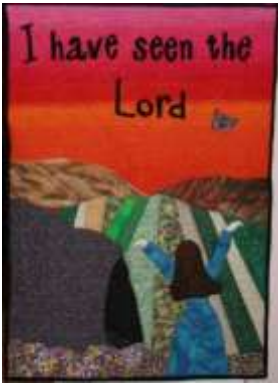
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### Sunday, November 23

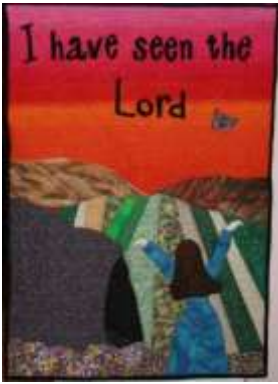
8:45 am Recorder group rehearsal, Narthex Room

## TRINITY STAFF

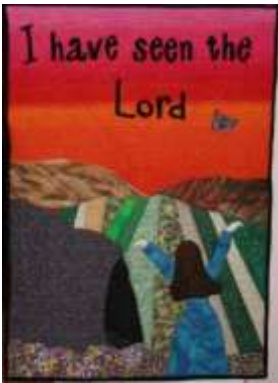
Dr. Daniel R. Anderson-Little, Pastor  
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Vicki Carmichael, Interim Minister of Music—Choir Director  
Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO, Interim Minister of Music—Organist  
Dawn Fleishman, Minister of Spiritual Growth  
Elizabeth Nelson, Church Administrator  
Linde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



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