



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

November 23, 2008
Christ the King Sunday

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PRELUDE

Adagio from Sonata No. 3 in C Major for unaccompanied violin (*BWV1005*)
Composer: Johann S. Bach (1685-1750)

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

The World Abounds with God's Free Grace
Words, David G. Mehrtens; Music, George F. Handel, harm. C. Winfred Douglas

*The world abounds with God's free grace; what wonders bless the land!
And on through boundless starry space, God's matchless works expand.*

*Lord, teach us all an attitude that thanks You all our days,
A love that shows our gratitude through deeds that live our praise.
In full thanksgiving for God's love, from which earth's blessings flow,
Protect the precious air above, the waters spread below.*

CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Psalm 100*

Leader: *Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing, shout, dance, and worship loud praises!*

People: We are God's people: "Glory!"

Leader: *The Holy One is God, the Holy One made us and we are like sheep in God's sheepfold.*

People: We are God's people: "Hosanna!"

Leader: *Enter this sacred place with thanksgiving, ready to give thanks and to offer gratitude to God.*

People: We are God's people: "Alleluia!"

Leader: *For the Holy One is good and steadfast love and faithfulness will be God's nature forever.*

People: We are God's people, "Amen!"

HYMN 551

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION UNISON

Leader: *As we pass the homes and businesses of our neighborhoods, we can imagine the life within: noisy conversations, busy days and lonely nights, work accomplished and tasks left undone, rooms filled with abundance while others know only impoverishment and neglect.*

People: Show us your presence, O God, and may we reach out in love. *(The People will keep silence.)*

Leader: *We stand together as a community in all of our diversity and strength, yet each of us is more than the public face we reveal. Some quietly long for love and affirmation, some desire rest and relief from the daily grind, some tremble with fear of abuse, some worry about basic needs being met.*

People: Show us your presence, O God, and may we reach out in love. *(The People will keep silence.)*

Leader: *We come up beside one another on the way and it is here we are able to offer the stories of our lives. We confess the dreams that go unrealized, the sadness that never seems to go away, the struggles of our day-to-day living, the needs we have that must be met.*

People: Show us your presence, O God, and may we reach out in love. *(The People will keep silence.)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Leader: *Through Jesus Christ, God has reached out to us. Like sheep who were driven from their pasture, God sought us and we were found.*

People: May we continue to know the love of God through the loving acts of others and may we extend this love in the name of God wherever the presence of God is found.

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1:15-23 (New Testament, page 192)

ANTHEM Rejoice, The Lord Is King!
Music: Bryan Kelly; Words: Charles Wesley

*Rejoice, rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again, again, rejoice, I say rejoice.*

*Jesus, Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains he took his seat, he took his seat above:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again, again, rejoice, I say rejoice.*

*His kingdom, his kingdom, his kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death, of death and hell are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again, again, rejoice, I say rejoice.*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:31-46 (New Testament, page 29)

SERMON Jesus Messes Me Up

Those who are able are invited to stand.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – HYMN 423 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Those who have been standing may sit.

TIME FOR PEACEMAKING

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.”

COMMISSIONING DAWN FLEISHMAN AS TRINITY’S MINISTER OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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.

INVITATION TO MISSION – Fair Trade Market

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

*Largo from Sonata No. 3 in C Major for unaccompanied violin (BWV1005)
Composer: Johann S. Bach (1685-1750)*

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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 554

Let All Things Now Living

WORDS OF SENDING & BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God (Marche triomphale, Op. 65, No. 59)
Composer: Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Christ the King Sunday is the final Sunday of the liturgical year. On this Sunday, we celebrate that Christ is King over all. The color of Christ the King Sunday is white, the traditional color of purity and joy.

Liturgist – Leah Anderson-Little, Brian Muegge, the Rev. Julie March

Flowers– The flowers on the Communion Table this morning are given by Elaine and Larry Pontious to the Glory of God and in celebration of daughter Tati's 7th birthday.

Peace Prayer – David Nelson

Preacher – Dr. Dan Anderson-Little

Organist – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

Choir Director – Vicki Carmichael

Choir – Trinity Choir

Violin – Brandon Christensen, DMA

Notes on today's music: Hymn 423, Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun, was written by Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Religion and controversy were a part of Watts' life from the time he was a boy. His family participated in Christian worship with "Dissenters," who believed that the Church of England had not gone far enough in its break from Roman Catholicism. So deep and vocal was their conviction that Watts' own father was imprisoned twice for his religious views. (reference: www.HymnSite.com/)

Our guest violinist is Brandon Christensen. Brandon completed the doctor of musical arts degree from Stony-Brook University in New York in December, 2002, where he studied violin with Mitchell Stern and Baroque performance practice with harpsichordist Arthur Haas. He joined the faculty of Southeast Missouri State University in the fall of 2002 where he is currently an Assistant Professor. Before moving to Missouri, Dr. Christensen was a visiting professor of violin and viola at Dickinson College, and a member of the artist-faculty at the Pennsylvania Academy of Music in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He has performed as a recitalist and chamber musician throughout the United States as a former member of the West-End Chamber Ensemble, and was a chamber music fellow at the Banff summer festival as a member of the Stony-Brook graduate piano trio.

He maintains a vigorous concert schedule and in recent seasons he has performed regularly throughout the region, as well as in Italy, Finland, and China. In addition to his teaching duties at Southeast he maintains active private studios in both Cape Girardeau and St. Louis. Dr. Christensen is the founder and artistic director of the "Chamber Music Sundays at Three" concert series in Cape-Girardeau, Missouri.

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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 Nancy Wagner 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. *We will not have education on Dec. 21, 28 and January 4.*

TODAY AT TRINITY

THE ELEVATOR FUND RAISING TEAM will gather for a short meeting following worship in the Dining Room.

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

ADULT EDUCATION

We will not have education on Dec. 21, 28 and January 4.

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 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

TRINITY'S PASTOR DAN ANDERSON-LITTLE is on a temporary leave of absence from his pastoral duties between November 24 and January 11. He will be back in the office on January 12. The Rev. Nancy Wagner is providing pastoral leadership in his absence. If you need pastoral assistance you can reach Nancy at church; if you have a pastoral emergency, you can reach her on her cell phone - 314-308-8227.

FAIR TRADE HOLIDAY SHOPPING: Plan to do some special holiday shopping at our first Trinity Holiday Fair Trade Market on Sunday, December 7 from 9 am to 12:30 pm in the Dining Room. See your bulletin flier for details. Sales directly benefit Fair Trade organizations such as Plowsharing Crafts, Heifer Project, and others that work to ensure that all may have enough.

HANGING OF THE GREENS will be Sunday, December 7, right after worship. Stick around for some treats and bring your strongest hands or best Martha Stewart decorating eye and help prepare the sanctuary and exterior of the church for Advent. All ages and abilities welcome!

ADVENT SCHEDULE INSERT: See your bulletin insert for the many Advent activities we have planned: caroling, decorating, beautiful music, meaningful services, cookies, and fellowship as we anticipate Jesus' birth.

JOIN THE LADIES CHRISTMAS SALAD DINNER: Ladies of all ages are invited for a time of fun and fellowship at 6:00 pm, Tuesday, December 2 in the Dining Room. Please bring a salad and a white elephant gift to exchange.

EDUCATION INFORMATION: Please note there will not be Spiritual Growth classes for children or adults on Dec. 21, 28 and January 4. Education will resume January 11 - 25 with a 3-part discussion "Thinking theologically about controversial social issues – capital punishment." It will be led by Mike Holley and Diana Oleskevich, from the St. Louis Chapter of Missourians to Abolish Death Penalty, Dan Anderson Little and Damayanthi Niles. Details on the spring spiritual growth plans are in your December *Trinity News*. The adult education branch of Spiritual Growth is looking for people interested in joining the adult education team in 2009 and is looking for suggestions on topics/speakers for future classes. Please contact George Philips.

POINSETTIAS: Orders are due by November 30. See the order form in your pew pad for the TWO options you have this year. Beautify the sanctuary and help a charity.

WE LOVE OUR COLLEGE KIDS! Next Sunday, Nov. 30, part of Spiritual Growth for the children at 9:30 will be assembling small care packages for Trinity members off at college. Do you have a special connection to one or more of the collegians? Want to wish them well during midterms and finals? Plan to stop by the Narthex after worship to sign cards. Questions?: Brian Muegge (brian.muegge@gmail.com).

JOIN THE ELEVATOR FUND RAISING TEAM: Trinity is assembling a team to organize the capital campaign for our elevator renovation set for this late spring/early summer. Do you have a passion for the justice, safety and accessibility issues that this elevator symbolizes? Do you want to see Trinity live up to its welcoming statement? Contact Liz Nelson about joining the team.

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE: We have close to 300 halogen and incandescent lamps to replace in the building as we work to be more "green." A 14 watt CFL (which will replace a 60 watt incandescent) costs \$4.00. We will be starting a **FUNdraiser**, asking Trinity members to donate the replacement CFL lamps for our building. These could make great "stocking stuffers" for folks on your Christmas list! We will be asking the children in the congregation to help track our progress! Stay tuned for more information or speak with Lois Sechrist.

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!

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.

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!

A SEASON FOR MARY – A TIME FOR WOMEN: 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. 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).

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 returned last week.
- For the healing of Mimi Jeske, Tom Wilhite's significant other, who has completed chemotherapy.

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 Diana Gray's family on the death of her brother's wife Betty on November 15.
- For the Higginbotham family as Jennifer's 101-year-old grandmother enters hospice.
- 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 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

Tuesday, November 25

11:00 am Presbyterian Women, Dining Room

Wednesday, November 26

1:00 – 4:00 pm Trinity Food Pantry
 6:30 pm Handbell Choir rehearsal
 7:15 pm Trinity Choir rehearsal, Choir room

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving, office closed

Friday, November 28

Office closed

Sunday, November 30

8:45 am Recorder group rehearsal, Narthex Room

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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