



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

January 11, 2008
The Baptism of the Lord

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PRELUDE

III. The Peace (from Music for the Royal Fireworks)
Composer: George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Words: Henry van Dyke; Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, adapt. Edward Hodges

*Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Hear the waters of baptism calling and inviting us to be renewed by this sign of God's love.

People: We answer the call to be God's people and we live in the ways of the Christ.

Leader: Hear the Spirit of God among us reminding us that we are beloved children of God.

People: We answer the call to be God's people and we live in the ways of the Christ.

HYMN 63

As with Gladness Men of Old

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *UNISON*

God who meets us and loves us fully, we gather at the river of your grace. Some of us are close and expectant and others of us are far away and uncertain. Meet us wherever we are and gently embrace us with your love so that we are drawn ever nearer to you. Renew us with the flowing waters of baptism and may we hear your voice say to each one of us, "You are mine. I know you. I love you forever."

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

SONG OF PRAISE *UNISON*

1

"Glo - ry in the high - est, on earth," sing a - gain.

2

5

Glo - ry, al - le - lu - ia. A - men. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for a unison song. It consists of two systems of music. The first system is numbered '1' and the second system is numbered '5'. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The music is in 4/4 time and the key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system's lyrics are "Glo - ry in the high - est, on earth," sing a - gain. The second system's lyrics are Glo - ry, al - le - lu - ia. A - men. A - men.

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 Isaiah 42:1-9 (Old Testament, page 670)

ANTHEM

The Shepherd's Farewell

Music: Hector Berlioz (1803-1869); Words: Paul England

*Thou must leave thy lowly dwelling, the humble crib, the stable bare,
Babe, all mortal babes excelling, content our earthly lot to share,
Loving father, loving mother, shelter thee with tender care!*

*Blessed Jesus, we implore thee with humble love and holy fear,
In the land that lies before thee, forget not us who linger here!
May the shepherd's lowly calling ever to thy heart be dear!*

*Blest are ye beyond all measure, thou happy father, mother mild!
Guard ye well your heav'nly treasure, the Prince of Peace, the Holy Child!
God go with you, God protect you, guide you safely through the wild!*

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1: 1-11 (New Testament, page 34)

SERMON

Answering the Call of God

Those who are able are invited to stand.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – HYMN 83 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

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."

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

Two Thousand Years

Words and Music: James Shoemaker

Two thousand years of time have not dimmed the radiant love inspired by Him.

The shadow of death was scattered away by dawning of Easter day.

In darkness God said, "Let there be light!" and thousands of stars appeared in the night.

The planets aligned as Bethlehem's star to tell of his birth afar.

As cloud by day and fire by night God lead the bewildered Israelites;

From Moses' burning bush to this day, our God has shown us the way.

The tongues of flame on Pentecost said, the Gospel to ev'ry nation must spread;

The foreigners in Jerusalem heard and understood ev'ry word.

Through ages dark and times of rebirth, the Word has enlightened people on Earth,

Illumining minds, dispelling all fear, for over two thousand years.

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 265

Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand

WORDS OF SENDING & BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen, Amen

Words and Music: Trad. African-American Spiritual

Congregation sings:

1

A - - - men. A - - - men.

2

5

A - - - men. A - men. A - men.

POSTLUDE

IV. Bourrée (from Music for the Royal Fireworks)
Composer: George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)

Today is the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. This Sunday we celebrate God's love for and claim on the life of Jesus and all of us. The liturgical color of the Baptism of the Lord is white, the traditional color of joy and purity.

Flowers – The flowers on the Communion Table this morning are given to the Glory of God by Clarence Lovejoy in memory of James Brown, husband of Polly Brown.

Liturgist – Roberta McBride, the Rev. Julie March

Peace Prayer – David Nelson

Preacher – Diane O'Brien, a Trinity member studying toward a Master of Divinity at Eden Seminary.

Organist – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

Choir Director – Vicki Carmichael

Choir – Trinity Choir

Notes on Today's Music: – Our offertory piece for today was written by Trinity member Jim Shoemaker for Epiphany in 1999. The texts share and comment on several stories and events from the Bible that show God or God's power as manifest in different forms of light. For example, the star over Jesus' cradle in Bethlehem, the tongues of fire on Pentecost, and the very planets created by God. This hymn makes clear comparison between these sources of light, Jesus as the light of world, and the Gospel as an enlightening and illumining sacred text.

Hymn #83, O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High speaks of fathoming the depth of love. The word fathom is a verb that tells us that something (usually water depth) is being measured. It is also a reference to the unit of measure being used, equal to six feet. But where did this measure come from? If we search back into the origins of the word, we find that in Old English the word fæthm meant outstretched arms, or the length of outstretched arms. With this understanding, it is wonderful to consider measuring love against a standard of arms stretched wide to embrace us. Arms stretched wide by Christ who calls us and welcomes us as God's children.

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January 11, 2009
Spiritual Growth classes – 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. The next membership inquiry classes will be held January 18th at 7:00 pm. 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 and are starting up again today!

TODAY AT TRINITY

A Spiritual Growth kick-off for kids will be held this morning at 9:30 am—join us in the basement!

THE WILD WITH WORDS writing group will meet in the Chapel from 6:30-8:30 pm today (and January 25). All are welcome! Speak with Julie March.

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

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult spiritual growth resumes today with a 3-part discussion: *Thinking theologically about controversial social issues – capital punishment*. The death penalty is one of the controversial issues that divide not only our larger society, but the church as well. In this three week course, we will learn more about the death penalty and will spend time discussing how this issue can be a time for us express our differences and find common ground at the same time.

- Today: a presentation by Mike Holley and Diana Oleskevich, members of the Missourians to Abolish the Death Penalty.

- January 18: Dan Anderson-Little will lead a discussion on how churches can find common ground when discussing topics that are controversial and divisive.
- January 25: a talk by Dr. Damayanthi Niles, Professor of Theology at Eden Theological Seminary, who will help think theologically about the death penalty and other contentious social issues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAN RETURNS TOMORROW: Trinity's Pastor Dan Anderson-Little has been on a temporary leave of absence from his pastoral duties between November 24 and January 11 and he returns to the office tomorrow. 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.

SIGHT-SINGING CLASS: The beginner's sight-singing class will resume at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, January 15th. Want to join us? No previous music-reading skills are required-- we've started from scratch and will catch you up. Please contact Vicki Carmichael at vcarmichael44@gmail.com or call the church office on a Tuesday and ask for Vicki.

VASES AND FLOWERS: Do you happen to have any of Trinity's vases that are used for Sunday morning arrangements? Or do you have any large vases at home that you would like to donate to the Trinity collection? Please bring them to the church office. The 2009 flower dedication sheet is hanging across from the elevator. Honor loved ones with a Sunday donation. Speak to a member of the Green Team for more details (Luise Hoffman, Diana Gray, Elaine Pontious, Julie March or Bonnie Roy).

MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS: If you are interested in learning more about Trinity or are considering joining, please come to the membership inquiry class on Sunday, January 18th from 7-8:30 pm in the Chapel. Please let Rev. Nancy Wagner or the church office (Liz: 725-3840) know if you plan to attend.

ANNUAL MEETING: Mark your calendars to stay after worship for our annual meeting on Sunday, January 25th.

BIRTY UPDATE: Our Building and Grounds Caretaker, Birty Hodgson, continues to heal at home following surgery for a broken arm and shoulder. He is anxious to return, but that date is not yet known. Thanks to all who are stepping up to help with periodic building and set up needs.

SMALL GROUP DINNERS ARE BEING PLANNED: Session would like to renew this meaningful fellowship time, as it has been a few years since we've gathered in this way. Elders plan to have dinners on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Feb. 19, 20, and 21—a chance to combine a Mardi Gras theme with a brief and informal discussion of our discerning process. The sign-ups to attend dinners will be coming later. What Session needs to know now is: who is interested in hosting a potluck meal? You don't need to be an elder to host—if you are not comfortable leading a discussion about Trinity's discerning process, you can request that an elder or other leader come to your dinner and lead that discussion. Some of the houses would have child-friendly gatherings and others will be more adult-focused. If you can host a small-group dinner, please sign up before January 23 with Stacy Shupe or Pat Gibbons (s00.sshupe@wittenberg.edu or pcg@wustl.edu). They will be in the Narthex with signup sheets after worship. We're looking forward to sharing a meal with you!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S SALAD LUNCH SCHEDULE: Once again the women of Trinity will gather monthly to share salads and a time of fellowship. Women of all ages, mark your calendar for these Tuesdays at 1:30 and bring a salad to share: February 3, March 3, April 7. May 5 will be a 6:00 pm salad dinner.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE: To date, the congregation has pledged \$270,000. Thank you to all who have pledged so far. Our 2009 budget plans for \$344,000 in pledges, so we are \$74,000 short. Every dollar counts, so please prayerfully consider making a pledge, as the information helps the Session with budget and program planning. Trinity's Session members coordinated the stewardship campaign and will be happy to answer any questions: *Margy Brown, John Pfeifer, Rick Jeter, Tom Serfass, Liz Nelson, Lynn Reid, Luise Hoffman, George Philips, Pat Gibbons, Sharon Christopher, Bill Cahoon, Stacy Shupe, Cheryl Evans, Matt Schindler, and Dayna Early. Financial Administrator, Linde Baechle, can be reached at: 725-3840.*

WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING unfulfilled pledges for 2008. Please contact Linde with any questions.

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 birth of "baby boy Holloway" to Karen & Charles Holloway on December 26. Grandparents are Birty & Digna Hodgson.
- For the niece of Rev. Nancy Wagner, Meredith Adler in Indianapolis, who is diabetic and pregnant with twins.
- 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 the family of Jeff Kuehl, friend of the Gibbons', who died New Years Day.
- For Lynn Reid and her family at the passing of her 100-year-old grandfather.
- For the Higginbotham family as Jennifer's 101-year-old grandmother enters hospice.

Prayers for Healing:

- For Karen Mayberry, homebound awaiting double knee replacement surgery in early February.
- For Susan Harris and her young family, close friend of the Evans', recently diagnosed with a sinus/brain tumor and awaiting further testing.
- For Birty Hodgson, our Building & Grounds Caretaker, recovering from surgery after a fall and severely broke his right shoulder and arm on December 10.
- For Fran Kruger, former Trinity member, who had colon surgery December 9 in Seattle.
- For Walt Phillips, close friend of the Hotalings, who has been diagnosed with colon cancer and will undergo treatment at Barnes.
- For Carol Rustemeyer recovering from surgery on her hand to repair a ruptured tendon.
- For Lana Edwards, friend of Cathy Smith, experiencing heart trouble.
- For Jake Jones, 17-year-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 receives care for brain cancer in California.
- 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, January 12

8:45 am
6:00 pm

Facilities meeting, library
OASIS Older Adult band concert, Dining Room, free

Tuesday, January 13

11:00 am
7:00 pm

Presbyterian Women, Dining Room
Deacons meeting, Brainstorms Room

Wednesday, January 14

1-4:00 pm
7:00 pm

Food Pantry
Equipping meeting, Chapel

Thursday, January 15

6:15 pm
7:15 pm

Sight Singing Class, Choir Room
Trinity Choir rehearsal

Friday, January 16

Office closed

Sunday, January 18

7:00 pm

Membership Inquiry Class, Chapel

TRINITY STAFF

Dr. Daniel R. Anderson-Little, Pastor (*on temporary leave*)
The Rev. Nancy Wagner, Pastor During Leave
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
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