



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

January 18, 2008
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PRELUDE I Love to Tell the Story
Composer: Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT This Is the Day
Words: Psalm 118:24; Music: Sam Batt Owens

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 67*

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make God's face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

HYMN 440 In Christ There Is No East or West

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *UNISON*

Most holy and merciful God: we acknowledge and confess our slowness to do good, our blindness to injustice, and our complicity in deferring the dreams and hopes of the oppressed. We have refused to heed your call to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you, our God. Help us to name our sin, to claim responsibility for our actions, and to change our behavior. In accordance with the commands of Jesus Christ our savior, shake us from our sleep with you imperative to do justice; move us to action with the compassion of your grace; and give us courage to pay the price, however painful or costly, that the justice you will, may be done, on earth as in heaven. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People: Amen.

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 '5'. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has two flats (Bb and Eb) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. 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

ANTHEM

Bring Us Together, Lord

Music: Michael McCabe; Words: Sally Shoemaker Robinson

*Bring us together, Lord, for we would praise Your name
and claim Your gracious presence in our midst this day.
We lift our hopes and hearts to You in joyful song.
Lord, give us strength unceasingly to pray.*

*Bring us together, Lord; We would be living free
of chains of hateful darkness, fetters of the soul.
Your world is weeping, Lord, in fear and rending pain.
O give us grace to make the broken whole.*

*Bring us together, Lord, for we would want to heal
the hurts of hunger, sorrow, violence and need.
May we be fit to carry in our hearts and hands
The bread of life to those who come to feed.*

*Bring us together, Lord, one family we would be
including every age, and every race and land.
Cleanse us with holy fire, then temper us, and forge
A tool, a ploughshare, fitted to Your hand.*

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 139:1–18

Leader: O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

Leader: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

People: Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

Leader: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Leader: Where can I go from your spirit?

People: Or where can I flee from your presence?

Leader: If I ascend to heaven,

People: you are there;

Leader: *if I make my bed in Sheol,*

People: you are there.

Leader: *If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,*

People: even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

Leader: *If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"*

People: even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Leader: *For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.*

People: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

Leader: *My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.*

People: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

Leader: *How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!*

People: I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

SERMON

Faithful Extremism

Those who are able are invited to stand.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – HYMN 273 O God the Creator

This is a new hymn for the Trinity congregation. The Trinity Choir will teach the congregation the hymn by singing the first verse; the congregation is invited to join the Choir on the rest of the verses.

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

The Goodness of God

Words: trans. Lloyd Pfautsch ; Music: C.P.E. Bach

How great is the goodness of God almighty!

Is there any man who has not know His goodness?

For all gifts come from God Almighty,

All praise and honor belongeth to Him.

Let all consider what He hath given.

All that we have are gifts from God above.

The Lord hath not forgotten us,

And we should not forget this love.

O God, let Thy goodness and love be boundless
 And always remain before, our eyes.
 O strengthen us with Thy great power,
 Let all our lives be given to Thee.
 O grant us comfort in time of trouble.
 Be Thou our Guide thru joyful days.
 For we would not forget Thy goodness.
 With thankful hearts we sing Thy Praise!
 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 563

Lift Every Voice and Sing

WORDS OF SENDING & BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen, Amen

POSTLUDE

A Trumpet Minuet

Composer: Alfred Hollins (1865-1942)

The first period of Ordinary Time begins following Epiphany and continues until Lent. The liturgical color of Ordinary Time is green, the color of life and growth.

Liturgist – Erin McKenzie, Brian Muegge

Peace Prayer – Jeremy Williams

Preacher – Dr. Dan Anderson-Little

Organist – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

Choir Director – Vicki Carmichael

Choir – Trinity Choir

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January 25, 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. Membership inquiry classes are held 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

ST. LOUIS BAROQUE will offer a concert in the sanctuary at 3pm today, “The Virtuoso Violin: Seventeenth-Century Music for Solo Violin” featuring Celina Boldrey Casado. Tickets are \$10, with student and senior discounts.

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult spiritual growth finishes *Thinking theologically about controversial social issues – capital punishment* this morning. 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 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

2009 FLOWER DEDICATIONS: 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). PS—If you happen to have one of Trinity's vases at home, we are collecting them in the office.

MODERN EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH: The next adult spiritual growth class will be offered February 1st & 8th at 9:30 in the Chapel and will be led by Rick Hasler. 2/1: **Bumper Sticker Beliefs:** Have you pulled up to a stop at a stoplight and found yourself staring/laughing/bristling at the message on the bumper sticker on the car ahead of you? Have you ever had so strong a desire to share your beliefs that you vandalized (or decorated) your own car to spread the word? This workshop will take a look at how we drive our beliefs home...and to the store...and to work... Participants will also be making their own personalized bumper sticker! 2/8: **The God Gallery: What does faith look like, sound like and read like?** Enter the "God Gallery," an ad-hoc collection of contemporary works of art, music and quotations to contemplate. You will be invited to respond to this multimedia event in writing, meditation or small group conversation.

SIGHT-SINGING CLASS: The beginner's sight-singing class has resumed at 6:15 p.m. on Thursdays. 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.

TRY T'AI CHI AT TRINITY: Susan Kissinger will hold a 1-time introductory class on the basics of T'ai Chi on Tuesday, Feb. 10th in the Chapel. This will be free for Trinity members; freewill donations will be accepted. Stay tuned for class time.

FORMER CHANTICLEER MEMBER, Terry Barber, will present a vocal concert of Baroque vocal masterpieces here on Saturday, February 7th. The concert will be at 7:30 pm. \$15 for adults; discounts for students and seniors.

ANNUAL MEETING DATE CHANGE: Mark your calendars to stay after worship for our annual meeting which will now be held on Sunday, February 8th.

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. There will be in the Narthex with signup sheets after worship soon. Save the dates...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 Dallas Miguel 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 Rev. Julie March, her family, and the entire Trinity community at the death of her husband, the Rev. Curt March, on January 11
- For the family of Jeff Kuehl, friend of the Gibbons', who died New Years Day.
- For Lynn Reid and her family at the death of her 100-year-old grandfather

Prayers for Healing:

- For Neil, husband of Sandy Norkaitis, recovering from gall bladder surgery on January 20.
- For Susan Lim as she is both pregnant (a great joy!) and being treated for breast cancer. The baby is due Feb. 1. Susan will receive chemotherapy until the end of May. Prayers also for her husband Sukkoo Kim and her son Miles.
- For Adam, son of Larry and Elaine Pontious, at St. Lukes Hospital recovering from mistreatment in a respite home on January 15.
- For Dianne Anderson, mother-in-law of Dan Anderson-Little, who has been diagnosed with liver disease.
- For Karen Mayberry, homebound awaiting double knee replacement surgery in early February.
- For Susan Harris and her young family, close friend of Cheryl and Reed Evans, recently diagnosed with a sinus/brain tumor and await further testing.
- For Birty Hodgson, our Building & Grounds Caretaker, recovering from surgery to repair a broken shoulder and arm.
- 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 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.
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- Barbara Robinson, who is in a coma following a stroke in October 2006.

Prayers for Homebound Members:

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| • Helen Bauer | Myrtle Beckmeyer | Colleen Osborn | Jim Pettus |
| • Mabel Howell | Juanita Bruns | Eleanor Griffin | Maxine Story |
| • Evelyn Patterson | | | |

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Tuesday, January 27

11:00 am

Presbyterian Women, Dining Room

Wednesday, January 28

1-4:00 pm

Food Pantry

6:30 pm

Handbell Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, January 29

6:15 pm

Sight Singing Class, Choir Room

7:15 pm

Trinity Choir rehearsal

Friday, January 30

Office closed

Saturday, January 31

9am-noon

Elder Training

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

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