



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

February 22, 2009
Transfiguration of the Lord

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PRELUDE Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
Composer: Barbara Harbach (b. 1946)

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Be Joyful in the Lord
Words: Psalm 100; Music: G.P. da Palestrina, adapted John Ivimey

*Be joyful in the Lord all ye lands,
Serve the Lord with gladness
And come before His presence with a song.*

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 50

*Leader: The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.*

People: Our God comes and does not keep silence, before God is a devouring fire,
and a mighty tempest all around God.

*Leader: God calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that God may judge the people:
"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"*

People: The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God is judge.

HYMN 483 Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *UNISON*

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we do not see, distracted by our own plans and preoccupations. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

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, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE *UNISON*



God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, God is good to me.
God cares for you, God cares for me, God cares for us, God is good to all.

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 Mark 9:2-9 (New Testament, page 44)

ANTHEM This Is My Beloved Son
Music: Knut Nystedt; Words: Matthew 17:5

*He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them,
And a voice from the cloud said: "This is my beloved Son."
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
Hear ye Him, hear ye, hear ye Him."*

SERMON Seeing God

Those who are able are invited to stand.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – HYMN 320 The Lone, Wild Bird

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."

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS – God's Child Guatemala Mission Trip

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.

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS – Jim Person

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

Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair

Words: 15th cent. Sarum, Tr. John M. Neale, alt.; Music: Robert Scholz

*Oh, wondrous type! Oh, vision fair of glory that the Church may share,
Which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!
With Moses and Elijah nigh the incarnate Lord holds converse high;
And from the cloud the Holy One bears record to the only Son.
With shining face and bright array Christ deigns to manifest today
What glory shall be theirs above who joy in God with perfect love.
And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great vision's mystery,
For which in joyful strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
O Father, with the eternal Son and Holy Spirit ever one,
We pray you, bring us by your grace to see your glory face to face.
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 313

Come Down, O Love Divine

WORDS OF SENDING & BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Lord, Make Us More Holy

Lord, make us more ho - ly, Lord, make us more ho - ly,

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Lord, make us more ho - ly, Un - til we meet a - gain.

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Un - til we meet a - gain.

POSTLUDE

Deo gracias (Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair)

Composer: Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)

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.

Notes on today's music – The music today is centered on the gospel reading where we are told about the transfiguration of Jesus. The transfiguration story tells that Jesus speaks with Moses and Elijah, and is called "Son" by God. The transfiguration puts Jesus above Moses and Elijah, the two preeminent figures of Judaism. The theme is "Going into the light, coming out of the light; The presence of God, the source of the light." "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" was originally composed by Wallis Willis, a Choctaw freedman for whom the Red River reminded him of the Jordan River and of the prophet Elijah being taken to heaven by chariot. The offertory and postlude are based on the hymn Oh, Wondrous Type!, On, Vision Fair (Hymn # 75) set to the hymn tune "Deo Gracias". Although the hymn tune had a bellicose origin depicting the 15th century victory of the English over the French at the Battle of Agincourt (Oct. 25, 1415) during the Hundred Years War, the tune has been used for the setting of several Christian hymns and service music.

Liturgist – Daniel Anderson-Little, Pat Gibbons, the Rev. Julie March

Peace Prayer – Jeremy Williams

Preacher – Dr. Dan Anderson-Little

Organist – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

Choir Director – Vicki Carmichael

Choir – Trinity Choir

Handbells – Trinity Handbell Choir

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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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News and Notes for February 22, 2009

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 speak with the pastors. Information about our schedule can be found in the welcome brochure in the pews. We welcome children in worship, with childcare provided downstairs for children pre-school and younger if wanted. Spiritual growth classes for children are held at 9:30 am.

ADULT EDUCATION

TODAY through 3/8/2009: Ten Commandments. Prof. John Bracke, Eden Theological Seminary. The Ten Commandments occupy an important place not only for people of faith but in Western culture. This class will examine the context of the Ten Commandments in ancient Israel and the ways they might continue to address church and society.

TODAY AT TRINITY

THE WILD WITH WORDS writing group will meet in the Chapel from 6:30–8 pm. All are welcome! Questions: Speak with Julie.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

See the monthly Trinity News or our website (www.trinityucity.org) for more details on these items

IN THE COMING WEEKS, you will be given opportunities for further conversation about the issues raised at the annual meeting and in today's insert. Stay tuned and be a part of our moving forward together.

OUR ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be held in the Chapel at 7pm on February 25th. This meditative service will include communion and will also develop a theme that will return all the way through Easter.

A PLACE APART--A Lent Spirituality Center will be set up in the basement and will be open on Thursdays between 2/26 and 4/2 from 7-8:30 pm. Families can learn about the stations at 6:45pm each week. Come for a time of quiet.

RUMMAGE SALE PLANS: Save your Stuff! Cheryl Evans will be helping organize a rummage sale later this spring, with **proceeds going towards covering soloist/section leader costs** so we can keep them past May. Start saving hangers and setting aside items to donate as you do your own spring cleaning or downsizing. Contact Cheryl or Liz if you want to help—we'll need many hands to make this work! There will also be a sing-up sheet in the Narthex.

OUR OWN DEAN HENRY BIGGS (AKA "Headmess") is doing his last concert on Friday, 2/27 at 8:00pm, with proceeds going to LiveFeed, a musical organization that donates food to pantries (including ours). Tickets are \$26/discount for students and can be bought at Metrotix. Will be held at the 560 Music Center of Wash U (across the street).

LIZ'S LIST: Check it out on the equipping board next to the elevator for items people want to acquire or get rid of. I'll work on getting it online sometime as well. Add to the board and help us reduce, reuse and recycle.

SOME MEMBERS ARE INTERESTED in starting a weekly T'ai Chi class at Trinity after we enjoyed a free intro lesson last week. Interested in learning more? Contact Liz in the office or Luise Hoffman.

WINGER FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP: We need a person on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays (1-4pm) to lift bags up 3 stairs for clients. Please contact Stacey Carman.

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 Marilyn Kuhn, counselor for Care & Counseling and good friend of Trinity Presbyterian Church, who has completed treatment for lymphoma and is in remission.

- For the birth of Matilda Eunhae (Grace) Kim, to Susan Lim and Sukko Kim, born on Feb. 2.
- For the niece of Rev. Nancy Wagner, Meredith Adler in Indianapolis, who is diabetic and pregnant with twins.

Prayers for Those Preparing for Ministry:

- For Dawn Fleishman, Trinity's Minister of Spiritual Growth, as she pursues pastoral studies at Eden Seminary. For Rhonda Dunbar as she studies at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, VA. And or Diane O'Brien as she pursues theological studies at Eden Seminary.

Concerns

Prayers for Comfort:

- For Nancy and John Wagner at the death of Nancy's mother Mary Catherine O'Shaughnessey on February 11.
- For Rhonda Dunbar's family, including her Aunt Ellen, at the death of Rhonda's Uncle Ken on Feb. 8 following his struggle with multiple, long-term health issues.

Prayers for Healing:

- For Elaine Pontious' friend, Jane Hill, battling cancer and leg amputation.
- For Stacy Shupe's Uncle, Fred Gould, diagnosed with an aggressive rectal & liver cancer.
- For Anna Gordon, as Cricket and Brian continue to work on her care issues. And prayers of joy and celebration as Anna celebrates her 27th birthday on Feb. 22.
- For Traci O'Bryan's father, Eddie Ferrell, who had heart surgery on Feb. 11.
- For Susan Lim as she receives treatment for breast cancer.
- For Karen Mayberry, making great progress on her recovery from double knee replacement surgery on February 2. Karen is at home.
- For Lance Leloup, step-dad of Jenn Clodi and Becca Courtney, in Pullman, WA being treated for cancer of the lungs and the brain.
- For Jon Billings, Vicki Carmichael's sister-in-law's brother, who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
- For Debbie Fowler, Julie March's cousin, and her husband, Bob, who has cancer, and is scheduled for a stem cell transplant soon.
- For Lydia Eckwald, Vicki Carmichael's grandma, declining in a nursing home and currently bed-ridden due to loss of muscle strength.
- For Dianne Anderson, mother-in-law of Dan Anderson-Little, diagnosed with liver disease.
- 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 & arm.
- For Walt Phillips, close friend of the Hotalings, who has been diagnosed with colon cancer and will undergo treatment at Barnes.
- 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, suffering with Alzheimer's Disease.
- For Karon Bilbrey's niece, Lisa Becker who is dealing with thyroid cancer.
- For former members Bill & 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.
- 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.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Tuesday, February 24

11:00 am Presbyterian Women, Dining Room
7:00 pm Evangelism Meeting, Trinity

Wednesday, February 25

1-4:00 pm Food Pantry
6:30 pm Handbell rehearsal, Choir Room
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday service, Chapel

Thursday, February 26

6:15 pm Sight Singing Class, Choir Room
7:15 pm Trinity Choir rehearsal