



# Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

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Second Sunday in Lent

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*This morning, Presbyterian churches around the country are celebrating the Gifts of Women. We join this celebration by using prayers from the book Women's Uncommon Prayers Morehouse Publishing, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 2000.*

**PRELUDE** Sojourner (I Want Jesus to Walk with Me)  
*Composer: African American Spiritual arranged by Raymond Henry (b.1931)*

## GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** Hush! Hush! My Soul  
*Words: Rev. S. S. Morris; Tune: Edward C. Deas*

*Hush! Hush! My soul be calm and still,  
Come, blessed Savior, enter in.  
Forgive our sins, heal all our ills,  
Give strength for tasks, give peace of mind,  
And make our spirits wholly Thine.  
And we shall praise Thee ever more. Amen, amen, amen.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** from "Good Morning, Holy Spirit" by Jacqueline Russel

*Leader: Good morning, Holy Spirit. We need you this day.*

*People: Fill us with your presence and guide us on the way.*

*Leader: Good morning, Holy Spirit. We need you this day.*

*People: Fill our minds, our souls, our thinking, and guide us as we pray.*

*Leader: Good morning, Holy Spirit. We need you every day.*

*People: Surround us with your Being and in our hearts, please stay.*

**HYMN 263** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

## CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION UNISON** from "A Prayer for Wholeness" by Patricia B. Clark

Lord, I have become too busy:

too busy for you,

too busy for me,

too busy for those who need me.

Gather the scattered fragments of my scattered self.

Help me discern what is important and what is expendable.

It is so difficult, this business of giving—of being all for you.

I am overwhelmed by its enormity and lose sight of its utter simplicity.

Show me how to let go—to give up control—

That you might draw and bend and mold and carry,  
Lord, in your goodness and incomprehensible love for me,  
That I may be now and ever one in you,  
Gather the fragments of my scattered self.

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE from "Healing and Blessing" by Fredrica Harris Thompsett

Leader: Come now reviving Spirit of our God,  
Breathe your healing strength upon those who suffer  
And then, renew and bless all who  
Proclaim and perform your liberating Word.

People: Amen.

#### SONG OF PRAISE UNISON First song of Isaiah (Jack Noble White)



Sure-ly it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the



Lord is my strong-hold and my sure\_\_ de-fense, and he will be my Sav-ior.

#### 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 8:31-38 (New Testament, page 44)

ANTHEM I Want Jesus to Walk With Me  
Music and Words: Traditional Spiritual, Arr. Moses Hogan

*I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*I want Jesus to walk with me*

*All along my pilgrim journey.*

*Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*In my trials, Lord, walk with me.*

*In my trials, Lord, walk with me.*

*When my heart is almost breaking,*

*Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me.*

*When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me.*

*Lord, when my head is bowed in sorrow,*

*Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 22:23-31 (Old Testament, page 501)

SERMON A Motivation More Powerful than Fear

*Those who are able are invited to stand.*

*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.

### CELEBRATING THE SAINTS – Norma Vavra, Kim Behrend, Jack Biggs

### 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

My Good Lord’s Done Been Here

*Music and Words: Traditional Spiritual, Arr. Moses Hogan*

*My good Lord’s done been here, blest my soul, and gone away.*

*My good Lord’s done been here, blest my soul, and gone.*

*Never did I think that He was so nigh, blest my soul, and gone;*

*He spoke and He made me laugh and cry, blest my soul, and gone.*

*My good Lord’s done been here, blest my soul, and gone away.*

*My good Lord’s done been here, blest my soul, and gone.*

*Sinner better min’ how you walk on the cross, blest my soul and gone;*

*Your foot might slip and your soul get lost, blest my soul, and gone.*

*My good Lord’s done been here, blest my soul, and gone away.*

*My good Lord’s done been here, blest my soul, and gone.*

*My good Lord’s done been here, blest my soul, and gone away.*

*My good Lord’s done been here, and He blest my soul, blest my soul, blest my soul and gone.*

*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”*

<sup>‡</sup>*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** from "Prayer for Protection" by Miranda K. Smith

Leader: Lord, guard us, your children, wherever we wander,  
Release us from pressures we cannot withstand,  
Lift us high when we falter or founder,  
Place our fee on rocks and not on sand.  
Give us your hand as we walk through the darkness.  
Strengthen our souls with bright hope from above,  
Keep joy in our hearts against all the world's starkness,  
And fill our emptiness with our love.

People: Amen.

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** Lead Me, Lord (S.S. Wesley)

1  
Lead me, Lord, Lead me in thy right-cous-ness, make thy way plain be-

7  
fore my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, on-ly that

13  
mak-est me dwell in safe-ty.

**POSTLUDE**

Seelenbräutigam (Jesus, Still Lead On)

Composer: Tune: Adam Drese (1620-1701) Arr. By Paul Manz (b. 1919)

The season of Lent is the forty-day period that leads to Easter. During Lent, we remember Jesus' temptation by Satan in the wilderness. We also call to mind our own need for God's forgiveness and renewal. The liturgical color of Lent is purple, the traditional color of sorrow.

**Flowers** – The flowers on the Communion Table this morning are given to the Glory of God by Luise Hoffman and in memory of her mother, Mary Jane Little Hoffman, whose birthday it is today.

**Liturgist** – Luise Hoffman (Luise is an Elder who serves on the Session), the Rev. Julie March

**Peace Prayer** – Liz Nelson. Liz is the Trinity Church Administrator.

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

**Choir/Choir Director** – Trinity Choir/Vicki Carmichael

**Organist** – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

**Soloists** – Stephanie Ball, Jennifer Clodi, Vicki Carmichael

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News and Notes for March 8, 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: TEN COMMANDMENTS (FINAL SESSION):** Prof. John Bracke, Eden Theological Seminary. Next topic: 4 Sundays, 3/15 - 4/5—**LIFE TRANSITIONS:** Dale Kuhn, Care & Counseling. This class looks at life changes that are forced, that are developmental and that are chosen. The class will examine issues of grief, growth, anxiety, energy and the role of faith in the process of transition.

## TODAY AT TRINITY

**WILD WITH WORDS** will meet this coming Sunday evening, March 8, at 6:30pm in the Chapel. This writing group will meet again on March 22. The Lent theme is finding new beginnings and promises for a fuller light in Christ as we move through Lent.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*See the monthly Trinity News or our website ([www.trinityucity.org](http://www.trinityucity.org)) for more details on these items*

**LUNCH FOR DISCERNING:** Your bulletin insert asks 3 discerning questions to pray on as we move forward together as a church. We will gather for lunch and conversation about these questions on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> after worship. Stay tuned for lunch details, but mark your calendars now for this important time of fellowship and conversation. If you are unable to attend, you can write your thoughts on your insert during this month and place them in the basket in the Narthex.

**“HEALING FROM DEADLY CONFLICT: RECONCILIATION IN RWANDA & BURUNDI.”** Quakers from our Interfaith Partnership connection invite us to a dialogue Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30pm, led by coordinators of the African Great Lakes Initiative, a Quaker organization supporting grassroots peacemaking activities in Burundi, DR Congo, Kenya, Rwanda & Uganda. Quaker Meetinghouse, 1001 Park Ave, 63104. RSVP: 623-6550 (Blair Forlaw). A handout with more information is in the Narthex.

**TRINITY’S NEXT WORK DAY** will be Saturday, March 21 from 9-noon. Come for any or all to help with cleaning and organizing. Great opportunity for kids who need service hours! Food and fellowship and action together.

**MEALS ON WHEELS**—Want to be equipped to help the elderly in U City? Julie March can connect you with this opportunity.

**A PLACE APART**—Dawn Fleishman has prepared a beautiful Lenten Spirituality Center in the basement. It will be open on Thursdays until 4/2 from 7-8:30 pm. Families can learn about the stations at 6:45pm each week. It will also be open before and after worship on Sundays. Come for a time of quiet and contemplation.

**RUMMAGE SALE PLANS:** Save your Stuff! Cheryl Evans will be helping organize a rummage sale for Saturday, April 18th, 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! Sign up in the Narthex.

**O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER. WE WILL HOLD A HEALING AND WHOLENESS SERVICE** on Thursday, March 19th at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. The spiritual practices of lighting prayer candles and laying on of hands and anointing with oil will be offered. Members, neighbors and friends: all who seek a quiet, meditative time of healing and peace.

**SHOP AT SCHNUCKS AND MAKE \$\$ FOR TRINITY.** It’s that simple. Active a Schnucks Escript card (in the Narthex), have it swiped each time you shop, and money is donated to Trinity. You need those groceries anyway...

**WANT TO JOIN A** weekly T’ai Chi class at Trinity? Contact Liz in the office or Luise Hoffman.

## 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 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, Rhonda Dunbar as she studies at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, VA, and Diane O'Brien as she pursues theological studies at Eden Seminary.

### Concerns

#### **Prayers for Comfort:**

- For the family of Bill Brackman, a former member of Trinity who died on Feb. 22 in California.
- 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 New Beginnings:**

- For Kurt and Julie Buchholz as Kurt looks for a new job after being laid off.
- For all other Trinity members struggling with economic and employment concerns.

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

- For 4 yr old Ryton Miller, grandson of a friend of Genny Richmond's, diagnosed with 2 types of Leukemia.
- For Elaine Pontious' friend, Jane Hill, battling cancer and leg amputation.
- For Stacy Shupe's Uncle, Fred Gould, diagnosed with an aggressive rectal cancer that has spread to his liver.
- For Anna Gordon, as Cricket & Brian continue to work on her care issues. Prayers of joy & celebration as Anna celebrates her 27th birthday on Feb. 22.
- For Traci O'Bryan's father, Eddie Ferrell, who is recovering from heart surgery.
- 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, & her husband, Bob, who has cancer & is scheduled for a stem cell transplant soon.
- For Lydia Eckwald, Vicki Carmichael's grandma, in hospice care.
- For Dianne Anderson, mother-in-law of Dan Anderson-Little, who has been diagnosed with liver disease.
- For Susan Harris & her young family, close friend of Cheryl and Reed Evans, recently diagnosed with a sinus/brain tumor and awaiting further testing.
- For Walt Phillips, close friend of the Hotalings, diagnosed with colon cancer & undergoing treatment at Barnes.
- 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 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 and Don Weems, having back and eye concerns.
- The Pontious family 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

### **Monday, March 9**

7:30 pm

Worship & Music Commission, Chapel

### **Tuesday, March 10**

11:00 am

Presbyterian Women, Dining Room

### **Wednesday, March 11**

1-4:00 pm

Food Pantry

6:30 pm

Handbell rehearsal, Choir Room

### **Thursday, March 12**

6:15 pm

Sight Singing Class, Choir Room

7-8:30 pm

**Spirituality Center open, God's Creation area**

7:00 pm

Equipping meeting, Chapel

7:15 pm

Trinity Choir rehearsal