



# Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

August 9, 2009  
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## PRELUDE

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song (Tune: Bridegroom)  
*Composer: arranged by James Biery (b. 1956)*

## GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 133*

*Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity!*

People: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

*Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.*

People: For there the LORD ordained God's blessing, life forevermore.

## HYMN 241

Behold the Goodness of Our Lord (Tune: Crimond)

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *UNISON*

Forgive us, Gracious God, for the limitations we have placed on our graciousness toward others. We sometimes treat others well as a means to an end rather than because that is how you desire us to live. Our apologies are often half-hearted. We justify our grudges when others have hurt us. We remember offenses that we should have long ago forgotten. We are far too comfortable with brokenness when instead we might reach out with healing. While we expect you to forgive us, we find it hard to do the same for others. Grant us your pardon, O Merciful God, and equip us to share your graciousness with others. For the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

## SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

*Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?*

People: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

*Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.*

People: Amen.

### SONG OF PRAISE *UNISON* (Tune: *Amazing Grace*)

*The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;*

*He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.*

**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 4:25-5:2 (New Testament, page 194)

**TESTIMONY FROM A B&B SMALL GROUP** – Pat Scannell

**ANTHEM** O Divine Redeemer

*Music, Words: Charles Gounod*

*Ah! Turn me not away, receive me, tho' unworthy,*

*Hear Thou my cry, behold, Lord, my distress!*

*Answer me from thy throne.*

*Haste Thee, Lord, to mine aid,*

*Thy pity show in my deep anguish!*

*Let not the sword of vengeance smite me,*

*tho' righteous thine anger, O Lord!*

*Shield me in danger, O regard me!*

*On Thee, Lord, alone will I call,*

*O, divine Redeemer!*

*I pray Thee, grant me pardon, and remember not, remember not my sins!*

*Night gathers round my soul: fearful, I cry to Thee*

*Come to mine aid, O Lord! Haste Thee, Lord to help me!*

*Hear my cry! Save me, Lord, in Thy mercy;*

*Come and save me, O Lord!*

*O, divine Redeemer!*

*I pray Thee, grant me pardon, and remember not, remember not my sins!*

*Save, in the day of retribution, from Death shield Thou me, O my God!*

*O, divine Redeemer, have mercy!*

*Help me, my Savior!*

**SERMON** An Invitation to Anger

*Those who are able are invited to stand.*

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD – HYMN 358** Help Us Accept Each Other (Tune: Baronita)

*Those who have been standing may sit.*

**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. If you are planning to attend the picnic, please note that on the attendance pad.*

**OFFERTORY**                      Wir eilen mit schwachen doch emsigen Schritten (from *Cantata No. 78*)  
*Words, Music: J.S. Bach*

*Those who are able are invited to stand.*

*Wir eilen mit schwachen, doch emsigen Schritten,  
O Jesu, o Meister, zu helfen zu dir!  
Du suchest die Kranken und Irrenden treulich.  
Ach, höre, wie wir die Stimme erheben, um Hilfe zu bitten!  
Es sei uns dein gnädiges Antlitz erfreulich!*

*We hasten with weak, yet eager footsteps,  
Oh Jesus, Oh Master, to seek your help!  
You tirelessly seek out the sick and those who have gone astray.  
Oh, hear us, as we, our voices raised, pray for your help!  
May your merciful countenance be gracious unto us!*

**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 360**                      Hope of the World                      (Tune: Donne Secours)

**WORDS OF SENDING & BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**                      Title Den Signede Dag (O Day Full of Grace)  
*Composer: arranged by Wayne L. Wold (b. 1954)*

The second period of Ordinary Time begins following Pentecost and continues until Advent. The liturgical color of Ordinary Time is green, the color of life and growth.

**Liturgist** – Chris Schmidt, the Rev. Julie March

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

**Organist** – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

**Soloists** – Tom Sitzler and Stephanie Ball

**THIS WEEK AT TRINITY**

**Monday, August 10**

7 pm      The Commons Team meeting, O'Brien/Person home

**Wednesday, August 12**

11:30 -12:30      Pilates class, Chapel (contact Stacey Carman)  
1-4:00 pm              Food Pantry

**Tuesday, August 11**

11:00 am      Presbyterian Women, Dining Room

**Friday, August 14**

10 am              Juanita Bruns memorial service

**Saturday, August 15**

5 pm              *The Commons@ the Loop* service

# Fall 2009 Adult Education Offerings

## 9/20/09–10/4/09: 3 Sundays: *Trinity Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*

Join the Stewardship Committee as we discuss the importance of Stewardship in our personal lives and the life of Trinity. This fun, discussion-based class will be a forum to discuss our feelings about church giving, and the ways our lives can be enriched by generosity.

**September 20: Trinity's Foundation.** What is stewardship, and why is it important in the life of our congregation? How does a church budget get made, anyway? Participants are invited to share memories and history of stewardship efforts at Trinity through the years.

**September 27: Trinity's Sanctuary.** How does stewardship influence my spiritual life? Where have we seen our gifts put to good use in the world and our church? This class will celebrate the ways that the spiritual discipline of giving deepens our faith. We will also discuss spiritual approaches to making a pledge.

**October 4: Trinity's Bell Tower.** Stewardship is ultimately what allows us to project our presence beyond our walls. How is God calling you to give of your time, talents, and treasures? How can our congregation and ministry be transformed by a spirit of cheerful giving? An engaging discussion and study on the history and future of Trinity featuring various members of our congregation.

## 10/11/09 – 11/8/09: 5 Sundays: *Countering Pharaoh's Production-Consumption Society Today*

A five session DVD study featuring theologian *Walter Brueggemann*

- **Session One: The Way Out**
- **Session Two: The Decalogue**
- **Session Three: Countering Caesar**
- **Session Four: An Act of Imagination**
- **Session Five: On Not Doing God Any Favors**

"It is a journey from slavery to covenant that we keep making over and over again... [because] Pharaoh has immense power always to draw us back into slavery."  
- *Walter Brueggemann.*

## 11/15/09–11/29/09: 3 Sundays: *Stained Glass: Colorful. Luminous. Beautiful.*

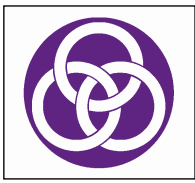
For centuries, this art form not only told the Christian story to congregants, it also inspired them to believe in it. A rainbow of diaphanous colored light filled stone cathedrals, literally illuminating the good news in a way that would capture the imagination. It proved, in a tangible way, the passage from John that "The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it."

The first lecture on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 is on The Chapelle du Rosaire de Vence, which was designed by Henri Matisse, including its stained glass and three great murals. We are especially blessed to have **John Klein, PhD, a member of Trinity** and a world renowned expert on Matisse, to lead us on a virtual journey through this masterpiece in southern France. Our second study will be a guided tour of the famous Tiffany stained glass windows at Second Presbyterian Church. The third lecture in this series, will be led by **St. Louis' own Stephen Frei, a descendent of Emil Frei**, who now heads the family business, the Emil Frei Stained Glass Company.

## 12/6/09–12/20/09. 3 Sundays: *Swimming Against the Tide. Lessons from a modern day "Christian Cult"*

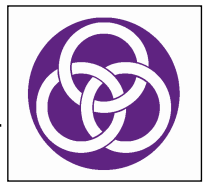
Over the three weeks of this offering, we will watch portions of a PBS documentary video, "Knocking," to come to know some current day Jehovah's witnesses. We hope to push past the usual caricatures of Witnesses as proselytizing zealots and examine the deeply held convictions that have lead them to become advocates of civil rights, defenders of separation of church and state, and

instruments of innovation in the field of medicine. Despite moral conservatism and practices that many consider outmoded, the Witnesses have been held up as role models for the promotion of religious tolerance. The Witnesses will help us all to examine how it is possible to hold on to our beliefs in a culture that may dismiss, or even be hostile to us, while adhering to a path of non-violence and non-coercion.



# Trinity Presbyterian Church

News and Notes for August 9, 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.*

## ADULT EDUCATION

Adult (and children's) Spiritual Growth classes will begin again on September 13<sup>th</sup>. See the back of the bulletin for program details and plan to set aside time for your own spiritual growth and nurturing this fall.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**AND GOD SAID, "LET THERE BE ICE CREAM AFTER CHURCH."** And there was ice cream and it was good. That's a paraphrase, but it's 'gospel truth.' One of the Building & Bridging small groups will sponsor an ice cream fellowship time following worship on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Plan to stick around to enjoy food and friends.

**LISTEN! HEAR IT? DON'T IGNORE THAT LITTLE VOICE...** Serve God by serving our youth: Teachers are needed for all age groups. Commitments range between a few Sundays this fall to 3 Sundays per month. Minister of Spiritual Growth Dawn Fleishman has all the details and can help you make the spiritual formation of our kids fit your schedule ([24.dawn@gmail.com](mailto:24.dawn@gmail.com)). See the August Trinity News for more details, as well.

**PICNIC DATE SET:** We will hold a potluck picnic at Heman Park on August 16<sup>th</sup> (NEXT SUNDAY) after worship. Trinity will provide meat on the grill. Sign up in the Narthex or on your pew pad to bring an item to share or email Liz with your potluck offering (green salad, potato salad/slaw, other side dishes, chips, dessert, drinks, etc.). Grab your purple shirt and let's hit the park!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MOUND RIDGE.** We will hold an all-church retreat the weekend of **August 28-30**. This is a time of fun and fellowship for all ages, for families and individuals. Registration sheets are in the Narthex and were sent to you via all-church email two weeks ago. The cost structure from the camp is slightly different, but should mirror prior years pretty closely. Please share any ideas you have for events or offerings that will make the weekend meaningful. Questions: Talk with Traci O'Bryan. **Registration due by AUGUST 16th!**

**T'AI CHI COMING IN OCTOBER:** OASIS (the older adult program) will offer two 5-week T'ai Chi class sessions here starting October 6<sup>th</sup> on Tuesdays from 9-10am. Trinity members of any age are invited to join, \$32 for 5 classes.

**BELLS, BELLS, BELLS!** Bill has a new set of hand chimes (lighter, more mellow than hand bells) and invites anyone age 5-105 to come to introductory try-them-out sessions in August and consider playing them in worship during the year. Hand bells will continue to play and Bill would like some intergenerational playing with these instruments as well.

**MUSIC AND ART:** Bill and Vicki will spend this year exploring with us the use of music and art together in worship. There will be many opportunities to share our gifts & passions creatively. How would you like to participate?

**FRESH BASIL:** The basil planted at the first Commons@ the Loop service is now plentiful. Please take some for your own use. The flower bed is behind the Trinity sign on the corner.

**DECEMBER FOOD PANTRY BAGGER NEEDED:** If you can bag food for the month of December, please contact Stacey Carmen ([carmans@swbell.net](mailto:carmans@swbell.net)).

**COME CHECK OUT THE COMMONS@THE LOOP SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL ON SATURDAYS AT 5PM.** Each week of the month has a theme that is explored during the service: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Storytelling, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Wedge Words, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Spiritual Practices, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Musical exploration of the spiritual, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: The "service" service. Invite your friends and neighbors—come find out what this is all about!

**LOOK FOR THE NETWORKING NOOK** in the newsletter and on the Equipping board by the elevator. Find information on members advertising services or job hunting, as well as those who know of job openings. Let's help each other.

## 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 Dayna Early and Meleia Carter, who were married in Davenport, Iowa on Friday, July 24, with their children in attendance.

### **Concerns**

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

- For the family of Juanita Bruns who died on August 5.
- For the family of Lance Leloup, step-dad of Jenn Clodi and Becca Courtney, who died on July 23.
- For the family of Colleen Osborn, Trinity member who lived in Omaha, NE, who died on July 24; especially for her son, Mike, who was her primary caregiver.
- For the family of Lloyd Cato, Jeff Clodi's grandfather who died in late July.

#### **Prayers for Safety:**

- For Jon Gibbons, son of Pat and Jane Gibbons, husband of Emily Shapiro and father of Harriet and Frances, who will be serving as an anesthesiologist at a military hospital in Kandahar, Afghanistan from October 2009- May 2010.

#### **Prayers for New Beginnings:**

- For all Trinity members struggling with economic and employment concerns.

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

- For Rose Ann Bodman, healing at home from knee replacement surgery.
- For Jim Pettus, who is recuperating at home after two falls.
- For Cricket Gordon's best friend Jean Dausch who has just been diagnosed with ALS.
- For Genny Richmond's nephew, Steve Warren, recovering at home from a serious infection and her niece, Pat Warren, starting chemo in Atlanta prior to partial lung cancer removal.
- For Art Platt's brother, Rev. Louis Platt (pastor of Westside Seattle Presbyterian Church), recently diagnosed with lung cancer.
- For Katy Gordon, daughter of Cricket and Brian Gordon, who is being treated for cysts on her liver.
- For Roberta McBride's neighbor, Lorraine McGhee, who is dealing with multiple health problems.
- For Harold Glad and Jan Schulte-Glad as they continue to gather information about Harold's Alzheimer's.
- For Bob Reynolds, significant other of Janet Guenther, in a nursing home after a stroke.
- For Suzanne Trahan, friend of Traci O'Bryan, who is being treated for breast cancer; and for Suzanne's father John Foushee who is undergoing treatment for esophageal cancer.
- For Dick Berg, a former member of Trinity, who is recovering from a stroke in North Carolina.
- For Fred Gould, Stacy Shupe's uncle, 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.
- For Susan Lim as she receives treatment for breast cancer.
- For Jon Billings, Vicki Carmichael's sister-in-law's brother, who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
- For Dianne Anderson, mother-in-law of Dan Anderson-Little, who is dealing with liver disease.
- For Susan Harris & her young family, close friend of Cheryl and Reed Evans, recently diagnosed with a sinus/brain tumor.
- For Bill Hedrick, former pastor of Second Presbyterian Church in St. Louis who has been diagnosed with myelofibrosis, a bone marrow disorder.
- For Lisa Becker, Karon Bilbrey's niece, who is dealing with thyroid cancer.
- For Trinity's Pastor Emeritus Don Weems, receiving treatment for prostate cancer; and for Ann Weems, being treated for kidney disease.
- For Mark Mellinger, Christy Schindler's cousin in Flower Mound, TX, receiving chemotherapy for lung cancer.
- For Lydia Eckwald, Vicki Carmichael's grandma, in hospice care.
- For Dan Little, Dan Anderson-Little's father, receiving hospice care for brain cancer in Madison, WI.
- For the Pontious family as they help Adam have an abundant life in the midst of disabilities.
- For Kim Merritt, dealing with multiple health issues.
- For Barbara Robinson, who is in a coma following a stroke.

#### **Prayers for Homebound Members:**

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