



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PRELUDE Neno Lake Mungo (Listen, God Is Calling)
Composer: Tanzanian tune, arranged by Anne Krentz Organ (b. 1960)

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
Words: Washington Gladden; Music: Henry Percy Smith

*O Master, let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.*

*In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way;
In peace that only Thou canst give,
With Thee, O Master, let me live.*

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 23

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

People: God makes me lie down in green pastures; God leads me beside still waters; God restores my soul.

Leader: God leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

People: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

HYMN 172 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

CALL TO CONFESSION

PSALM OF CONFESSION UNISON from Psalm 139

O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol (*shay-ohl*), you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your

right hand shall hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE *from Psalm 139*

Leader: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. 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.

People: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them-- they are more than the sand; I come to the end-- I am still with you.

SONG OF PRAISE UNISON

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

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 John 21:15-29 (New Testament, page 116)

PSALM 123 The Lord's My Shepherd
Melody by Jessie Seymour Irvine, arr. Malcolm Archer

*The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie in pastures green;
He leadeth me the quiet waters by.
My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me,
And thy rod and staff me comfort still.
Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be. Amen.*

SERMON Following Jesus: Being Taken Where We Did Not Want to Go

Those who are able are invited to stand.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – HYMN 354 Guide My Feet

Those who have been standing may sit.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Dana & Scot Brown
Christine & Edward Chen
Kim Seip

QUESTIONS OF DISCIPLESHIP

SONG OF WELCOME



With joy _____ and thanks- giv- ing _____ we wel- come _____ you
in - to Christ's church to _____ share with us _____ in this
mi - ni - stry, _____ for we are all one in Christ!

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

Jesu, Lead My Footsteps Ever

Music: J.S. Bach; Eng. trans. Charles Sanford Terry

*Jesu, lead my footsteps ever.
Ever all my senses guide;
From all ills my doings sever.
Put all else than Thee aside!
Jesu, let Thy grace attend me;
From all evil e'er defend me.*

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 351

Give to Me, Lord, a Thankful Heart

SENDING A DISCIPLE – Shanthi Philips to Lesotho with the Peace Corps

People: With joy and thanksgiving we send you out into Christ's world to serve in a new place of ministry, rejoicing that we are all one in Christ.

SONG OF BLESSING

Soloist: May all your days be filled with grace and beauty, and all your nights fly swiftly toward the dawn. May God's great love go with you on your journey, and God's spirit be in your song.

Congregation:

And may the Lord bless you and keep you; _____
_____ may he make his face to shine up - on you _____
and give you peace, _____ and give you peace for -
ev - er and ev - er - more. _____ May the more.

CALL TO ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

As environmental stewards of this earth, we have to opportunity to do our part by recycling our worship papers. After worship, please dispose of your bulletin in the blue or green recycling containers in the Narthex or outside the sanctuary doors by the pulpit.

POSTLUDE

St. Denio (Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise)
Composer: Welsh Folk Tune

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

This morning we have a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing officers. This is an important and brief meeting as we elect officers for the coming years.

FELLOWSHIP

This morning we have a special time of fellowship to welcome our new members and to convey our prayers and good wishes to Shanthi as she prepares to go to Africa. The fellowship time will start immediately after the Congregational Meeting. The meeting will be brief so we invite everyone to stay.

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.

Flowers – The flowers on the communion table this morning are given by Pat and Jane Gibbons to the glory of God and to honor all our military personnel past, present and future.

Liturgist – Roberta McBride, the Rev. Julie March

Preacher – Dr. Dan Anderson-Little

Organist – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

Choir Director – Vicki Carmichael

Choir – Trinity Choir

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News and Notes for November 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 about our membership class. 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 age and younger, if wanted. **Spiritual growth classes for children and adults are held at 9:30 am.** Our 'uncommon' worship service, *The Commons@The Loop*, is held in the Chapel, Saturdays, 5pm.

TODAY AT TRINITY

THE B&B (BONDING & BRIDGING) SMALL GROUP FOR 3RD-6TH GRADERS meets today & Nov. 15th at 11:45am in the Choir Room with Vicki Carmichael and Karen Coletti.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held immediately after worship for the purpose of electing officers. Please plan to stay for a short meeting as we acknowledge the call of these members to service.

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

COUNTERING PHARAOH'S PRODUCTION-CONSUMPTION SOCIETY TODAY (LAST SESSION) is a 5-session DVD study featuring theologian Walter Brueggemann. Class meets in the Chapel at 9:30 am.

Illuminating The Word through Stained Glass (Nov. 15- Nov. 29: 3 Sundays): 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 15th 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.

OUR WEEKLY PARENT GROUP offers a relaxed place to talk about the joys and challenges of parenting. Topics will be determined by the group. Speak with Dan for more information and join us when you can. Room 206 (by the Choir Room) at 9:30am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT WOMEN'S RETREAT: Rev. Julie March is leading a retreat for the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy in early December, and all Trinity women are welcome to attend. Mound Ridge Camp & Conference Center, 6 p.m., Friday, December 4 - noon on Sunday, December 6. Contact Julie at 314-825-3550 or juliammc@sbcgloblal.net for information and to register for the retreat.

WORLD AIDS' DAY: Metropolitan Community Church of Greater St. Louis (MCCGSL) is holding a World AIDS' Day worship service Tuesday, Dec. 1st, 7pm at 1919 S. Broadway. This will be an interfaith and interagency worship remembering the lives that we have lost to HIV/AIDS; honoring the lives of those who live with this life-threatening illness; and raising awareness.

ADVENT BAG GIFTS ARE DUE in the office by Tuesday, Nov. 10. Did you sign up to provide any?

IT'S TIME FOR TURKEYS! Food Pantry turkeys can be placed in the freezer in the kitchen and checks/cash in an envelope can be put in the offering plate or mailed in—all by Friday, 11/13. Questions: Stacey Carman or Liz Nelson.

T-SHIRTS FOR KIDS: Liz has 1 youth small, 6 youth mediums, and 1 youth large left of the Trinity t-shirts. \$9

PLEDGES ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED. The response has been strong so far and we welcome your contribution to our future. Pledge cards can be found in the pew rack.

THIS MONTH'S FOOD PANTRY COMPETITION: How much stuffing and cranberry sauce can we donate for the food pantry member?

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 Minister of Spiritual Growth, Dawn Fleishman, husband Andrew and son Owen at the birth of Lila Sophia on Oct. 22.
- For Jeff Roman and Leah Horn who were married on October 11. Jeff is the son of John & Joanne Roman.

Concerns

Prayers for Comfort:

- For Charlie Robinson at the death of his wife Barbara who died on October 26.
- For the Swearingen family on the death of Kirk's mother on October 26.

Prayers for Safety:

- For Shanthy Philips who will serve with the Peace Corps in the African country of Lesotho for 27 months starting Nov. 11.
- For Diana Gray as she goes on a medical mission to the Himalayan country of Bhutan, Oct. 31 to Nov. 11.
- 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 until May 2010.

Prayers for New Beginnings:

- Prayers for all those preparing for ministry.
- For Leo and Lois Eason spending the winter in Florida and for Ray and Ginny Scholin spending the winter in Arizona.
- For all Trinity members struggling with economic and employment concerns.
- For Cricket & Brian Gordon, spending a semester in Canterbury, England for a University program.

Prayers for Healing:

- For Sahara, the 2 yr old daughter of Jade and Song (firends of Rachel Presti and Jeremy Williams), who is in critical condition in Dallas with complications from the swine flu.
- For Dee Wharton, friend of Lois Sechrist, recovering from breast cancer surgery.
- For George Hodgson, Birty Hodgson's father, in serious condition with prostate cancer, in Nicaragua.
- For Sharon Vatt, Polly Brown's daughter, recovering from pulmonary disease in Minneapolis, MN.
- For Rex Bull, father of Cathy Hasler, diagnosed with congenital heart failure, kidney problems, & a mini-stroke.
- For Rev. Don Weems, Trinity's Pastor Emeritus, receiving treatment for prostate cancer.
- For newborn Max Griffin and his parents Jordan & Claire, friends of Stephanie Ball. Max is in intensive care with a Congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH).
- For Vicki Carmichael's brother Warren, his wife, Lori, and his family as they go through difficult times.
- For Rev. Louis Platt, Art Platt's brother, being treated for lung cancer.
- For Lorraine McGhee, Roberta McBride's neighbor, who is dealing with multiple health problems.
- 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 Fred Gould, Stacy Shupe's uncle, diagnosed with an aggressive rectal cancer that has spread to his liver.
- For Jon Billings, Vicki Carmichael's sister-in-law's brother, who is recovering from surgery for pancreatic cancer.
- For Susan Harris & her young family, close friend of Cheryl and Reed Evans, recently diagnosed with a sinus/brain tumor.
- For Lisa Becker, Karon Bilbrey's niece, who is dealing with thyroid cancer.
- For Ann Weems, being treated for kidney disease.
- For Mark Mellinger, Christy Schindler's cousin in Flower Mound, TX, receiving chemotherapy for lung and brain cancer.

Prayers for Ongoing Support:

- For Jean Dausch, Cricket Gordon's friend, who has been diagnosed with ALS.
- For the Pontious family as they work to help Adam have an abundant life in the midst of disabilities.
- For Harold Glad and Jan Schulte-Glad as they deal with Harold's Early Stage Alzheimer's.
- For Bob Reynolds, significant other of Janet Guenther, in a nursing home after a stroke.
- For Bill Hedrick, former pastor of Second Presbyterian Church in St. Louis, diagnosed with myelofibrosis.
- For Anna Gordon, as Cricket & Brian continue to work on her care issues.
- For Dan Little, father of Rev. Dan Anderson-Little, who is in Hospice care for brain cancer.
- For Dianne Anderson, mother-in-law of Dan Anderson-Little, who is dealing with liver disease.
- For Kim Merritt, dealing with multiple health issues.

Prayers for Homebound Members:

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

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Monday, 11/9: Bible study, 1pm, Youth Lounge

B & B group, 7pm, Youth Lounge or library

Tuesday, 11/10: Presbyterian Women, 11am, Dining Room

Deacons, 7pm, Chapel

Wednesday, 11/11: Food Pantry, 1-4pm; Session, 7pm, Chapel

Thursday, 11/12: Bell Choir, 5:30 pm; Trinity Choir, 7:15pm

Saturday, 11/14: The Commons@ The Loop service, Chapel, 5pm