



# Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

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The Baptism of the Lord

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**PRELUDE** Foundation  
*Composer: American folk melody*

## GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers  
*Words: Andrew Reed; Music: Johann Crüger*

*Spirit divine, attend our prayers, And make this house your home;  
Descend with all your gracious powers; O come, great Spirit, come!*

## CALL TO WORSHIP & HYMN Isaiah 43:1-7 & How Firm a Foundation

*Leader: But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.*

People: How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

*Leader: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.*

People: "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

*Leader: For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.*

People: "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

*Leader: Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather  
you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far*

*away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."*

People: "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *UNISON*

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.  
Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

*(the people will keep silence)*

Set us free from a past we cannot change;  
Open to us a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

*Leader: 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.*

People: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

### SONG OF PRAISE *UNISON*

1 "Glo - ry in the high - est, on earth," sing a - gain.

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Detailed description: This block contains the first four measures of a unison song. The music is written on two staves: a treble clef staff (labeled '1') and a bass clef staff (labeled '2'). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry in the high - est, on earth," sing a - gain.

5 Glo - ry, al - le - lu - ia. A - men. A - men.

Detailed description: This block contains the next four measures of the unison song, starting at measure 5. The music continues on the same two staves. The 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**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (New Testament, page 60)

**ANTHEM** The Waters of Life  
*Music: James Biery; Words: Ancient Christian Hymn*

*The voice of God calls us above the waters,  
The glory of the Son shines on us,  
The love of the Spirit fills us with life.*

**SERMON** An Anthropology for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

**CONFESSION OF FAITH – PART I**

We trust in God,  
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.  
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth,  
exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.

**CONFESSION OF FAITH – PART II**

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.

*Those who are able are invited to stand.*

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD – HYMN 355** Hear the Good News of Salvation

*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.*

### OFFERTORY

III. Prayer from *Suite Gothique*  
Composer: Leon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

*Those who are able are invited to stand.*

### SONG OF PRAISE UNISON (for music, see hymnal #455, vs.6) (Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

All creatures, your Creator bless,  
And worship God in humbleness.  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Praise the Creator, praise the Son!  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**HYMN 495** We Know That Christ Is Raised

### WORDS OF SENDING & BLESSING

#### BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Congregation sings:*

God be with you till we meet again;  
By God's counsels guide, uphold you,  
With God's sheep securely fold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

### INVITATION 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

Sunday School March in G Major  
Composer: Alexander Schreiner (1901-1987)

Today is the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. This Sunday we celebrate God's love for and claim on the life of Jesus and all of us. The liturgical color of the Baptism of the Lord is white, the traditional color of joy and purity.

**Liturgist** – Carrie Muegge, 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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# Trinity Presbyterian Church



News and Notes for January 10, 2010

*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.*

### ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

**HARRY POTTER:** Join us between January 10<sup>th</sup> - 31st as gifted school teacher and member Rick Hasler leads a discussion based on the *Harry Potter* book series. Kids grades 3 and up are invited to attend the first 3 sessions: Jan. 10 - **Who is Harry?** (Kids and Adults) This class will look at the character traits of many of the main Harry Potter characters - the good, the bad, and the ugly... Jan. 17 - **What is Magic?** (Kids and Adults) What is the difference between magic and faith? Jan. 24 - **Good vs. Evil** (Kids and Adults); Is Harry Potter a story about "Good vs. Evil"? Is the bible a story of "Good vs. Evil"? What do these books have in common and how are they different? Jan. 31 - **Should I really be letting my child read these books?** (Adults only) At what age will my child be ready to read these stories? At what age will I be ready to let my child read these stories? This class will outline the major plot structures of the books and we will have a discussion of how the series changes in intensity and depth over time. We will also address the differences between the movies and the books.

**OUR WEEKLY PARENT GROUP** offers a relaxed place to talk about the joys and challenges of parenting. Join us when you can! Room 206 (by the Choir Room) at 9:30am. The group will not meet in January due to the Harry Potter class.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW OFFICE HOURS FOR LIZ & BIRTY:** Liz is now in the office on **Wednesdays** as well: 8:30am to 3:30pm (*an earlier ending time*), Monday through Thursday. And Birty is now in Mondays through Thursdays 7:30am-4pm.

**BREAD PICK-UP HELPERS:** If you are interested in either picking up Bread Co. bread donations (on the 2nd 4th or 5th Tuesdays) or bag the donations on those Wednesday mornings, please contact Stacey Carman: [carmans@swbell.net](mailto:carmans@swbell.net) to be a part of the volunteer rotation. Our Food Pantry clients love this treat!

**CHECK THE NETWORKING NOOK** board by the elevator for updated information and share anything you'd like posted with Liz in the office. Members and those community members using the building post job opportunities as well as searches.

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE – OUR MINISTRY AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IS GROWING AS WE SPEAK:** Thank you, thank you, thank you! As we close out 2009, Trinity has received 103 pledges totaling \$300,003 committed for 2010. More than a dozen of these pledges are new or renewed commitments! If you have not renewed your pledge yet, please do so now. The Session will soon be finalizing their budgetary plans for the coming year, and they need an accurate assessment of expected pledges. You can contact Linde in the church office to make your pledge by phone or email. If you are a new member and have not pledged before, we encourage you to start now. Pledging is a rewarding spiritual discipline that brings us closer to God and helps us demonstrate our commitment of time, talents, and treasures to this community of faith. Pledge cards can be found in the pews racks with additional information.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Plan to stay after the service on January 24th for a congregational meeting to receive the Annual Report and the Pastor's Terms of Call.

**B&B SMALL GROUPS** will form again in January. Stay tuned for more details!

**RAPID RE-HOUSING CLIENTS HAVE NEEDS:** Donate furniture & household items. Details on posters in narthex and by the office.

# PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

## Concerns

### **Prayers for Comfort:**

- For the family of Bob Reynolds, significant other of Janet Guenther, and for Janet at his death on Dec. 18.
- For the family of Mark Mellinger, Christy Schindler's cousin who died on Dec. 13.

### **Prayers for Safety:**

- For Shanthi Phillips who is serving with the Peace Corps in Lesotho. You can read her blog at [Shanti's Blog](#)
- For Jon Gibbons, son of Pat and Jane Gibbons, husband of Emily Shapiro and father of Harriet and Frances, who is serving in a military hospital in Afghanistan until May 2010.

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

- For Barb and Tim Rand, who request prayers and support through contacts for Tim's job search, which is now in the 10th month.
- For those preparing for ministry (Dawn Fleishman, Diane O'Brien, and Diane O'Brien)
- For Damayanthi Niles, Jim Person and Diane O'Brien, traveling to India for 2 weeks for an Eden Seminary course.
- For Leo and Lois Eason spending the winter in Florida.
- For Ray and Ginny Scholin spending the winter in Arizona.
- For all Trinity members struggling with economic and employment concerns.

### **Prayers for Healing:**

- For Janet Guenther, in the hospital undergoing tests.
- For Rex Bull, Cathy Hasler's father, in the hospital with a strep infection.
- For Cricket Gordon's friend, Donna Torkelson, in great pain with an inoperable tumor on her spine and one on her lung.
- For Jerry Royce, recovering from a dislocated hip.
- For Ray Stone, Ginny Richmond's nephew, in ICU with an unknown problem.
- For Pat Warren, Ginny Richmond's niece, receiving radiation and chemotherapy for multiple cancers.
- For Sandy Macy, friend of Cheryl & Reed Evans, diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor.
- For Rev. Don Weems, Trinity's Pastor Emeritus, receiving treatment for prostate cancer.
- For Rev. Louis Platt, Art Platt's brother, being treated for lung cancer.
- For Katy Gordon, daughter of Cricket and Brian Gordon, being treated for cysts on her liver.
- 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 undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- For Lisa Becker, Karon Bilbrey's niece, who is dealing with thyroid cancer.
- For Ann Weems, being treated for kidney disease.

### **Prayers for Ongoing Support:**

- For Susan Harris (Heisel), friend of Cheryl and Reed Evans, diagnosed with an aggressive and incurable cancer.
- 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 Bill Hedrick, former pastor of Second Presbyterian Church in St. Louis who has been diagnosed with myelofibrosis.
- For Anna Gordon, as Cricket & Brian continue to work on her care issues.
- 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 1/11: Genesis House Bible study, 1pm, Youth Lounge*

*Tuesday 1/12: Presbyterian Women, 11am, Dining Room; Worship & Music, 2:30pm, Chapel; Deacons, 7:30pm, Chapel*

*Wednesday 1/13: Food Pantry, 1-4pm*

*Thursday 1/14: Bell choir rehearsal, 5:30 pm, Trinity Choir rehearsal, 7:15pm*

*Sunday 1/17: Wild with Words writing group, 6:30 pm, Chapel.*