



# Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

January 31, 2009  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**PRELUDE** Dance Africana on 'Dix'  
*Composer: Jeffrey Honoré*

## GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** This is my Commandment  
*Words, John 15:12; Music by George Thalben-Ball*

*This is my commandment, that ye love together as I have loved you.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP *from Scripture*

*Leader: Jesus said, I give you a new commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you, you should also love one another.*

*People: The love of God in Jesus Christ is from everlasting to everlasting.*

**HYMN** Ring Out the Bells of God (Tune: MARION)  
*Words: Mary Louise Bringle, Music: Arthur Henry Messiter*

*1. Ring out the bells of praise,  
In clear and pealing notes.  
Our music is the gift we bring to serve the Lord of Hosts.*

*Refrain:  
Ring out! Ring out! Ring praise, the bells of God!*

*2. Ring out the bells of joy,  
Bright laughter struck in bronze.  
Creation's blessings rouse delight; a grateful choir responds.*

*Refrain*

*3. Ring out the bells of love,  
with mind and hand and heart,  
To form one rich, harmonious whole where each voice sounds its part.*

*Refrain.*

4. Ring out the bells of hope,  
Till all injustice cease,  
And wars' alarms transpose their tune to toll the dawn of peace.

Refrain.

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *UNISON*

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. 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: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.*

*People: Amen*

#### SONG OF PRAISE *UNISON*

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

2

Detailed description: This block contains the first four measures of a unison song. The music is written on two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics: "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 I Corinthians 13:1-13

**ANTHEM****The Gift of Love**

Words: based on English folk tune "O Waly, Waly" arr. by Hal H. Hopson,

Text: I Corinthians 13, para. by Hal H. Hopson

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
And have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love; my words are vain,  
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess,  
And striving so my love profess,  
But not be giv'n by love within,  
The profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, spirit, come, our hearts control,  
Our spirits long to be made whole,  
Let inward love guide every deed.  
By this we worship and are freed. Amen.*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Romans 12:9-18

**SERMON** Called to A Deeper Love

*Those who are able are invited to stand.*

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD – HYMN 366** Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

*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. If you are interested in joining a Lenten B & B (Bonding & Bridging) small group, please indicate so on the pew pad. When the pad reaches the end, please pass it back and take note of who is worshipping with you this morning.*

**OFFERTORY** How Can I Keep From Singing?

*Music: Robert Lowrey, arranged for handbells by Arnold Sherman*

*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 368** I've Got Peace Like a River

**WORDS OF SENDING & BLESSING**

**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** Improvisation on 'Marion'  
*Bill Wade*

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** – Bonnie Roy

**Preacher** – The Rev. Julie March

**Organist** – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

**Choir Director** – Vicki Carmichael

**Choir** – Trinity Choir

**Handbells** – CJ Carey, Vicki Carmichael, Roberta McBride, Daniel Yavitz, Emily Kelton, Joanne Roman, Stephanie Ball, Elaine Pontius, Tom Sitzler, Mike Kaberline, Greg Storkan

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News and Notes for January 31, 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.*

### TODAY AT TRINITY

**ART SALE TO BENEFIT THE CHANCEL FLOWER FUND.** Please join us in the Chapel following Worship for an extended Fellowship Hour and art sale. We will honor our own Tom Wilhite who is offering his own paintings for sale to benefit our Chancel Flower Fund. There will be bountiful refreshments to enjoy while you peruse and purchase his paintings. Perhaps you have noticed that, during Worship, the Communion Table often is without the blessing of God's colorful flowers. It is the Green Team's and Worship and Music's hope that we will be able to **purchase new silk seasonal floral arrangements** for the Chancel. All proceeds from the art sale will be used for this purpose. Checks can be made payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church. This is an opportunity to help beautify our Chancel during future worship, to have an extended time of fellowship with friends and acquaintances, augment your own art collection, and/or perhaps obtain a lovely gift for that special Valentine.

**DEACON MEETING** at noon in room 206.

**TRINITY'S HANDBELL CHOIR WILL PERFORM AT THE HANDBELL CELEBRATION**, Sunday, Jan. 31st at 7pm, featuring 5 other handbell choirs—400 bells and handchimes and 70 ringers! Manchester UM Church, 129 Woods Mill Rd., 63011. Freewill offering.

### ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

**HARRY POTTER:** Gifted teacher and member Rick Hasler finishes a discussion based on the *Harry Potter* book series. 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 discuss 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

**HELPING HAITI: ON SUNDAY, FEB. 7<sup>TH</sup>,** plan to gather and package hygiene kits for Haiti's earthquake victims. See insert for donations needed and plans for a chili lunch and assembling party.

**SIGN THE PEW PAD TODAY** or talk to Rev. Julie March if you want to join a short Lenten B&B (Bonding & Bridging) small group.

**THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** will hold a friendship salad luncheon next Tuesday, February 2nd at 11:30am in the Dining Room. bring a salad to share! Women of all age are welcome for this time of food and fellowship.

**IF YOU LEFT A COOKIE TIN/CONTAINER** here after the Christmas cookie event, it is in the kitchen.

**COPIES OF THE 2010 BUDGET** and the 2009 Annual report are available in the Narthex.

**JOB / CAREER TRANSITION GROUP TO MEET AT TRINITY:** We will be hosting 5 months of meetings for Bounce Back St. Louis (Feb - June) on the Third Wednesday of each month, 9-11am. This is a networking gathering and presentation series to help those in job

transition. Free. Invite anyone who might be interested. For more information: [www.bouncebackstl.net](http://www.bouncebackstl.net)

**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. Thank you.

## PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

### Joys

#### **Prayers of Joy and Thanksgiving:**

- For parents Steve and Shelly Norkaitis, and grandparents Sandy and Neil Norkaitis at the birth of Elinor Grace born January 12, 2010

#### **Prayers for Those Preparing for Ministry:**

### Concerns

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

- For Shanthi Phillips who is serving with the Peace Corps in Lesotho. You can read her blog: <http://shanthiphilips.blogspot.com/>
- 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 Janet Guenther who has moved to a retirement community in St. Charles.
- For Barb and Tim Rand, who request prayers and support through contacts for Tim's job search, now in the 10th month.
- For those preparing for ministry: Dawn Fleishman, Rhonda Dunbar, and Diane O'Brien.
- 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 Elaine Pontious, recovering from Achilles tendon repair on Jan. 20
- For Rev. Louis Platt, Art Platt's brother, being treated for lung cancer that has spread to his brain and eyes.
- For Monte Plourde, recovering from an eye procedure and awaiting hip surgery.
- For Jack Bowers, friend of Genny Richmond, recovering from hip surgery.
- For Paul Davis, Professor of Music at Webster University and colleague of Vicki Carmichael, who is dealing with arteriovenous malformation.
- 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 Sandy Macy, friend of Cheryl & Reed Evans, dealing with a malignant brain tumor.
- For Rev. Don Weems, Trinity's Pastor Emeritus, receiving treatment for prostate 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, dealing 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, living with an aggressive and incurable cancer.
- For Jean Dausch, Cricket Gordon's friend, who has 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 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:**

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

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

*Monday 2/1: Facilities meeting, 9am, Library*

*Tuesday 2/2: Presbyterian Women lunch, 11am, Dining Room*

*Wednesday 2/3: Food Pantry, ;Session meeting, 7pm, chapel*

*Thursday 2/4: Bell choir rehearsal, 5:30 pm, Trinity Choir rehearsal, 7:15pm*