



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

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Second Sunday in Lent

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PRELUDE & MEDITATION Jesu, Kreuz, Leiden und Pein (Jesus, I Will Ponder Now)
Tune: Melchior Vulpius, (c. 1560-1615), arranged by Robert Below (b. 1934)

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT O Fearful Saints, Fresh Courage Take
Words: William Cowper; Music: Scottish Psalter 1615, arr. Thomas Ravenscroft

*O fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds you so much dread
Are big with mercy and shall break
In blessings on your head.*

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 46

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, through the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.

Leader: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

People: Be still, and know that I am God.

Leader: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

HYMN 288 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *UNISON*

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less.

Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People: Thanks be to God!

SONG OF PEACE UNISON**Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace)**

Do - na No - bis pa - cem, pa - cem

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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 Psalm 27: 1-5, 13, 14 (Old Testament, page 503)

ANTHEM If God Be For Us, Who Can Be Against Us? *from The Messiah*
Music: G.F. Handel (1685-1759); Words: Romans 8:31, 33-34

*If God be for us, who can be against us?
Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?
It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth?
It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again,
Who is at the right hand of God,
Who makes intercession for us.*

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 13:31-35 (New Testament, page 77)

SERMON What's So Good About Our Good News? Fear Not!

Those who are able are invited to stand.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – HYMN 286 Give to the Winds Thy Fears

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 Those Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Most High
Words: Psalm 91:1-2 ; Music: Carl Schalk

*Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
Who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
Will say to the Lord,*

"My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

Those who are able are invited to stand.

SONG OF PRAISE UNISON

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise
God all creatures here below! Praise
God above ye heavenly host! Cre -
a - tor, Word, and Ho - ly Ghost!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN 84

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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

Tocatta in A Minor

Composer: Jan Pieter Sweelink (1562-1621)

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 in the chancel this morning are given to the glory of God and to the memory of Bunny Wilhite.

Liturgist – Ann Fischer

Preacher – The Rev. Julie March

Organist – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

Choir Director – Vicki Carmichael

Choir – Trinity Choir

Guest Soloist – Joyce York, soprano

Musical Acknowledgements – *"Doxology"* by Jimmy Owens, ©1980 Church Publishing, Inc.



Mission Lunch Next Week Celebrating God's Abundance

Next week's topic in our sermon series *What's So Good about Our Good News* is God's abundance. We will reflect on the truth that God's desire for all of creation is abundance. After worship we will have a special mission lunch to celebrate God's abundance and to share it with others. Immediately following worship, you are invited down to the Dining Room for a very simple meal, warm fellowship, and a time of learning about two ministries that enable Trinity members to share the abundance that we receive every day—the Winger Food Pantry and One Great Hour of Sharing.

The meal next week will consist of a simple bowl of rice—a powerful reminder that many people in our world do not currently share in God's abundance and a reminder of how much we are given every day. (We will also provide peanut butter, jelly, and bread so kids don't get cranky!). You are encouraged to do two engage in two acts of mission during the lunch:

1. **Donate to the Food Pantry** at least the equivalent of what you would have otherwise spent on lunch that day.
2. **Make that bowl of rice you midday meal.** While it's not quite a fast, eating simply every once and awhile is a great way to celebrate God's sustaining power in our lives and God's bounty for all of creation.

You are not required to do either of these actions if you wish to attend the lunch, but they are offered as ways to participate in Trinity's mission and God's mission in the world. You do not need to make reservations—just show up with a cheerful heart!





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News and Notes for February 28, 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

THE WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMISSION will meet at noon in the chapel today.

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

ISRAEL: Final class session: This course will explore some of the ways "Israel" has been understood by Christians through the centuries. **The class will meet in the Chapel at 9:30 am and will be taught by Dr John. K. Bracke, Martha McCall Egan Professor of Biblical Studies, Eden Theological Seminary.**

CREEDS AND CONFESSIONS: THIS WE BELIEVE....OR NOT? What is the chief end of man? Why do we believe in the one holy, catholic and apostolic church when we are Presbyterian? What do 16th Century condemnations have to do with 21st Century Christianity? Presbyterianism is a confessional faith--that is, we draw on the wisdom and faith of previous generations who expressed their faith through formal creeds and confessions. Some of these creeds are well known like the Apostles' Creed. Others are largely forgotten: we rarely feature the Second Helvetic Confession in worship. But whether we know them or not, our tradition asks that we take them seriously. So what do they mean for us? How do we read them and how do we use them in worship? What if we disagree with parts of them? For four weeks we will explore these fascinating documents and see what we think. Our creeds and confessions: do we believe them or not? **The class will meet in the Chapel at 9:30 am and will be taught by Dr. Dan Anderson-Little.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR, LIZ NELSON, will be out of the office for 2 weeks to deal with health issues and will return Monday, March 15. Emails and phone messages will be responded to daily and contact options will be provided for any urgent calls or emails. Thank you in advance for your patience during this time as response time may be slower than usual.

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME to the Presbyterian Women's salad luncheon, Tuesday, March 2nd, 11:30am. Bring a salad to share.

SCHOLIN-WEEMS: The application for the Scholin Weems College & Seminary Scholarship for the 2010-2011 school year is now available online. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, May 5. Those awarded scholarship will be notified by the end of May and recognized in worship on Sunday, June 6. All recipients are asked to be present for worship on June 6. If you have any questions regarding eligibility, please contact Dawn Fleishman at the church office or 24.dawn@gmail.com.
<http://trinityequipping.wufoo.com/forms/201011-scholinweems-scholarship-application/>

MISSION RICE LUNCH after worship March 7th. See the back of the bulletin for details about this simple lunch celebrating abundance.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MISSION: March 21st from 12 p.m.-1 p.m. Join us for the **2010 CARE FOR KIDS Program** in Trinity's sanctuary after worship. Local agencies that support children affected by homelessness, hunger, major illness, abuse/neglect, and instability in the home will share information about their agencies and the many volunteer opportunities available. The Children's Foundation of Mid-America will be one of four featured presenters. All monetary donations will go to Haiti children's relief. More details to come....

PIANO OR ORGAN STUDENTS AGES 13 -18 who would like to learn more about the pipe organ are invited to request information about attending the Pipe Organ Encounter 2010 in June sponsored by the American Guild of Organists. Trinity will be one of the locations. Contact Organist Bill Wade for more information.

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

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Joys

Prayers of Joy and Thanksgiving:

- For Emily and Ken Kelton at the birth of their granddaughter Aurora Sidney Kelton daughter of Franklin born Feb. 18.

Prayers for Those Preparing for Ministry:

- For Dawn Fleishman, Trinity's Minister of Spiritual Growth, as she pursues pastoral studies at Eden Seminary.
- For Rhonda Dunbar as she prepares for graduation from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, VA

Concerns

Prayers for Comfort:

- For Mary and Mike McKown and Peter, Stewart and Elinor at the death of Mary's mother Elizabeth Brown on Feb. 14.

Prayers for Safety:

- For Shanthi Phillips who is serving with the Peace Corps in Lesotho. You can read her blog at (<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 Barb and Tim Rand, who request prayers and support through contacts for Tim's job search, which is now in the 11th month.
- 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 Joe Thornhill's dad, Gene, diagnosed with a re-occurrence of prostate cancer. Joe is Lisa Bernhard's husband.
- For Kim Merritt, recovering from gall bladder surgery and coping with multiple health issues.
- For Brian Gordon, recovering from hernia surgery on Feb. 23 and preparing for radiation treatment for prostate cancer.
- For Mike Krivonak, recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- 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 Jeanne Engel, friend of Connie Torretta, who is recovering from ovarian cancer and preparing for chemotherapy.
- For Paul Davis, Professor of Music at Webster University and colleague of Vicki Carmichael, who is dealing with arteriovenous malformation.
- 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.

Prayers for Homebound Members:

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

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Monday 3/1: Facilities meeting, 9am, Library

Tuesday 3/2: PW Salad Luncheon, 11:30 am, Dining Room

Wednesday 3/3: Food Pantry, 1-4pm; Session Meeting, 7pm, Chapel

Thursday 3/4: Bell choir rehearsal, 5:30 pm; Trinity Choir rehearsal, 7:15pm