



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PRELUDE

Jesu, Dulcis Memoria (Jesu, the very thought is sweet)
Composer: Gregorian chant melody setting by Gerald Near (b. 1942)

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now
Words and music by Stephen Sturk

*Lord Jesus Christ, be present now,
Our hearts in true devotion bow;
Thy Spirit send with grace divine,
And let thy truth within us shine.*

*Unseal our lips to sing thy praise,
Our souls to thee in worship raise;
Make strong our faith, increase our light
That we may know thy name aright. Amen.*

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 33

Leader: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

People: Praise the LORD with the lyre; make melody to God with the harp of ten strings.

Leader: Sing to God a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

People: For the word of the LORD is upright, and all God's work is done in faithfulness.

Leader: God loves righteousness and justice;

People: the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

HYMN 375

Lord of All Good

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *UNISON*

God, we have failed to understand and accept the invitation of Jesus to follow him. We have joined your causes, but have lost interest. We promised to be courageous, but find ourselves afraid. We want to be sensitive, but find ourselves hard and callous. We are confronted with great opportunities for service in the work of justice and peace, but fail to take advantage of them. Forgive us when we let our comfort stand in the way of the cries and struggles of the poor, the hungry, the sick, the prisoner. We have allowed ego to blind us and have forgotten that whatever is done to any one of your children is done to you. Have mercy, O God, and hear our confession. Take us, body and mind, and renew us into your faithful disciples. 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.

Leader: *Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.*

People: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE UNISON (for music see hymn 507)

I come with joy to meet my Lord,
Forgiven, loved, and free,
In awe and wonder to recall
His life laid down for me,
His life laid down for me.

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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE TO OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS – Dedication of the Advent Bags

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 9:56-62 (New Testament, page 70)

ANTHEM

Hush!

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Alice Parker

Hush, hush, somebody callin' my name.

Hush, hush, somebody callin' my name.

Hush, hush, somebody callin' my name.

Oh my Lord, Oh my Lord, what shall I do?

(You hear me?)

I'm so glad that trouble don't last alway,

I'm so glad that trouble don't last alway,

I'm so glad that trouble don't last alway,

Oh my Lord, Oh my Lord, what shall I do?

(Can you hear it?)

Hush, hush, somebody callin' my name.

Hush, hush, somebody callin' my name.

Hush, hush, somebody callin' my name.

Oh my Lord, Oh my Lord, what shall I do?

(Now listen:)

I'm so glad I got my 'ligion in time,

I'm so glad I got my 'ligion in time,

I'm so glad I got my 'ligion in time,

Oh my Lord, Oh my Lord, what shall I do?

Jus' listen, I tell you, jus' listen to the word of the Lord.

Hush, hush, somebody callin';

(Sounds like Jesus.)

Oh my Lord, what shall I do? (Hush!)

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12:1-2 (New Testament, page 161)

SERMON Following Jesus: New Ways to Think, New Ways to Be

Those who are able are invited to stand.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – HYMN 335 Though I May Speak

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

Just As I Am

Words: Charlotte Elliott ; Music: Richard DeLong

*Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd’st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down,
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, of thy great love
The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
Here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

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

SENDING DISCIPLES – Norma Vavra & Wally Klein

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 -
 _____ 1. _____ 2. _____
 ev - er and ev - er - more. _____ May the more.

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**Triumphal March**

Composer: George F. Handel (1685-1759)

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 –

Liturgist – Quinn Evans, Pat Gibbons

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 November 15, 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.*

TODAY AT TRINITY

THE B&B (BONDING & BRIDGING) SMALL GROUP FOR 3RD-6TH GRADERS meets today (for the last time this month) 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

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

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! This congregation heard the Call to Stewardship and answered "Here We Are Lord"! At last count, 92 pledges have been turned in, totaling more than \$260,000 committed for 2010. This is a great start to our campaign, especially in these trying times. It's particularly exciting that we have more than a dozen new pledges from members or friends of the church – our ministry and spiritual community is growing as we speak! The Session is working hard to eliminate the budget deficit and expand mission efforts, and increased pledging is essential to achieve that goal and help their planning. We are on target to exceed the number of pledgers and total amount pledged compared to 2009, but to make this goal a reality we need everyone's support. If you haven't renewed your pledge yet, or if you are considering making a pledge for the first time, please do so now. Simply contact Linde Baechle, our Financial Administrator, by calling the office or sending her an email with your name and the amount of your pledge (beckjeffries@yahoo.com). If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak with anyone on the Stewardship committee (Jenn Clodi, Sarah Hotaling, Brian Muegge, Rob Peglar, Larry Pontious, Evan Reid).

THE 46TH MEETING OF ST. LOUIS' DIALOGUE GROUP OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS AND Philosophies will be tonight, 7-9 pm in the dining hall of Christian Brothers College High School on North Outer Forty Road (*just west of the intersection of highways 270 and 64, and just east of the Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*). The presentations and discussions will be about ritual objects that are used in Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Judaism, Catholic Christianity, Islam, and Native American religions. FREE.

THE COMMONS IS ON HIATUS as the planning group re-tools the service. The congregation will be apprised of when the service will return.

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 pm, Friday, December 4 - noon on Sunday, December 6. Contact Julie at 314-825-3550 or juliammc@sbcglobe.net for information and to register for the retreat.

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

WORLD AIDS DAY SERVICE: Metropolitan Community Church of Greater St. Louis, Tuesday, Dec. 1st, 7pm, at 1919 S. Broadway.

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 Susan Lim having completed all of her treatments for breast cancer.
- For newborn Max Griffin and his parents Jordan & Claire, friends of Stephanie Ball, finally recovering from a Congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH).
- For Susan Harris & her young family, close friend of Cheryl and Reed Evans, recently cured of a sinus/brain tumor.
- For Minister of Spiritual Growth, Dawn Fleishman, husband Andrew and son Owen at the birth of Lila Sophia on Oct. 22.

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 Shanthi 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 Rev. Linda Anderson-Little who has the last surgery associated with her treatment for breast cancer on Nov. 9. Her prognosis continues to be excellent.
- For Sahara, the 2 yr old daughter of Jade and Song (friends 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 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 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 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 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

Tuesday, 11/17: Presbyterian Women, 11am, Dining Room
Wednesday, 11/18: Food Pantry, 1-4pm

Thursday, 11/19: Bell Choir, 5:30 pm; Trinity Choir, 7:15pm