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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Leader: This is a day that God has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Time for sharing news of the church.

Introit

What Is the World Like
Glory to God #771, v. 1

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us give thanks to God!

People: **We gather together to praise the One who strengthens the weak,
and hears the prayers of the forgotten.**

Leader: Come, let us give thanks to Christ!

People: **We gather together to sing of the One who calls us to serve those
who are hungry and alone at this time of year.**

Leader: Come, let us give thanks to the Spirit!

People: **We gather together to exalt the One who provokes us to love
not only our family and friends, but the guest among us.**

Gathering Song

Here in This Place
Glory to God #401, v. 1-4

Invitation to Confession

Leader: Longing for the touch of God, we cry out;
humbled by the awareness of our human nature and brokenness,
we bring our prayers of confession to God, praying together,

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

We have to admit, Holy Listener, that we are more likely to be irritated by the lives of others, rather than being provoked to love them. When we are called to encourage those around us, too often our actions and words discourage them. Offered lives of peace and hope, we wander around filled with anxiety and despair.

Forgive us, Rock of Redemption. Cleanse our hearts, so we might be more loving; keep us on the path of faithfulness, so we might find those whom we are called to serve; give us your words, so we might confess your hope offered to all who are broken, who are lost, who cry out to you. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: This is the good news:
God gives us hope, God gives us peace, God gives us joy
so we may share these gifts with everyone we meet.

**People: Thanks be to God, who has forgiven us
and provokes us to love others and to serve all who are around us.
Alleluia!**

Passing The Peace

Leader: Since God in Christ Jesus has forgiven us,
let us forgive one another.
The peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.
Please share the peace of Jesus Christ
with those with whom you are joining us for worship.

Song of Praise

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
Glory to God #35, v. 3

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Holy One, there is no God like you. In praise and thanksgiving, we come before you ready to learn of your power, ready to follow your path for our lives. Through days of jubilation as well as dejection, help us realize your influence in the world. We ask simply for ears to hear, eyes to see, and minds to comprehend the blessings you bestow. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Hebrews 10:11-25

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

“This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:
I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,”

he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Anthem

Psalm 16

by Michel Guimont

Second Scripture Reading

First Samuel 1:4-20

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, “Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?”

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: “O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.” As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, “How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.” But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.” Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.” And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your sight.” Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the Lord.”

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Song of Response

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!
Glory to God #305, v. 1-4

“Catch the Vision”

Susan Rava

Prayers of the People

A time for silent prayers will be offered during the Prayers of the People.

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.

Offering

Invitation

Doxology

God, We Honor You
Glory to God #709, v. 1

Litany Prayer of Dedication, including 2022 Financial Pledges

Leader: Loving God, in your blessing of us you call us to be blessings to others, loving our neighbors as ourselves.
Catching your vision for doing mission and ministry as Jesus’ disciples, we dedicate all our gifts to your use, Holy God.

People: **Help us to use them to glorify you, to be vessels through which you do mission and ministry in this world.**

Leader: We particularly dedicate our 2022 financial pledges to you, O God, returning to you through Trinity Presbyterian Church a portion of what you have given to us.

People: **Catching your vision for doing mission and ministry as Jesus’ disciples, guide our leaders to steward these financial pledges wisely.**

Leader: Use us, O God, as vessels of your mission and ministry in this world.

People: **Loving our neighbors as ourselves may our financial gifts along with our discipleship serve to give hope to the despairing, give strength to the weak, and to seek justice for the oppressed.**

Leader: We pray all these things in Jesus’ name.

All: **Amen.**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

Song of Service

Come! Live in the Light!
Glory to God #749, v. 1-3

Commission and Blessing

Postlude

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor – Marilyn Gamm

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Guest Pianist – Rachel Presti

Liturgist – Jan Schulte-Glad

Soloists – Madeline Black

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Technical Support – Dylan Voss and John Roman

Ushers – Mary Klingensmith, Pat Gibbons, Diana Regan

The Trinity Choir:

Soprano – Aleta Klein, Cricket Gordon, Jenn Clodi, Madeline Black (Section Leader)

Alto – Connie Torretta, Margy Brown, Nancy Wagoner, Rachel Presti, Janelle Pierce (Section Leader)

Tenor – Brian Schroer, Pat Courtney, Evan Babel (Section Leader)

Bass – George Van Hare, Nigel Holloway, John Galczynski

Contact Trinity's staff and leadership by emailing admin@trinityucity.org or contacting the church office.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2021

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.

Returning for Advent: Choir and Handbells!

It has been a deep joy for myself and for our soloists—Evan, Madeline, and Janelle—to have kept the music going for the last year and half, with a little help from friends within and without. But “as the deer longs for streams of water,” I know we all have been longing to hear our choir and bells. Thankfully, they are now able to return! The first performances will align with the start of the new church year, the First Sunday of Advent on November 28. If you have not sung or rung with us before and would like to, or know someone who would, rehearsals begin Thursday, November 11. Please contact me with any questions.

Your music director,
Christian

Great News from the food pantry. Diebergs has promised to sell us 75 turkeys at \$1.69 a pound for our turkey giving away on November 17. Now all we need are your donations so we can purchase the turkeys. More good news, First Presbyterian Church is providing us with most of the side dishes to complete the Thanksgiving dinner. This past month they brought in 24 of each of items we need and in November will bring more. One of the area Girl Scout troops will be bagging the groceries and side orders for “turkey day”.

Advent-Christmas Worship Series Begins November 28

Hanging of the Greens after Worship November 21

The Worship Committee is excited to share that our theme for the four Sundays of Advent beginning November 28, along with framing the traditional Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols, and for the Sunday after Christmas is “The Inn: Housing the Holy.”

As we enter the Advent season, we will be invited to consider ways our church can become a house where the Holy will be born anew – offering respite, sustenance, and care, opening the doors ever wider to those seeking shelter from the onslaught of life.

This series is an invitation to spend this Advent and Christmas seeing our church, community, and world situations through the light of the Star of Bethlehem that shone on an unlikely shelter for the holy – a stable.

Each week, in the midst of our ongoing transitional and pandemic uncertainties, we will be reminded that the Light of Christ continues shining on us, inviting us to become a beacon of hope to others.

In preparation for our Advent and Christmas services we will be “hanging the greens” following worship on Sunday, November 21.

In addition to our traditional seasonal decorations, we are inviting our church family to bring in any lanterns like you might find in an old barn to add to our “housing the holy” theme ambiance.

Kitchen Cabinet Annual Christmas Gathering

All women in the church are invited to our annual Christmas party on December 4, 11:30-1:30 in the church dining room. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. A white elephant gift exchange is also planned. A white elephant is something you no longer use but you know someone else would love!!!

We missed being together last year and look forward to seeing everyone for this fun party. Please wear a mask and vaccinations are certainly encouraged for all attendees..

Questions please call Sandy Norkaitis, 314-863-7699.

The Food Pantry uses the local Schnucks store to purchase canned goods and other non-perishables for the pantry. We are taking part in the Schnucks reward program and receive award credits to use as credit against our food pantry purchases. If you shop at Schnucks, you too can add to this by using Trinity's phone number 725-3840 when checking out. The credit will go against future food pantry purchases. The small amounts add up!

Trinity is “broadcasting” our Sunday morning 10 a.m. worship service via our Facebook page or you can watch the recording on YouTube later on Sundays. Those who participate in this way on home computers or mobile devices can even type messages to one another during the live service, such as doing a virtual passing of the peace. Also, Facebook has captions! While watching the service, find the gear icon at the bottom of the video and click on it. When you do, an option pops up to turn on closed captioning!

As we live in this challenging time, Trinity continues to be available to all those who need us. Members desiring pastoral care are encouraged to call the church office at 314-725-3840 or to reach out to Deacons Corie Merker, 314-434-8286, or Cathy Smith, 314-725-0586. Your need will be shared confidentially with our Transitional Pastor the Reverend Marilyn Gamm. You also can email her directly at Marilyn.gamm@trinityucity.org

Supporting the church through your financial gifts continues to be encouraged! Please mail your contributions to Trinity Presbyterian Church, Att'n: Linde, 6800 Washington Ave., University City, MO 63130, or check out the online giving instructions below.

1) Text the code TPCDONATE \$[your gift] to 73256. You'll receive a text back with a link that lets you complete your online donation.

2) Log in to your Onrealm account (onrealm.org) and click on the "Giving" tab.

Session

Gordon Brown, Diana Gray, Kevin Harkins, Nigel Holloway, Mary Klingensmith, Sarah New Mayer, Mary McKown, Brian Muegge (Clerk), Bob Parks, Rachel Presti, Jan Schulte-Glad

Deacons

DeAnne Brown, Bill Cahoon, Stacey Carman, Anna Gardner-Andrews, Corie Merker, John Merker, Jim Person, Art Platt, Diana Regan, Joanne Roman, Cathy Smith, Spirit Sorensen