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## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

#### Prelude

Nocturne in E minor  
*by John Field*

#### 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

**For the Fruit of All Creation**  
*Glory to God #36, v. 2*

#### Call to Worship

Leader: God's Word called into being the pumpkins,  
the geese who fly south, the leaves which litter our lawns.  
**People: In awe, we come into the presence of the God of vivid imagination.**  
Leader: God's arms reach down and gather up children, lovingly placing us in grace's lap.  
**People: In joy, we reach up to the God who loves us completely.**  
Leader: God's Spirit fills our lungs, so we can cry out for justice  
for the broken, the young, the old, the abandoned of our time.  
**People: In service, we join with our God to build hope in our world.**

#### Gathering Song

**Christ, Be Our Light**  
*Glory to God #314, v. 1-5*

## Invitation to Confession

Leader: We always seem to notice the rich, the powerful,  
thinking those are the people we should emulate.  
But we find you in those who are broken, we find you in those who sacrifice,  
we find you in those who care deeply for others.  
Hear us, as we confess how we have noticed the wrong people,  
and longed after the wrong values.  
Join me, as we pray together saying,

## Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Bountiful Love: our self-focus causes us to imagine how poor we are. We are convinced we don't have enough: enough honor, enough respect, enough recognition, enough to live on. And so, in our poverty, we cannot trust you, we cannot see the emptiness of others, we cannot help but cling to more than we need.**

**Forgive us, Bestower of Blessings. Tell us we can be more loving; whisper to us of how we can be more compassionate; sing to us of how we can serve others – all in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, through whom we pray. Amen.**

## Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: The good news is that we are made whole;  
not by our efforts, not by any work we have done, not by any word of ours.

**People: Out of the riches of grace, God pours forgiveness into our lives,  
giving us all we need in Jesus Christ, so we might live in hope and joy.  
Thanks be to God. 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

**Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!**  
*Glory to God #305, v. 3*

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

## Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Gracious and Generous God, we have come to you this day bringing all that we have, our lives, our hopes and dreams, our fears and sorrows. We place these before you in faith and hope, knowing that no matter what has happened you are with us and blessing us. Open our hearts to receive your words and your spirit, that we may find healing and comfort. Open our lives to the wondrous possibilities for service and joy that you offer to us. Ease our minds and spirits that we may hear the words of encouragement and peace this day. Amen.

**First Scripture Reading****Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17**

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do."

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

**Anthem**

**All That We Have**  
*by Gary Ault*

**Second Scripture Reading****Mark 12:38-44**

As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Message****"Catching the Vision: Underwriting Our Mission and Ministry"****Rev. Marilyn Gamm****WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD****Song of Response**

**When the Poor Ones**  
*Glory to God #762, v. 1-4*

**"Catch the Vision"****Mary McKown****Offering****Invitation****Doxology**

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

## Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

God our Holy Provider, imagining we are very poor, we think our gifts don't matter, and so give very little. Yet, from the abundance of your love, you challenge us to be as faithful as the woman Jesus speaks about. Make us more generous and gracious givers, even as you take what we offer in these moments, and use them in the work of your Realm. Amen.

## Celebration of Holy Communion

### Invitation

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

*A time for silent prayers will be offered during the Great Prayer.*

Leader: May God watch over you!

**People: And also over you!**

Leader: Offer your hearts to the One who creates new life for those who are empty.

**People: We bring our lives to God, the Restorer of new life.**

Leader: People of God, give thanks to the One who gives us all things.

**People: We praise the One who is abundant beyond all expectations.**

Leader: Once and for .... sing to you:

## Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

*by Christian Hendricks*

Piano

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, lord God of love and light, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

The musical score is for a piano accompaniment. It features a treble and bass clef with a 6/8 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Leader: Holy are you .... we call faith:

## Memorial Acclamation (Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen)

*by Christian Hendricks*

1. 2. 3. 4.

Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain. A - - - men.

The musical score is for a vocal line. It features a treble clef with a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are four numbered phrases.

Leader: Once and for ... And now let us pray together the prayer  
Jesus taught his disciples to say:

## 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.**

## Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup

## Sharing the Bread and Cup Together

## Prayer after Communion: (Unison)

**Gracious God, how can we thank you for such a gift? For you have met us, fed us, drawn us to you and your mission and ministry, and connected us to one another in the family of faith. Now send us out to share your love and proclaim our hope received through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

## Song of Service

**Together We Serve**  
*Glory to God #767, v. 1-4*

## Commission and Blessing

## Postlude

**“L’attuno” Mvmt. III from *The Four Seasons***  
*by Antonio Vivaldi*

## Participants in Today's Worship

**Pastor** – Marilyn Gamm

**Director of Music & Pianist/Organist** – Christian Hendricks

**Liturgist** – Nigel Holloway

**Soloists** – Evan Babel

**Children & Youth Minister** – Hannah Peters

**Communications Coordinator** – Katie Gibbons

**Technical Support** – Dylan Voss and John Roman

**Ushers** – Jim Person, Diana Regan, Jayne Howard

## **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*

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**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**NEWS AND NOTES FOR NOVEMBER 7, 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.*

**Great News from the food pantry.** Diebergs called last week, and they will promise 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. We began giving out the turkey coupons last Wednesday! 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”.

**Children's Worship will return to meeting in-person at Trinity on Sunday, November 7!**

We are excited to announce that Session has given their approval.

We ask that children (ages 4 - fifth grade) be brought directly to the children's area downstairs upon their arrival at church.

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL!**

Children will be required (without exception) to keep their masks on throughout their time in the building.

Social distancing will also be practiced.

We are looking forward to welcoming children back to Children's Worship programming at Trinity!

**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.

**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

**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](mailto: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](http://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