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## TWELFTH 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

**Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet**  
*Glory to God #458, v. 1*

#### Call to Worship

Leader: Listen! Wisdom is calling!  
Before all began, God, Word, and Wisdom  
Creating, calling, from the foundations of the deep.

People: **Listen! Wisdom is calling!**  
**From the mountain tops, earth, fields, and sea**  
**Creating, calling from the foundations of the deep.**

Leader: Listen! Wisdom is calling!  
To those who suffer God's love is given  
Endurance blossoms from the foundations of the deep.

People: **Listen! Wisdom is calling!**  
**Daily, God's delight, you, me, everyone**  
**Given hope, grace, love as the foundation of our lives.**

Leader: Listen! Wisdom is calling!  
Poured into our hearts that we may become  
Christ's hand and heart, love as the foundation of our lives.

All: **Listen! Wisdom is calling!**

## Gathering Song

**Open My Eyes, That I May See**  
*Glory to God #451, v. 1-3*

## Invitation to Confession

Leader: In a world with much evil, God continues to work for good.  
In a culture which worships foolishness, God still offers wisdom as a gift.  
In a time filled with lies, God's promises are true.  
In a society obsessed with "reality," God's love is constant.  
Let us come to the One who is True Wisdom  
and who offers the promise of redemption, and the grace of forgiveness.  
Please join me, as we pray together, saying:

## Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**You must shake your head in wonder at our ways, Keeper of the Covenant. How can we say we want wisdom, when we foolishly squander the knowledge we have of your ways? How can we claim to follow you, when we walk the slippery roads of the world not caring where they lead us? How can we desire your great and steadfast love, when the simple seductions of our society are in full view every day? How can you have mercy on such unwise and unfaithful people, Perfect Wisdom? Yet, that is exactly what you do: and our greed turns to gratitude, our pettiness to praise, our tantrums to thanksgiving, as hope and joy become our blessing through the One we call our Savior, Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.**

## Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: Out of lives laced with foolish mistakes and unwise choices,  
God is able to weave a tapestry of grace, forgiveness, and healing.  
Friends, believe the Good News:  
People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! 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

**Alleluia!**  
*from Mass of a Joyful Heart*

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

## Children's Message

**Hannah Peters**

## Anthem

**Psalm 34**  
*by Michel Guimont*

**Scripture Reading**

Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.  
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.  
She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,  
“You that are simple, turn in here!”  
To those without sense she says,  
“Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.  
Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight.”

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

**Message**

**“Pursuing the Life of Wisdom”**

**Rev. Marilyn Gamm**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**Song of Response**

**Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom**

*Glory to God #174, v. 1-3*

**Affirmation of Faith**

excerpt, written in 2011 by McCormick Seminary Students

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
God’s mysterious nature  
that encircles and encompasses all aspects of life.  
We believe in a Spirit who revives weary souls  
and allows humans glimpses of God’s nature.  
The Holy Spirit, God’s imprint on our hearts.  
In a world that is constantly changing,  
we continue to listen for how the Holy Spirit  
will reveal the Word to us in our current circumstances.**

**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, Whose Giving Knows No Ending**  
*Glory to God #716, v. 1*

**Prayer of Dedication** (Unison)

As we offer our gifts to you, Divine Wisdom, may we not stand by thinking we need only watch you go to work. But may we join you in feeding the hungry, in offering a welcome to outsiders, and building communities of peace and justice. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

**Song of Service**

**Be Thou My Vision**  
*Glory to God #450, v. 1-5*

**Commission and Blessing**

**Postlude**

**Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**  
*Glory to God #753, v. 1-4*

Participants in Today's Worship

**Pastor** – Marilyn Gamm

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

**Liturgist** – Jan Schulte-Glad

**Soloist** – Katie Klein

**Children & Youth Minister** – Hannah Peters

**Communications Coordinator** – Katie Gibbons

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

**Ushers** – Margy Brown, Pat & Jane Gibbons

**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](mailto:admin@trinityucity.org) or contacting the church office.

**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**NEWS AND NOTES FOR AUGUST 15, 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.*

**Polly Brown Memorial Service**  
**Trinity Presbyterian Church**  
**August 20, 2021 at 11 a.m.**

**The family of long-time Trinity member Polly Brown has worked with Pastor Marilyn to plan an in person and online memorial service on what would have been her 89th birthday, August 20 at 11 a.m.**

Due to Trinity's ongoing pandemic attendance restrictions, Polly's daughter, Sylvia Washington has taken reservations to attend the service and expects to meet the in-person capacity limit.

Everyone else is welcome to attend a live stream of the service via Trinity's Facebook page or watch the recording later there or on our YouTube page.

Polly Brown was welcomed into God's loving arms on October 17, 2020.

*"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."*

## **Rally Day 2021**

Trinity's fall kickoff is scheduled for Sunday, August 29!

We are excited to support "Home Sweet Home" for this year's mission component to Rally Day.

Home Sweet Home is a local nonprofit organization connecting partner agencies in the St. Louis region with donated furniture and household items. They help clients transition to new living situations with much-needed furnishings and basic household goods. This provides a sense of ownership and stability at a crucial time. They serve clients who are referred with desperate needs, for different reasons, and from a variety of backgrounds. The services provided by Home Sweet Home are needed most by children, survivors of domestic abuse, veterans, people experiencing homelessness, and ex-offenders looking for a new start.

In the newsletter is a link to acceptable donations.

Home Sweet Home called and said they are especially in need of new pillows, small kitchen appliances, comforters and fans.

Please participate in supporting this valuable organization.

Items may be brought to the Trinity sanctuary Narthex or the Kingsland accessible entrance Sunday mornings or by appointment with Katie Gibbons in the church office through Sunday, August 29.

We will display all items collected on Rally Day.

Questions or for more information please contact Hannah Peters.

**Exciting News! Trinity All-Church Retreat to Mound Ridge is scheduled for September 11-12.** Final registration deadline is August 15! To fill out a registration form, contact Katie at [communications@trinityucity.org](mailto:communications@trinityucity.org)

**VACCINATIONS, VARIANTS AND BOOSTER SHOTS – An Update by Dr. Rachel Presti August 22, 2021, 7:00 pm**

Trinity is blessed to have several physicians among our congregation, including Dr. Rachel Presti, who made a presentation to us in February about the research behind the Covid vaccine development and the logistics involved in its rollout. She will be back on August 22 to give us an update on where we are now and what we can expect going forward.

Dr. Presti is Associate Professor of Medicine and Medical Director of the Infectious Diseases Clinical Research Unit (ID CRU) at Washington University and a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

We will have an opportunity to hear from Dr. Presti and also ask questions during our August Adult Education, Sunday, August 22 beginning at 7 p.m.

**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, Tim Rand, 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