



Trinity Church

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building God's Church...blessing our community

THE LORD'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

REFLECTION & PREPARATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP.....PSALM 147:7-11

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!

He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills.

He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry. His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,

but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

*INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISECOME PRAISE AND GLORIFY

MUSIC AND WORDS BY JOEL SCZEBEL AND PAT SCZEBEL

Come praise and glorify our God The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through His Son eternally

**To the praise of Your glory To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory You are the God who saves**

Come praise and glorify our God Who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away Redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us The myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all His purpose to fulfill

Come praise and glorify our God For we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal The Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise To God, the Three in One

*SONG OF JOYFUL WORSHIPSPEAK O LORD

WORDS & MUSIC: KEITH GETTY & STUART TOWNEND

Speak, O Lord as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak O Lord till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

CONFESSON OF FAITHWESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

Q. 1: What is the chief end of man?

A: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.

Q. 2: What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

SCRIPTURE READINGJOSHUA 8

HYMN OF ADORATION.....HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul And to the weary, rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I build, My shield and hiding place;
My never-failing treasured, filled With boundless stores of grace!

By Thee my prayers acceptance gain, Although with sin defiled;
Satan accuses me in vain, And I am owned a child.

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, My Prophet, Priest and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart, And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see Thee as Thou art I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim With ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name Refresh my soul in death.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, we have sinned against you and we have offended you.
And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses,
so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God,
a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you.
And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your Son,
to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses.
By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts,
so that, not only the actions of our lives,
but also the words of our mouths,
and the smallest thoughts of our minds,
may be guided and governed by you.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

Please silently confess your sin before the LORD.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**1 TIMOTHY 1:15

“The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.”

***HYMN OF ASSURANCE**CHRIST THE SURE AND STEADY ANCHOR

WORDS & MUSIC: MATT BOSWELL & MATT PAPA

Christ the sure and steady Anchor In the fury of the storm
When the winds of doubt blow through me And my sails have all been torn
In the suffering, in the sorrow When my sinking hopes are few
I will hold fast to the Anchor It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady Anchor While the tempest rages on
When temptation claims the battle And it seems the night has won
Deeper still then goes the Anchor Though I justly stand accused
I will hold fast to the Anchor It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady Anchor Through the floods of unbelief
Hopeless somehow, O my soul, now Lift your eyes to Calvary
This my ballast of assurance See His love forever proved
I will hold fast to the Anchor It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady Anchor As we face the wave of death
When these trials give way to glory As we draw our final breath
We will cross that great horizon Clouds behind and life secure
And the calm will be the better For the storms that we endure

Christ the shore of our salvation Ever faithful, ever true
We will hold fast to the Anchor It shall never be removed

SHEPHERDING PRAYER.....PASTOR JOHN MARK

SERMON.....EPHESIANS 1:3-14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

SERMON NOTES

YOU'RE USING IT WRONG!

EPHESIANS 1:3-6

WE BLESS GOD

GOD BLESSES US

IN CHRIST

FREELY

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**NEAR THE CROSS

Jesus, keep me near the cross -
There a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream,
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

*In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever,
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest, beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star
Shed its beams around me.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help my walk from day to day
With its shadows o'er me.

Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand,
Just beyond the river.

***BENEDICTION**

BULLETIN BOARD

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

Trinity's Men's Bible study has begun meeting again on Tuesdays at 6:30 am in the room next to the kitchen. For more information, talk with Steve Hawley.

PRAYER MEETINGS ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Join us at church on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm for a time of prayer for our congregation, our community, our outreach and more.

SIGN UP TO HELP PREPARE FOR COMMUNION

Looking for a way to serve the church? One Sunday each month, we need volunteers to take a few minutes out of their morning to get the bread and juice trays ready for communion. Please consider helping with this important part of our worship service - a sign-up sheet is on the information table.

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Ministry Partner: Brian Howard - serving with RUF-I at Clemson University

Our Troops: pray for Hunter Warren who is stationed at Eglin Air Force Base in FL and all of our troops and their chaplains around the world

Church of the week: First Scots Presbyterian, Beaufort; Alex Mark, pastor

TRINITY FAMILY

Susan Ulmer: recovering from kidney surgery

Herb Tait: healing for broken arm after surgery was ruled out. Pray for peace and comfort for Mrs. Betty.

Joe Junquet: continued healing of his nerves

Melonie Anderson: recovering from surgery after badly broken wrist

Theresa Hickson: clear diagnosis of cause for ongoing respiratory issues

Claudia Wilkes: for her kidney function to continue at 25 percent to avoid dialysis

Lawton Porter: ongoing therapy

Linda Wells: neuropathy, improved stamina

Christie Churchwell: relief from headaches

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

STAFF

John Mark Patrick, Pastor
 Dr. Sam Lambrecht, Families w/ Students
 Susan Ulmer, Women's Ministry
 Deborah Finkelstein, Pianist
 Karen Ford, Administrative Assistant

ELDERS

Michael Salley
 Alan Ulmer
 Woody Watford

DEACONS

Les Carter
 Jeff Folk
 Wayne Walling
 Jeff Watford

DEACON ASSISTANTS

Larry Adicks,
 Terri Morrell, Lyle Polson

CALENDAR

SUN 9/17	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP
TUES 9/19	6:30 AM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WED 9/20	6:30PM	PRAYER
SUN 9/24	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP

TRINITY READING TOGETHER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JOSHUA 9	JOSHUA 10	JOSHUA 11-12	JOSHUA 13-14	JOSHUA 15	JOSHUA 16

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HERE!

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