



Trinity Presbyterian Church

September 10, 2023

Welcome to Trinity! We are glad to have you worship with us this morning!

Our ultimate purpose in life is to glorify God and enjoy him forever. One of the greatest ways we can do this is to worship God corporately with God's people. At TPC we plan a worship service that is God-centered, God-directed, God-glorifying, anchored in the historical richness of tradition and is understandable by today's culture. This worship service seeks to focus on the majesty and grace of God through the use of the Scriptures, hymns (new & old), the sacraments, and prayer.

What follows is a liturgy or plan for our worship service. It seeks to tell the story of the gospel of grace. We are called by God into his presence to worship him alone. We remember the holiness and majesty of God and so we recognize our need of cleansing because of our sin. We remember the perfect provision God has made for us through Jesus Christ and his atoning death on the cross. We respond with thanksgiving. We are instructed by God through his Word. We commune with him through the Lord's Supper. And we are sent out with God's blessing.

As we worship God together through this re-enactment of the gospel, we pray that we will all grow in our knowledge of and love for the Lord, for one another, and in our desire to serve him in all we do.

Children in the service

We believe God calls us to nurture and disciple our children in the faith. One of the ways we do this is through corporate worship. So, children are welcome to be with the congregation during the entire service. A room for nursing mothers is available on the north side of the sanctuary. The foyer can be used for children who are crying or need some extra attention. There are speakers enabling you to hear the service in both locations. A nursery is available (when staffing is available) off the main hallway for children from birth through three years of age.

Standing and sitting

During parts of the service the congregation is asked to stand (indicated by the † in the bulletin). However, we understand that some are not able to stand for various reasons, and we hope that you will feel free to remain seated.

Giving

Our members and regular attenders contribute financially to the Lord's work in and through our church. Visitors should feel no obligation to give. If you do not own a Bible or know someone who does not own a Bible, please accept a free copy of the Scriptures to take with you. You can find one at the Welcome Center in the foyer.

WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP OUR GOD & KING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

GOD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE TO WORSHIP & WE RESPOND

†THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 135:1-3 - Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD, give praise,
O servants of the LORD, who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house
of our God! Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant!*

†HYMN OF ADORATION & PRAISE

Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim - #12

†INVOCATION

WE ARE REMINDED OF OUR NEED FOR CLEANSING & GOD'S PROVISION FOR US IN CHRIST

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 10:12-22 (p. 155)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Corporately

Our loving and gracious Father in heaven, please forgive us because we have not served you, our God, with all our hearts and with all our souls. We have failed to keep your commandments. We have not feared the Lord our God. We have not served you, and held fast to you. You have not been our praise. Please forgive us for our many sins. Cleanse our hearts from all our unrighteousness. Give us a renewed motivation and ability to love and serve you, and to love and serve our neighbors.

Silently

DECLARATION OF OUR ASSURANCE OF GRACE

John 13:1 - Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus! - #535

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 16, paragraphs 2-3 (p. 857)

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE
& ARE INSTRUCTED BY HIS WORD**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Reverend Steve Johnson

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.*

SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:1-17 (p. 900)

SERMON

The Servant Serves Us, and So We Serve Others

Reverend Chris Harper

WE COMMUNE WITH GOD THROUGH THE LORD'S SUPPER
*For further explanation of The Lord's Supper, please refer to the last
page of this bulletin. All bread is gluten-free.*

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD

DISTRIBUTION OF THE WINE

†HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

Take My Life, and Let It Be - #585

GOD SENDS US OUT WITH HIS BLESSING

†BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Servant Serves Us, and So We Serve Others

John 13:1-17 (p. 900)

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Reverend Chris Harper

I. What Jesus knew (1-3, 11)

1. His hour had come (1)
2. Where he came from and was going to (1, 3b)
3. That all things were in his hands (3a, 11)
4. His own (1b)

II. What Jesus did (4-11)

1. The act (4-5)
2. Peter's rebuke of Jesus (6-8a)
3. Jesus' rebuke of Peter (8b-11)

III. Why Jesus did it (12-17; 12:1-8)

1. To give us an example for living the Christian life (12-17)
2. To point us to the cross (12:1-8)
3. To remind us of his love (1b)

Salt & Light Chaplaincy Ministry Thank You

Dear Pastor Chris,

Thank you for your continued commitment to our ministry of hope at Salt & Light Partners! Your recurring gift of \$500 has been processed and we are honored.

Thank you also for participating in what God is doing through workplace chaplaincy! As a recurring donor, your gifts are the foundation without which we could not do this work. Your commitment to chaplaincy in our community allows us to comfort people--first responders, their families, and our neighbors, often on the worst day of their lives.

Both Jesus (Luke 10:7) and the Apostle Paul (1 Timothy 5:18) insisted that the workers (ministers) deserve their wages. At Salt & Light Partners we honor the chaplains' time and talents by supporting them in this way and your gifts make possible God-honoring service.

Our diverse team of highly trained and experienced chaplains met one-on-one with first responders 217 times in 2022. We partnered with public safety organizations in 165 group events. We responded to 48 critical incidents typically involving loss of life. We have prayed with those who requested it and connected families with resources after loss. Most of all, we conveyed the love of God through human compassion.

We've grown from one chaplain to fourteen and from one supported agency to four in just two years. We are able to reach more people in our community because of your generous donations and we are ever grateful. Thank you!

"For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek that fruit that abounds to your account." Phil. 4:16-17

*With warmest regards,
George Beech, Executive Director*

September Verse of the Month: **John 13:34**

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

*The entire Trinity family is encouraged to memorize the **Verse of the Month** together as we seek to grow in our knowledge of and love for God.*

A Big Picture View of TPC—Our Purpose-Plan-Principles

Purpose — Why does TPC exist – what is our purpose?

Our purpose is to make mature, grace-filled disciples of Christ who are growing in their knowledge and love for God, for people, and in their desire and ability to serve in the kingdom of God for God's glory.

- Matthew 28 - the great commission to the church → make disciples
- Matthew 22 - the great commandment to the church → love God and love people
- Ephesians 4 - equipping the saints for ministry and building up the body in love

Plan — How will TPC accomplish our purpose of making mature, grace-filled disciples of Christ?

- (1) We plan to help people grow in knowledge and love for God by:
 - having weekly worship that is God-centered, God-directed, God-glorifying; is anchored in the historical richness of tradition; is understandable by today's culture; presents the grace of God; focuses on the Word, sacraments, and prayer
 - providing an education program for adults and children
- (2) We plan to help people grow in knowledge and love for others by:
 - encouraging gospel-centered community through small groups and fellowship opportunities
- (3) We plan to help people grow in their desire and ability to serve in the kingdom of God by:
 - equipping/training people to serve inside and outside TPC
 - providing opportunities for people to serve on committees and ministries inside TPC
 - sending people to serve in the kingdom of God with organizations/ministries outside TPC

Principles — What are the things most important to us?

- (1) *Scripture* - We are committed to the inerrant Word of God, which is inspired by the Holy Spirit, is the revelation of God's truth, and is infallible, authoritative, and trustworthy in all matters of faith and practice.
- (2) *Grace* - We are committed to the gospel of God's amazing grace as the foundation of all we do at TPC and as the primary motivation for growing into mature disciples.
- (3) *Reformed Theology* - We are committed to the reformed faith as it is articulated in the Westminster Confession of Faith & Catechisms and to teaching that is a warm and winsome demonstration of it.
- (4) *Missions* - We are committed to the gospel going out into every aspect of culture, locally and globally.
- (5) *Discipleship* - We are committed to a life-long process of growing in Christian maturity and Christ-likeness.
- (6) *Fellowship* - We are committed to building community within the church by demonstrating God's love for us in our love for each other.
- (7) *Welcoming* - We are committed to being a welcoming community - open and welcoming to both Christians and non-Christians - to the convinced and to the skeptic.
- (8) *Growing* - We are committed to being a growing community - internally as members of TPC grow both numerically and in Christ-likeness and externally as we see churches planted in SE MN for God's glory.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ and are under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking the wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the elders of this local church that you are in covenant with God and an active member of a congregation in which the gospel is faithfully confessed, taught, and believed. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. The Lord's Supper is a sacrament of bread & wine. For those who prefer, grape juice is provided in the tinted cups at the center of the communion trays. If you have any questions about participating, please speak with one of the elders before or after the service.

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be unafraid of the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is clear, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE DESIRING TO TRUST IN JESUS CHRIST

FOR THE FIRST TIME

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed. And I know that through you I am more loved & accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and providing forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord and desire to live a life of loving and serving you. Amen.

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